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Pensee

Sunday morning, Rev. Pitt preached a most comfortable sermon on the place of the Holy Spirit in our lives, his central idea being that when we are in the place, and doing the work to which God has appointed us, we may recognize His gracious presence and operation throughout every department of our lives. In the evening, he expounded the meaning of Christ's message to the church of Pergamos as found in Rev. 2: 12-17. A few of his most suggestive statements follow:

We don't like to come to the place of discouragement where it seems to others that we have failed in our work, but sometimes God has to bring us to just that place that we may see how mighty He is.

The promise of God is "to him that overcometh."

The supreme office of the Holy Spirit is in the believer's every day life. God has appointed us our labor and there He promises to bless us.

I believe our lives would be as rich continuously as they were at the close of the last revival meeting, or richer than they were then, as full or fuller if we would recognize the Holy Ghost in the common things of life.

Because we confine the Holy Spirit by something invented by man, or because we restrict His operations to those channels by which He has blessed us in the past, we are apt to think that is His only way of blessing us.

Christian Workers are Active

AT HUME

On Sunday, May 1st, a group of Christian Workers accepted Rev. Howard Horton's invitation to take charge of the evening service. The service was well attended by an appreciative audience and the workers were refreshed by the spirit of Christ which prevailed the service. Clinton Donahue preached the sermon of the evening and the Male quartette did much to make the meeting a success. Ernest Crocker led the meeting.

Rev. Horton is one of our students who is to be among the theological graduates this June. The *Star* joins the Christian Workers in wishing him the upmost success in his work in Hume.

AT HASKINSVILLE

It was the privilege of eight of the Christian Workers to hold a service in the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Haskinsville Sunday May 8. The blessing of the Lord rested upon the entire service, and we were conscious of that spirit of unity that obtains only among those who know the Lord. The Lord helped Miss Benning to bring the message which was blessed to the good of many hearts. The messages in song brought by Mr. Howland and Miss Verbridge contributed largely to the service.

It is a privilege to meet with those who are working toward the same goal with us. The pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Jelliff made us delightfully at home through their cordiality.

AT OBI

The evening of May 8, the Christian Workers paid a second visit to the United Brethren Church at Obi. They found a cordial welcome from pastor and people as well as a large and responsive audience to which to minister.

The company consisted of Mr. Dyer, the leader, Mr. Hess, who preached the Word. Prof. LeRoy Fancher and the mixed quartet. Several selections were sung by the quartet who were Messrs Christy and Roy and Misses VanDusen and Roth.

We believe, that as God reckons, this service was helpful to all and was another urge to holy living.

Answers to Roll Call

368 Lisbon St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Alumni Editor.

Dear Sir:

About 1912 a graduate from the Advanced Department gave as the title of her oration "Others".

With this thought in mind the alumni have always done their bit to make Houghton a better College for "Others". The last meeting of the New York, New Jersey Chapter is an excellent example.

There are "Others" who may be surprised to know that Suessa Dart '17 changed her name to Boice. We have a boy 3 years, 9 months, and a girl 1 year 6 months, who with their mother are visiting grandparents, also Robert and Vera Lawrence Becker of Lisbon New York. Bob was a loyal member of "Maroon and Cream."

Personally I am in the mad rush to earn a living as accountant in the largest concrete products plant in Buffalo.

Yours for a better Roll Call,
George Boice, "15".

Alumni Editor, Houghton Star.

Greetings:

That Houghton had a splendid Alumni I have always known but that so much royalty is numbered among her graduates seems just now becoming known as one by one the Kings among the Alumni answer to the roll call.

The ten years since the "grand and glorious" class of Seventeen finished Preparatory have been a happy time for me. They have been years quite full of service and exceedingly full of happiness. A few years in a bank, two years in the Kentucky Mountains in charge of the girls in a boarding school, and now the wife of the minister of the Community Baptist Church in my home town of Portageville—that's the history of my life since I left school at Houghton.

