

SHALL HOUGHTON COLLEGE HAVE AN INFIRMARY?

The Need is Great

It is the policy of the administration of Houghton College to present all problems and needs directly to the constituency, and to explain as clearly and fully as possible, why, when, and how.

The reason why Houghton College needs an infirmary is because of the illness that has prevailed among the student body. It is a matter of common knowledge that several cases of sickness occurred among the students during the latter part of last year. Some of these cases were pronounced to be measles and some scarlet fever. So far as the students of the college and seminary are concerned, the cases have been light, but among the children outside of the school three cases have been fatal. This year there has been no general outbreak, but there have been sporadic cases of two students and of two families in town involving children of the faculty, and students of the college and of the village school. One of these cases was in the girls' dormitory and nearly produced a panic. Providentially this occurred just before the holiday vacation and it was possible to close school at once without seriously interfering with the work. Had it occurred in the midst of a term with no vacation in sight, it is probable that the school would have

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RALPH JONES ENTERS POLITICS

Although the knowledge of Ralph Jones' political debut is common to many of the old students, the fact that he is one of Houghton's privileged characters may be news to some. Having fortunately become a prize winner by virtue of an excellent essay upon the Principles of Democracy, Ralph earned the right to journey to New York city, together with a group of other essay writers, and there to be entertained by the Womens' Division of the Democratic Party, sponsors of the essay contest.

While in New York—and here the political stuff comes in—Jones met many leaders of the nation. Governor Smith, unable to attend himself, sent his daughter Emily to help entertain the guests. Franklin Roosevelt and wife, Ambassador Morgenthau and wife, and Mrs. Montgomery Hare were only a few of the distinguished individuals present.

At the Commodore Hotel, Ralph was royally entertained. His party was also feasted and feted at various banquets. One of the most interesting experiences of his trip was a visit to the Stock Exchange where some men were sad because of business losses while others were jumping in exultation because of gains. A police escort accompanied the party in true monarchical style, and everything was done for the comfort of the guests. Since Jones' entrance into politics occurred during the winter of 1926, no rumors were heard concerning the possibilities of Al Smith as President of the United States. Mr. Jones is therefore silent upon this topic.

GENESEE R. BRINGS BACK MEMORIES

Can't Forget the Old Swimmin' Hole

There is one vivid picture that comes to the minds of every Houghton lover after he has left the scenes of his college days, and wondered back through the paths of memory—that is the view as he stands at the top of the stairs, and looks across the valley below marked by the winding Genesee.

Who has attended the old school without carrying away impressions of the river? George Boice, writing back for the alumni column of the Star, stated that his experience from school life remembered most vividly was a trip down the Genesee from Houghton to Portage in flood time in Ray Hazlett's canoe with Goodwin. He added that they "overlooked getting permission from Dean Rindfusz". The "gang" remembers the "old swimming hole." "Cod" Christy will think of the morning dips when it was necessary to take a pick-axe along to break the ice. In the hazy recesses of our memories, it almost seems that "Joe" Kemp tried skating on thin ice, and went swimming instead. On a rainy spring day, a most familiar sight was "Ma" Long, and old "Lad" Austin with rod and line walking miles along the river banks, fishing to their hearts content.

The lure of romance has led many a couple on and on until they reached the Falls at Letchworth. These have been the background for many happy parties. Even "Andy" Warren found a winter's trip worth remembering, when he took her to view the gorge from the big bridge.

Another fascinating memory is the ice jams going out during the spring thaws. Then came the high-water, when the low country was completely flooded, and students almost wished the college wasn't located high on dry land.

The river has taken its toll, and to many there comes back memories of the two boys who were drowned while reveling in the joys of an afternoon swim.

The old Genesee has played an important part in the history of Houghton College, and now the Genesee Country Association is doing its part to perpetuate the history and legends of this beautiful river.

THE SOUTHLAND NEGROES AND CHINA

Topics of Chapel Lectures

"The negro of the Southland presents a great problem," said Dr. Mingledorff in his Tuesday chapel lecture. They are in great need of enlightened fundamental Christian teaching by intelligent, sensible missionaries, and yet the white teacher finds great difficulty working among them because, if he does not meet them on a basis of social equality, he is handicapped, and if he does meet them on that basis, they have no respect for him.

The negroes believe the Bible and the whites of the South are denying the Book and crime is increasing among them.

In beginning the lecture on China which he delivered on Wednesday

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PROF. HAZLETT AT LONG ISLAND U.

