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## Panic---About 9:30 on a Saturday Night

Student bustles into his room, just after service, finds his pard ahead of him and the study table cleared for action.

Snatches of conversation of the meeting, weather, etc., follow as they prepare for two hours of solid devotion to study.

Silence and concentration.

First student suddenly startled by peculiar lunge to one side. Thinks Morpheus is to blame, so shakes himself, takes a few deep breaths and resumes study only to careen abruptly with an uncanny motion to the other side. Becomes thoroughly alarmed, glances at chum who is dozing peacefully, notices with amusement that the table seems to be wobbling. Bites his lip, arises and walks unsteadily to window, expecting to faint at any moment?

Second student rouses up at opening of window and tips back lazily in chair. Barely escapes going over backward at abrupt maneuver of his chair. Chair continues to act weirdly, so he plants all legs squarely on the floor and looks around somewhat chagrined and surprised.

His attention is rivited with a jerk upon a mirror which reveals himself and chair still in motion. Rubs eyes, claps hand to his head. Notes with increasing alarm, that shadows are behaving queerly, and looking up sees chandelier giddily swaying.

Utters a deep, "Ah", while inhaling, eyes protruding, and hair scrambling erect.

First student decides the window too large an opening to be very close to at the time and approaches the sofa. He turns toward his pard just as scream is heard in the hall.

Their eyes meet in panic-stricken terror.

Someone bursts into the room with, "Did you feel the earthquake?"

Expressions of infinite relief enlighten their frightened faces.

They embrace each other joyously. "An earthquake! Thank goodness, I thought I was going crazy."

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## VICTORY OVER SIN

Are you on the Lord's side?

There are many in Houghton who can answer "Yes" to this question now. They are in the army of the victorious Lord of hosts, for they are clearly saved and rejoicing in the eternal life of the Spirit. Others are sanctified wholly on believing the promise of a clean heart. There are also some deserters of the Lord's army that have been searched out by Him and restored after their wanderings. Praise the Lord! The close of the special revival services finds rich reward for the efforts of God through the evangelists and abundant answer to the fervent prayers of God's people in Houghton.

Brother Hotchkiss gave some very clear teachings on man's need of salvation and God's provision for saving him. There are many kinds of red light signals swung out by God to lead men to Him — such as the Word as read and heard in preaching, the prayers of intercession by God's people and their testimony in word and in life.

The closing message of the series was concerning the great day of judgment. Every person will be present. The books will be opened—the books of remembrance and the Book of Life. Each one must answer for the deeds done in the flesh. Salvation includes the erasing before the judgment of everything against the sinner. Then his name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Is your name written there now?

There were two afternoon meetings held by Brother Hotchkiss to aid the young Christians. He told them how to keep their faith growing, how to add to it other Christian virtues, and how to keep themselves in the love of God. If these lessons are heeded, there will be no backsliding. Judging from the earnest testimonies at the young people's services on Sunday and Tuesday evenings, there is a large increase in the number of determined soldiers of the cross at Houghton.

Shall we count the day of opportu-

ity as closed now that the evangelists have gone? As long as any soul desires to seek God, there will be a chance for him. There are many people for whom Christians are continuing to pray to whom the plea of the Christ is still coming. Shall His sacrifice be unavailing because one will not accept it as for him?

The Christian people of Houghton feel grateful for the beautiful and sincere service of Brother William Hotchkiss as song-leader during these services. One especially effective number was the appealingly beautiful duet sung last Sunday morning by Brother Hotchkiss and Enty.

The prayers of Houghton are are pledged to our Brother's Hotchkiss as they are at work in Fillmore. May the blessing of conviction and then of assurance of sins forgiven rest mightily upon many people in that place these days.

## Library Benefit Concert

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## Spring Vacation Changed

The calendar for the college year was recently changed to a slight extent by the faculty. The spring vacation has been postponed one week, beginning Wednesday, April 8th at 11 a. m. and closing Tuesday, April 14th at 8 a. m. This change was made to accommodate those who wish to attend the sessions of the Lockport Conference which begins April 7th.