Come to visit us, Houghton friends! Our palace? Only an eight room parsonage quite ordinary as to its furnishings, but regal as to the comradeship and joy it contains. It's just "a house by the side of the road where the race of men go by"—only usually they don't go by. Instead, they are apt to stop and chat with the minister and the "Mrs. Minister." Why not follow that example, Houghtonites?

Don't we enjoy the Alumni News, those of us who are so ancient in Houghton history, that news of our former school mates reaches us often only in this way? Shall we not support it so loyally that the Alumni notes will be a permanent feature of the "Star"?

Cordially,

Vivian Saunders King.

Portageville, N. Y.

Inasmuch as next week's *Star* will be the last issue this year, we have discontinued the roll call. We hope a similar plan will be carried out next year and urge everyone to loyally support the "Star".

May Concert

The annual May Festival opened with selections by the College Orchestra. Willard Smith then rendered a piano solo, following which Ruth Warburton read "The River of Stars". Wilber Clark's solo, "The Earth is the Lord's" was beautifully given, and his encore as well. Viola Roth evinced her ability for true artistic work in the reading "Edith Cavell". Ralph Jones and Faith McKinney held the attention of the audience with a duet, "Home to our Mountains". The closing number, "Away! Away!" by the Glee Club received two encores. Once again the concert was labeled a success.

The Glee Club at Portageville

Although our Glee Club has commenced its Spring Concert Tour late in the season, it will we feel sure, make a record in the history of this organization which will stand as an enviable one to oncoming groups. In criticism of the program given on Wednesday Evening, May 11th, at Portageville, one can but give praise for the wonderful and inspiring work which Professor Herman Baker, the musical director, has accomplished with the Glee Club and Orchestra. There was variety in the selection and in the tonal and colorful shading effects as well as in the phrasing and technical skill. Above all, there was a unity of spirit manifested and a whole-hearted devotion shown among the men that assured us of a successful performance—altogether it was of high, classical type and one in which Houghton College is justly proud to be represented. Space does not permit further details: Alfred Kreckman (piano) and Ralph Jones (tenor) whose efforts were so much appreciated that encores had to be given; Virgil Hussey gave an impassioned reading of "How Rubinstein Played" and a second of "The Twins" as a return number. Other dates for the concert are: May 12 Rushford; May 17 at Bliss; May 19 at Belfast and May 24 at Fillmore.

College Seniors as Houghton Alumni

Eighteen of the College Seniors have signed up to teach next year. For the most part, they have secured places within a comparatively short distance of Houghton. This means that, although they have graduated, still the class have opportunities for reunions and gatherings that will be pleasant reminders of this year's Senior jollities.

Paul Steese teaches at Ebenezer, Gerald Scott at Wayland, Ione Driscoll at Machias, Clinton Donohue, Katherine Jennings, and Hazel Sartwell at Bliss, Kent Williams at Cuba, Gladys Taylor at Berkshire, Ethel Kingsbury at Waterport, Ruth Warburton at Freedom, Francis Cort at Scio, Crystal Rork and Ivah Benning remain as teachers here in the Seminary.

Pauline Cook will teach at Lakewood, Bernice Wright in the Cherry Creek High School, and Dorothy Long at Silver Springs. Ernest Crocker will return to Houghton and complete his course in Theology while Cecil Russell and Clyde Meredith expect to take active work in the ministry; Clyde at Jersey City while Cecil is still undecided.

Lloyd Tingley, Charles Howland, Wilber Clark, Harlan Smith and Arnold Pitt are not certain where they will be situated but perhaps if you note the first or second issue of next year's *Star* you will be able to find out.

The fellow who boasts of running things at home is probably thinking of the victrola.

Houghton Students Hear Contata at Olean

On Thursday evening, May 5, about forty of the students and faculty members journeyed to Olean, N. Y., to attend the performance of the oratorio, "The Holy City," by A. R. Gaul. This is the oratorio on which the Houghton College Chorus is working at the present time. The contata was given by six united choirs from Portville, Allegany, Cuba, and Olean, numbering about one hundred and twenty-five voices. The production was under the direction of Mr. Hollinger who conducted in a satisfactory manner. The soloist from Buffalo and Toronto added a good deal of pleasure to the performance. All who attended felt it was worth the effort that it took to get there.