Recalls Houghton School Days

My dear Mr. Alumni Editor:

I find myself in a dilemma. Your questionnaire plan of eliciting information from the alumni has been so successful that I have hesitated about emperiling its favorable reception by my verbose and vacuous vagaries, and at the same time Kant's dictum that a person's individual responsibility must be measured by the results that would ensue if every other person in the world should do likewise, has haunted my conscience. You have sent me two blanks, and I dare not risk a third! Consequently you may prepare your readers for the worst. What follows may be the saga of my life, but I trust not the swan song.

Frankly, Stanley Wright's letter not only vividly recalled the old days, but it also made me envious. How can I hope to imitate his superior air of *savoir faire* that never becomes supercilious, or emulate his paternal way of putting the younger generation in its place without being in the least patronizing. But then he has a larger family than I have as yet, and besides he boasts both the title of "reverend" and "professor." But I do wish that some of the old timers

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GOLD SQUADS NEARLY DECIDED UPON

Lively Contests Are Anticipated

We have endeavored to shape into definite form many of the rumors which have come from the Gold camps throughout the past week.

In regard to the weaker sex who represent the bright-hued side, one who has been in touch with the progress of the team says, "One cannot tell a thing about it; but if one team is better than the other, it will undoubtedly win." However, the five girls who play will be picked from the following squad. Albro, Anderson, Clark, Davis, Long, Burgess, Molyneux, Cole, and P. Moore. Without question, a team picked from such a list can be depended on to play a clean, fast grade of basketball.

There is more question concerning the men. The Gold side has always seemed to lack the spirit and pep evinced by the Purple supporters, and as a result, there are less by far contending for positions on the Gold squad than on the Purple. On account of this fact, a definite announcement of the nine allowable men on the Gold squad cannot be given. Horton, Rosbach, Fiske, Neal, Roth, Flint and Dyer, are the only ones who have earned the right in competitive practice to represent their side. The other two coveted places may be won by any of the following, according to their ability as shown in the next week: C. Moon, Fancher, R. Stark, Kluzitt, and W. Moon.

But as in the case of the girl's team, with such men eligible for the squad, it is an undisputed fact that the team will be no lower than the standard set by any previous Gold team. Averages compiled recently show the Gold men to outweigh their rivals by about ten pounds per man, but in regard to experience, and speed, the Purple men, without a doubt, have the edge.

PURPLE-GOLD TEAMS CLASH WEDNESDAY

Captains Announce Squads; Starting Line-ups Predicted

Delayed a few days by the continuation of the revival services, the Purple-Gold basket ball teams will come together Wednesday evening in the first games of the seventh annual Purple-Gold basket ball series. Conditions, as they appear now, are favorable for an excellent series. The ineligibility or "mourners" list is the smallest in several years, although this rule has clipped a star from each of the Purple and Gold girl's teams, "Al" Folger, the Purple captain and "Jen" Matthews, Gold forward, both lacking the necessary grade points.

Captains Announce Squads

"Al" Folger, captain of the Purple girls, has submitted the following list of players who will be the squad of eight to whom her competitors must bow gracefully or otherwise in defeat:—forwards, English, Fox, and Stevens; centers, Beattie and Minnis; guards, Ackerman, Mattoon, and Dyer.

Miss "Fluffy" Albro's smile and air in presenting to our reporter the names of the Gold girl's squad implies implicit faith in their ability. "Fluffy" herself, will be in there to aid them (we assume this although she did not favor us with this assertion). The team:—Anderson, Davis, P. Moore, Clark, Long, R. Molyneux, Cole, and Burgess.

"Ed" Dyer, captain of the Gold has been quoted in a separate article.

Lowell Fox, leader of the Purple boys, unhesitatingly gave the list of men to represent the Purple in the coming series, but added that on account of the versatility of his men, could not give their position. The squad of eight includes:—Kingsbury, H. Fero, B. Fero, Austin, Miller, Albro, Madden, and Lane. Seven of the nine are former first team men.

Line Ups

The starting line ups for the first game although lacking complete verification are ventured as follows:

Boys		Girls	
Purple	Gold	Purple	Gold
Miller	F	Flint	F
Fox	F	Dyer	F
Lane	C	Fiske	C
Kingsbury	G	Rosbach	G
Albro	G	Roth	G
		Girls	
English	F	Albro	F
Stevens	F	Anderson	F
Beattie	C	Clark	C
Dyer	G	Cole	G
Ackerman	G	Davis	G

LIBRARY RECEIVES NEW VOLUMES

One of the greatest assets to any college or institution is its library, if that library contains clean reading matter which is up-to-date. Our college library has always attempted to supply the student body with literature of an educational nature, and she has not failed in her endeavor. As fast as finances will allow, we are building up a library which should be the pride of our school.