## H. A. A. Busy

The Houghton Athletic Association has been doing business on a larger scale this year than ever before. More has been done up to the present time than the whole year previously, both in securing dues and transacting business. The following is the report of the treasurer:

Association Business	
Income	172.82
Expenses	156.44
Balance	15.88
Business for Students	290.65
Total Business	447.09

P. Steese, Treasurer.

## Miss Thurston of Cornell University at Chapel

On Wednesday morning Miss Thurston of Cornell University, addressed the student body on the subject "Nutrition". She appealed to the young people to form ideals and set high physical standards. Among other impressive things she said, "It is necessary for us to have a good physique in order to be good citizens. One can never take his part in the world's activity unless he has a strong, vigorous body which is able to resist disease. It is the strong folks that are doing things."

The five essentials of good health are good muscles, good teeth, good color, resistance to disease and correct weight. Our health depends upon our eating the proper food, drinking enough water, and getting plenty of sunshine.

Miss Thurston especially emphasized the need of milk which furnishes lime to strengthen our muscles—as also do eggs, cheese, meat, and butter. In order to have good color we must eat whole cereals and green vegetables, such as spinach, raw cabbage, and lettuce. A healthy body is able to resist frequent colds, grippe, and pneumonia. Above all Miss Thurston recommended cod liver oil for those underweight. Her address throughout was interesting and instructive. We hope to profit by it.

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### Food for Your Soul

"God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ."—I Corinthians 1:9.

### Editorial

Those who debate the right of students to "criticise the curriculum" or "education" and question the wisdom of this criticism must be very blind if they cannot see that this criticism cannot help going on all the time, whether wise or not, whether justified or no.

"Did you get anything out of that course?"

"No, not much. He's soft."

"Ought I to take that course?"

"Well, he's a tough and sour old bird, but, believe me, he knows his stuff. You'll get more out of him in a semester than most of them can give you in a year."

What do you think of my schedule? I think I have a nice bunch of snaps."

"Yes, but you're so loaded up with two-hour courses that you are going to find yourself running around in little sections."

Will anyone maintain that these snatches of campus conversation are anything but 'criticism of the curriculum,' and of 'education'? All the critical accessories are here: a personal viewpoint, standards of taste, background of culture, etc.

As criticism it is crude, but not dishonest. At bottom no student is very

stupid about what is good for him. If he chooses wrongly it is usually because his motives are impure. The snob looks for snaps, the grind for wheezes, the 'chemistry hound' for chemistry.

Nor is the student in complete ignorance about his instructors. It does not require a volume of psychology to determine who is bluffing, and who is worthy of respect.

Student critics of teachers divide into groups, and the popularity of professors is limited by zones. The master of sentimental rhetoric is loved by freshman; the cocky cynic has his sophomore adorers, the more quiet and competent man is sought out by juniors and seniors. The rarest gifts in teachers mysteriously become known to the rarest spirits among undergraduates; and in the senior year the influence of the different groups that these men build weaves serenely a pattern of thoughts and ideals which creep into the remotest corners of undergraduate life.

All this is elementary and known; but one would not suspect it when one reads the learned discourses on students and curriculum. Upperclassmen feel strongly about their college course. They are near it. If they have no perspective on it, they are also free from the fears of other groups now copiously engaged in criticism of the schools.

Moreover, the colleges have invited students to an act of criticism by giving them a share in the choice of their studies. They have been further trying all the time to lead interest to other than to 'outside activities'. This makes student criticism inevitable. The question is only as to the kind which is profitable and the kind which wastes its time.

### Wedding Bells

Word has been received of the marriage of Irwin Johnson, one of Houghton's former students and athletes, to Miss Viola Haas of Cleveland. Mr. Johnson is teaching Science in a Cleveland high school. The STAR joins with their many friends in wishing them a happy and prosperous wedded life.

Some people have small feet but it takes a good sized shoe to fit them.