Former Students Who Roamed Our Campus

The following people formulate the New York-New Jersey Chapter of the Houghton College Alumni Association and this report was sent to us by the secretary, Grace Bedford McCoy. We are always glad to hear from or about those who have been before us.

The Editor

Mr. G. Beverly Shultz and Mrs. G. Beverly Shultz—Presbyterian minister at Budd Lake, New Jersey.

Tremain McDowell—Graduate student and instructor at Yale.

Ray W. Hazlett—Graduate student at Columbia and assistant nurse-maid on the side.

Lawrence Woods—Graduate student New York University, Assistant Pastor Bethel Presbyterian Church, East Orange, New Jersey.

Gratia Bullock Swift—Attending Columbia University.

J. Harold Luckey—In the Radio Business in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Olive Meeker,—Osteopathic Physician,—Offices at Succasunna, and Hackettstown, N. Y.

Harriet Meeker—Head of English Department, Fort Lee High School, Fort Lee, New Jersey.

Bertha G. Stall—Teaching in Pelham, New York.

Stanley W. Orner,—Assistant Sales Manager of the Charles H. Ingersoll Dollar Pen Co., Jersey City, N. J.

Mr. Ralph Davy, Josephine Cronk Davy (Mrs. Ralph Davy)—Pastor First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna, New Jersey and Chairman of the Home Missions Committee of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, Synod of New Jersey.

Ethel Kent Frazier—Keeping house and teaching large class of piano students.

Jesse I. Frazier,—Chemist in Research Laboratories of the Corn Products Company situated at Edgewater, New Jersey—residence at Ridgfield Park, N. J.

Grace Bedford McCoy,— "Home-maker" and "Manager" for one large McCoy and two small ones.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haines, 22 Farrell St., Newburgh on the Hudson, on February 10, 1927, a baby girl named Gertrude Alma. Mrs. Haines was Laura Belle Compton, a music student in Houghton in 1912-13.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton C. Judd of Genesee, Pa. a son on April 4, 1927, named Richard Beverly. Mrs. Judd was Florence Reed of Genesee, Pa. a student in both Music and Preparatory Departments from 1911-1914. Mr. Judd is Principal of the High School in Genesee Pa.

Stirring Missionary Address

Thursday, the student body had the privilege of hearing Miss Margaret Crutchfield, Traveling Secretary of the Student Volunteers. She gave us a very stirring address on missions.

Some of the facts she gave were appalling. For instance, it takes 1599 Christian people in America to send out one missionary; also, that one missionary has an average parish of 60,000 and that to keep up this average there must be 1000 missionaries sent out from America each year. Last year from both Canada and the United States there were but 725. She brought out the fact that not only preachers, but teachers, business men and women, agriculturists, and others are needed.

We hope that her message will have deep effect upon us.

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EDITORIAL

As the days go speedily by with June not far in the distance, our thoughts invariably turn to commencement and the close of another school year. Furthermore we are mindful of the fact that there are some who will thereafter cause an increase in the number of the alumni of their Alma Mater—some, who, in a certain sense, will have the privilege of paying back the debt which they owe to the institution which has done so much for them.

Perhaps you say, "Why, I've paid all my bills. I wasn't aware of the fact that I owed any debt." This kind of a debt, however, is not necessarily met in dollars and cents. It goes beyond anything that money can buy. It is a privilege and a responsibility that is placed upon every college man and every college woman who leaves the halls of training for the wider halls of service.