Only recently the library committee has purchased several new books which should be of interest to the

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REVIVAL CONTINUES

Holiness, Judgment, God— Themes of Striking Sermons

Very clearly has Dr. Mingledorff set forth the doctrine of holiness. He showed conclusively that it is taught in the Scriptures as a second definite work of grace, obtainable in this life, and that it is a necessity for entrance into Heaven. He pointed out also the way to obtain it. The doctrine of holiness was established before the foundation of the world; God said to Abraham, "Walk before me and be thou perfect." He commanded Israel to love Him with all their might, mind, soul, and strength; He called Job a perfect man; He put no difference between Jews and Gentiles after Pentecost, "purifying their hearts by faith"; when Jesus went away He promised another Comforter, and He prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth." That Jesus might sanctify them with His own blood, He suffered without the gate; God says, "This is the will of God even your sanctification," and He commissioned Paul to preach unto the Gentiles that they might receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among all them that are sanctified. It is unthinkable that a carnal mind which is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be, could possibly get along in heaven. To get the blessing, the Christian must desire it above all else, must believe it is for him, must pray, must put his whole will on God's side, making a complete consecration, and must be determined to have it.

In the sermon on the judgment, Dr. Mingledorff pointed out that we are responsible for the whole influence of our lives until the affairs of the world are all completed, and that we shall be judged for that influence. "If there were any such thing as prayer in hell, they would pray for judgment soon, because their lives are still piling up wrath against the day of wrath." Let us remember we are getting ready for the judgment, but more than that, we are getting ready for eternity.

Sunday morning the evangelist answered the question: what sort of a God will satisfy my being? He must be independent, eternal, all-wise, omni-present, omnipotent, truthful, just, loving, and holy. Just such a God we have. On Sunday evening, he laid down the conditions of Christian service—crucifixion of self on the altar of God. "God wants a dead church that He may have a living one." On Monday evening, the call was to the unconverted: How long halt ye between two opinions; if Jehovah be God follow him. On Tuesday night, the plea was to the saved people, that they might con-

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NEW LAB DESK BEING BUILT

The college carpenter, Mr. G. D. Kellogg, is now hard at work constructing new laboratory equipment in the form of an experiment table. This desk is to be placed in the Chemistry laboratory, in order to facilitate the work of that department. It will be fitted with individual cabinets, and all modern conveniences for the advancement of science. When this desk is completed, our chemistry laboratory can boast of equipment second to none.

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Collegiate Sam Says:

A Quitter never wins;
A Winner never quits.

EDITORIAL

THE FOUNDATION OF LIFE:

During this wordly period of immorality and licentious living, in these days of wanton wickedness, we often hear from the pulpit, public platform, and daily newspaper, enthusiastic cries against the filth of human nature, and for a wide-spreading reform. These apostles of the right are speaking great truths; they are performing great deeds for humanity; and the prayer of all mankind should be that those who preach reform should increase in number. For the object of these social leaders is not only to meliorate the individual, but also to better the nation itself, and society as a whole. For they are attempting to stir up within the soul of man that lurking bit of moral stamina with which God has endowed us; they are trying to fill an aching void and a vacuous space which is a constant source of discomfort. The fact that most men feel the need, the importance, and often-times the presence of a life deeper than thought itself, is daily attested by the public demand for spirituality, and the apparent activity of the thinking man. Recently I have been greatly impressed by the revival of religious endeavor as brought to us through the radio as a medium. Lately, there have been few evenings indeed when one could not sit down to the radio, turn the dials, and tune in on some religious program. The gospel songs of long ago are being revived, the negro spiritual has seemingly taken a new grasp on public thought, and more people are listening to truth today than ever before in the history of our country. Quite frequently during the week, one may pick up some station which is broadcasting a sermon; on Sunday the air is full of spiritual messages. The fact that radio corporations are preparing religious programs, not only on Sunday, but also on week days, is proof that the public desires to hear that sort of thing, and indirectly, it is proof that the thinking people are coming to realize the extreme importance of spirituality, that they believe it to be the basis of all true existence, and that the nation is coming to comprehend that puritanic principles and moral living are at the foundation of life. Although sin is abundant, although immorality is too well known, yet the religion of our forefathers cannot be destroyed.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Peck is visiting in town.
Mrs. Long and Mrs. Woolsey were in Warsaw last Friday.
Mr. Hollenbeck of Buffalo called at Laphams' Wednesday.
We are glad to be able to say that Mrs. Luckey is steadily improving.
Monday seemed to be visitors' day at school. It looked quite natural to see "Pete", "Ikey", and "Dot" roaming around the halls. "Clint" Donohue was in town, but the school did not appear to be the greatest attraction to him.