Mark—"I'd have you know that I'm not boss when I'm home. Maybe I would be, though, if I remained an old bachelor."

Ione—"Oh Mark, I hope you don't."

### Student's Prayer Meeting

Our prayer meeting last Tuesday evening was a time of blessed victory. Josephine Rickard read part of the twelfth chapter of Hebrew which we all found very helpful. Those who prayed, both the older Christians and the new converts, seemed to have new inspiration and a greater vision to work for in the cause of Christ. The testimonies were especially good. Some testified to having had doubts of years standing, cleared up, while others cheered our hearts by testifying anew to the saving, cleansing, and keeping power of the blood of Jesus. We all went to our homes feeling that we had a spiritual uplift and that with a new determination we would work for the salvation of other souls by the grace of God.

O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Ad. in Western New York paper:

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### Jack Bawls Bill Out

By Dad

"Lo Bill"

"Lo Jack, old boy, how's business?"

"Fine, what's the news? I see you have the STAR there."

"O! it isn't mine; it's Joe's. I always read his."

"What's that, Bill? Don't you subscribe?"

"No, I can't afford it I'm pretty low on cash just now."

"Yes, Bill, I know how that is. A bunch of fellows are in the same boat. But say, Bill, didn't I see you treating the boys down at Mr. Cronk's to the tune of about a dollar the other day, and then there's ten cents or so at John's every day and you think nothing about that. You know, Bill, I believe that nine times out of ten, when a man says he hasn't the money you can depend on it that he is just making up an excuse for, 'I don't want to' or 'I won't'."

"That's straight talk, Jack, and I'd get mad if it wasn't you, but anyway there is nothing in it. It is not worth a dollar."

"Well, Bill, I won't argue that point although I could. I'll grant what you say but let me ask you a question or two."

"Sure, go ahead."

"Have you done anything to help the STAR this year, that is, to make it bigger and better?"

"Oh, I don't know."

"Have you written any copy for it?"

"No."

"Handed in any news notes?"

"No."

"Have you made any constructive or destructive suggestions to the editor?"

"No."

"Well, Bill, you're good. Just like a bunch of them around here. You crab because you say conditions are in a bad way and then never think of doing anything to help. You don't subscribe, you don't write copy, you don't make any suggestions and then you say the STAR is no good. When there are about a hundred like you in a small student body it makes it bad."

"Well, I don't have time for all that and besides that I do my work in athletics."

"Well, Bill, you're impossible today! You would hate to have me say that you have a single track mind, but you stand there and tell me it without batting an eyebrow. And besides that, Bill, what's the use of trying to tell me that you do not have time? You know as well as I do that you and nearly everyone else in school wastes enough time to take a vital interest in every school activity and have plenty of time left for study. How much time did you spend in useless talk and vain argumentation last week? You have been here long enough, Bill, to know that everyone must take an interest in everything if it is put across."

"Well, Jack, I'm glad you got that out of your system and you are right, as usual. I will try to do better."

### HOUGHTON LOCALS

Miss Virginia Hussey has completed the required three years nurses course at Jamestown hospital, and is home for a few weeks. The course included six months at Cleveland, Ohio in the study of children's diseases. Miss Luella Roth has also finished the same work and both will receive their diplomas in June. They are former Houghton students, and their many friends congratulations.

Malcolm Cronk returned home Saturday after spending several days with friends in Fillmore.

Miss Place of Belfast has been visiting friends in town.

Miss Thelma Hill who is attending Geneseo Normal spent Sunday with her parents.



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Next Monday evening, the life of one of our most picturesque presidents, will be taken up.

**Neosophic Society**

Do you doubt that the high school department has budding geniuses among its ranks? If so, you should have been at the Neosophic Society Monday night. We who heard Carmelita Kelley's clever little song know that there is at least one of them among us. We are up to date, too. The main theme of the program was the national president and his inauguration. Mr. Sallberg gave us some valuable information concerning the procedure of the inauguration. As we listened to Ruth Rockwell read for us, "America for Me", by Henry Van Dyke, we felt our hearts throb within us for pure joy that we are citizens of this wonderful country, the president of which has just been inaugurated. Agnes Lapham's talk on President Coolidge made us feel that he is one of us and is doing his utmost to promote our interest. Did you miss it Monday night? If so, don't do it again. You can't afford it. There will be another splendid program next week. Come out; it will be worth your while!