Yes, there are many ways in which one can pay back the debt which he owes to his Alma Mater. In the first place, he can always speak a good word for her when the occasion permits it. If he recognizes the worth of the institution in regard to the development of his own powers and capabilities, he need not be ashamed to pass the word along to others. Then, too, he owes it to his college not to shrink from the tasks he is called upon to do, for he is trained to shoulder responsibilities, and it would be disloyalty not to meet them with fairness and boldness. On the other hand, his community expects him to be able "to do things," and how the college individual reacts usually reflects his educational training. I say usually, for there are, of course, some exceptions. As a final payment of his debt to his school, the college person may live a life of true worth and character—a living example of the standards which his Alma Mater maintains, and of the ideals which she upholds.

Students in the small college have one opportunity afforded them which, in the very nature of things, is theirs almost alone. Nowhere does one get so thoroughly acquainted with so large a group. In the large college and university, it is true, acquaintances are more numerous, but they are also much more superficial. And the fact of the number of really familiar acquaintances—of true friends—which not only can but also must be made in the small college offers to its students the very best opportunity for the study, always fascinating and exceedingly valuable as well, of what writers on literature are pleased to call "human nature".

We ourselves have found in this study a most enjoyable recreation, and like nothing better than to play the part of the unobtrusive onlooker, noting the likable little oddities which go to make up individuality and personality. And we have found it a pastime which pays, for (we speak plainly) everyone, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, has his little likes and dislikes, his prejudices, and a knowledge of these in old friends and a quick eye for detecting them in new, do much to smooth the way of intercourse and friendship.

We should cultivate habits of carefulness in speech and conduct toward those whom we meet. From a purely utilitarian standpoint—emphatically not the highest standpoint to take, but here agreeing perfectly with the highest—it pays. And to be truly careful we must endeavor to know how our speech or conduct is going to seem to the person to whom it is addressed as well as to ourselves.

Do You Know That

Rev. Roth is home. Mrs. Roth is ill.
Mrs. Cott is spending the week in Buffalo.
Gladys Crandall is very ill in the Olean General Hospital.
Miss Terencia Fee of Belfast was in town Tuesday Evening.
Clifford Mix was operated on for appendicitis at the Warsaw Hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Stebbins are the parents of a baby girl born Monday at the Olean General Hospital.
Miss Louisa Gifford is to undergo a very serious operation at a Philadelphia hospital in the near future.

Had Her Reasons

An Irish woman was charged with assaulting a neighbor, and pleaded "Not Guilty."
The prosecutor bent forward, shook his finger at her, and said harshly; "If we prove you guilty, as we shall do, will you tell the court why you committed this assault?"
"I will not," shouted the defendant hotly, "I had me own reasons."
A little girl sniffed audibly as she walked into the dining room, and said to her aunt, "I smell candy."
After receiving the object of her sniffing, she looked at the sweet morsel intently and said, "I did not fink that I could smell such a small piece."

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The Wail of the Haunted Trail

(Continued from April 29)

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"What—Listen!" gasped Myrtle and suddenly checked the rapid pace of Cora, snapping off the light as she did so. In surprise and expectation, her friend jerked her steps to a halt. Poised on her forward foot, Myrtle strained ears and dilated eyes into the blackness ahead. A low rumbling, grating sound loated to their ears from its depth. Then came a slight jingling rattle as of a dragging chain. Louder grew the resounding grating, more distinct became the noise of the chain. Quickly, but silently they fell to their knees. Then sank flat to the earth. Cora's breath came in gasps, her teeth chattered and she clutched Myrtle desperately. The younger girl however, remained cool though thoroughly alarmed. She bent her ear to the ground. Without surprise she heard the impact of horses' hoofs upon the earth. This bit of knowledge she kept to herself for fear of making Cora's terror unbearable.

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able. They waited and as they tarried the distracting sounds grew fainter. Cora relaxed and Myrtle laughed a low chuckle.

"What's the joke?" asked Cora in tones that expressed surprise and suggested resentfulness toward such light treatment of what seemed so narrow an escape from death or something even worse. Myrtle was immensely pleased. Her only disappointment was that the ghost had not come nearer so that she might have examined it.

But wait. Was she to be disappointed? From the left, the direction in which the sound had died away, again came the wierd rumbling and the clinking.

Then renting the stilly night air came a painful groan, merging into a terrified scream which rose to its pitch in quivering tones that expressed agony almost human. The echoes that were awakened resounded from trunk to trunk, as though to mark the trail of the suffering ghost tossed and torn by its persecutors. With shaking limbs the girls fell back into a dense clump of evergreens just in time to allow a stumbling, limping gray horse to drag a huge log just past them without scenting danger. To be sure, they were frightened almost beyond breathing, but neither failed to note well through the friendly darkness that seemed to be deserting them, the dim outline of the slouchy old driver with a limp, and a stiff wooden step that seemed familiar. The log, they observed too, appeared to have been hauled over much ground for not a shred of bark remained upon it. Therein was explained the rumble, the clink, and the tread of the horse, but the scream whose echoes had hardly died away was still a mystery.

Seeing the comparatively harmless character of the horse and driver, the girls plucked up courage to creep along in pursuit. Myrtle, to make the most of her opportunity for determining the truth of her suspicions, and Cora to accept the challenge that her friend had made her upon their first evening in Canada. For a few minutes they followed the silent driver along the well-worn log trail among the trees. It turned and twisted. Side paths ran in and out from that which they followed, several times the horse was halted, while the wily driver looked sharply about and listened carefully. Hearing and seeing nothing he proceeded. Then, after a sharp turn the girls—rather Cora was surprised to find herself upon the Haunted Trail of such fame. Myrtle however, grinned broadly in the dark. Her clue was proving to be a corking good one. They had been following one of the small log trails they had noticed the day of their arrival.

Here, the girls fell back a little, somehow feeling that danger was greater. They cowered along in the edge of the woods until they heard the logger stop and give a low whistle to the shadows from whence emerged two others of manner and garb noticeably like his own. Dimly they could see the log released from the chains of the harness, and again fastened in two nooses that seemed to be dangling from trees at convenient distances apart. By means of two pulleys to which they now reasoned that the ropes must be attached, the log was slowly hoisted to the height of the men's shoulder. The ropes were tied and there came to more than two pairs of information-seeking ears, the sound of running liquid. What was it, and where? Just then a stray moonbeam glinted upon the stream that issued from the further end of the log and fell into the tank of a well-made and speedy looking oil truck.

And what else did that kindly beam reveal? The muzzles of three trusty pistols in the hand of as many stalwart men in uniform as they leaped from cover of the same deep spruce thicket that sheltered all and told no secret.

Then the law-breakers were well handcuffed the law-protectors began to show forth the exuberance of success. Something on the ground flashed in the moonlight and caught the eye of the leader. He stooped and picked up a small object, examined it and then placed it to his lips, but removed it a moment to say,

"Boys, let's celebrate. This is the slickest outlay of condemning evidence possible." And with that he forced through the small piece of cunningly wrought metal the fullness of healthy lungs, sending for the last time through the woods that now seemed friendly, the wail of the Haunted Trail.

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"In vain one tries picking faults out! It had variety, it was classical it was humorous, it was excellent." Such were the words not only of the poet but of the critic in judging the program. I am sure that the twenty-seven members out of 62 who were present agree that the program well deserved praise. It consisted of:

(1) Piano duet by Martha York and Thelma Crandall.

(2) The Inventors Wife by Margaret Carnahan.

(3) Two vocal selections by Carmelita Kelly

(4) "A Sense of Humor" by Professor Douglas.

(5) "The Old Refrain"—a solo by Ralph Jones.

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—Canadian Magazine

Professor Douglas discussing the origin of species—I can see no proof for the theory that one specie evolves into another. The nearest thing I can see to it is a wagon turning into a road.

"Do you make any reduction to clergymen?"

"Yes, are you a clergyman's wife?"

"No."

"Are you a clergyman's daughter?"

"No." (Blushing) "But if nothing happens, I'll soon be engaged to a theological student."

—Tit Bits

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