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Our stay in northeastern France was one in which we moved frequently from town to town. We were drilling, executing field maneuvers, shooting on the range, and trying out the masks. We were put through chlorine gas so strong that the buttons on our uniforms and the coins in our pockets were discolored exactly as though they had been through a fire,

At length we began to move toward the front. We hiked on the first day to Wavrans, on the second day to Senlis, and on the third to Lisbourg—a march of three full days. At the end of the second day quite a number of men fell out. Some of these might have stuck it out, perhaps, but it was a hard day. Among those who fell out I noticed one of our best soldiers, who had come in with the rest on all previous hikes. I saw him fall flat on his face with his pack on his back. I think I would have stopped and turned him over if I had been on his side of the column. No one gave him any assistance. How long he lay there he never knew, but when he regained con-

sciousness he was still on his face. As punishment for those who might have stuck but failed to do so, the kitchen hands were instructed to save them no mess. Of course this affected those who failed when they had done their best as it did the others. Orders were given that when the stragglers came in to camp they should be put to work in the kitchen and with pick and shovel. I will quote the officer's own account of this particular circumstance.

"We finally made camp this day—but we had quite a few stragglers come in. Instead of supper they were put to work in the kitchen digging latrines. They must learn that they can't quit. Guts is the biggest thing a soldier can have. Marching is a great place to acquire it."

My own record, complete for the day, reads as follows:

Fri. 7. Arose about 5:15. After mess we hiked to Senlis, arriving about 3:00 p. m. We were a hungry lot, having had no eats by the way. Most of the men's feet were in bad condition. Ten men in our platoon dropped out—and our men were good at 'sticking.'"

We were very thankful for a rest on Sunday, after the next day's hike. At Anvin, after a short hike on Monday, the 10th of June, we cleaned out the

cars, which had just been used for transportation of horses, and climbed in.

It was a very uncomfortable trip, for there was not room to secure comfortable sleeping positions for all at night. We moved west to the coast at Etaples then south to Versailles, then east via Troyes, Toul, and Nancy, to a station not far from Rambervilliers. There we detrained on the morning of the 13th. For some days we were hiking and drilling, then we moved into the lines beyond Reherry in the Baccarat sector of the Lorraine front.

No soldier can forget his first critical experience under fire. We had been in the lines for some time before I found myself in such a situation. When we moved to Montigny from the position nearer to Reherry, another runner was needed and I volunteered for that position. I was stationed at a bridge between Battalion headquarters in the town and Company headquarters in the front line. I had previously been under fire when with my platoon, but not in any critical situation. On the first morning after my first night on duty at the post by the bridge, the enemy trained their guns on the bridge. The shells began to break all around me and the fragments flew in every direction. To say that I was frightened would be putting it so mildly as to be a misrepresentation; I was frightened almost to death! When a shell began to wail I threw myself into the nearest shell hole. I couldn't hit the bottom too soon or too hard. I wanted to press myself into the earth; it seemed that the hole was altogether too flat—as though I protruded prominently, above and on both sides, into space most likely to be perforated by the flying fragments! The whine swelled immediately into an awful scream rushing straight toward me—always straight toward me, as though there wasn't another thing to hit in the whole country! Then it broke with a thunderous crash! My heart stopped beating each time just before the crash. It was a sensation as painful as though death were sure. Gradually I began to distinguish between shells that were coming close and those that were going a little distance away. Then I began to use my head and to get some relief. My feelings altered until I began to find a satisfaction in noticing that the fragments were hitting other things about, and not me. About that time a runner came to relieve me, and I lay down by the bridge to sleep. I slept, and when I awoke, and had discovered that shells had broken near while I slept, was quite satisfied with my experience.

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