Mrs. Baker's father and mother left Wednesday morning.
Mrs. N. E. Longley of Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Safford of Bliss, are spending a few days with Mrs. Della Crawford.
Mrs. Howard Eyer of Olean was in town the first of the week.
Miss Sarah Brown is spending a few days with Prof. LeRoy Fancher and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Loftis were in Olean the first of the week.
Mrs. Della Crawford held an auction, Thursday.
Marietta Fancher was here for the week-end.

Gerald Burr took dinner with his grandmother, Mrs. Lillian Burr, on Sunday.

Agnes Lapham has been sick for several days with the gripe.

Crandalls' were in Olean last Saturday.

ALUMNI

That our readers may become acquainted with the sort of questionnaire that we regularly send to the alumni and old students, we are printing the questions below. This questionnaire was answered by Mr. G. L. Densmore, of Romulus, Mich. He will be remembered by many of the alumni. The "alumni questionnaire system" is working fine thus far.

1. What is your present occupation? Minister. My wife once called me a one-horse preacher (whatever that is).
2. Do you enjoy your work? I am glad to be in the order of the Lord. So if necessary, I die daily.

3. Have you attended any educational institution since leaving Houghton? I have matriculated in the "University of Hard Nox."

4. Are you married? If so, to whom? I recon I am. To my wife. (She used to be Bessie Shore) (I first met her at Houghton.)

5. What is the most interesting experience you have had since leaving Houghton? They are "Legion" (I do not feel qualified to answer the above question.)

6. What experience from school life do you remember most vividly? Perhaps it might have been my endeavor to wrestle Fred Willis, in which endeavor I failed.

7. While in school, who was your crony or pal? Bessie Shore (of course).

8. Who was your favorite teacher? I consider, the most efficient and best qualified teacher I ever had in any school was Professor H. Clark Bedford.

9. What year or years did you attend Houghton? I entered in October 1899 and attended irregularly until January 1904.

10. Did you graduate from Houghton? If not, in what class were you upon leaving? I never graduated from anywhere, except I took the disciplinary course and was ordained an elder in the year 1910. I do not remember as I was catalogued in any class in college, as I was listed as a theological student all the time I was there.

"HEREDITY, ENVIRONMENT, GRACE"

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of last week, Dr. Mingleford lectured at the chapel hour on the effect on human lives of heredity, environment, and grace. Beginning with the scriptures: " - visiting the iniquity of the fathers unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate me," "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," "Ye are the light of the world," and "Where sin abounded grace did much more abound," he showed that heredity is a great and sometimes awful law of human life, that environment affects character, and that though divine grace can blessedly assist even the poor wretch who seemingly has no possible chance, yet there are some things that even grace cannot do. To show the effects of heredity, he adduced the cases of the Jukes and Kallikak families and the descendants of Abraham and Hagar, on the one side, and the Jonathan Edwards family and the descendants of Abraham and Sarah on the other. In the Jukes and Kallikak families, among twenty seven hundred indi-

viduals, scarcely a decent citizen can be found; among more than a thousand descendants of Jonathan Edwards only one criminal has been discovered. The descendants of Abraham and Hagar have cursed the world through the Mohammedan religion; the descendants of Abraham and Sarah have blessed the world more than any other people through their great law-giver, their prophets, their statesmen, their saints and their Christ.

Weaknesses are passed on to future generations. Seventy-five per cent of children of alcoholics are abnormal; seventy-five percent of children of non-alcoholics, are normal. All the children in a certain home for defectives whose cases had been studied were children of people having social diseases, of drug eaters, alcoholics, or tobacco users.

"Not even divine grace will do away with the consequences of sin." But "without grace, no matter what your heredity, you will be a hopeless wreck never, never to be rescued."

Prayer Changes Things

These past two weeks have been a great struggle against the enemy of souls, but God has been giving the victory. The Christians have been rallying to the call of prayer. Beside the regular Morning Watch, two extra morning prayer meetings were held last week. This week the college classes have taken it up and some of them are congregating each evening for the remainder of the week to invoke God's blessing upon the meetings. Besides these announced meetings, the dormitories have been the scenes of many group prayer meetings where souls have found their way to God. When we remember the many promises in the Word relating to prayer, we are bound to believe that these supplications are and will be answered, because "He is faithful who hath promised."

LIBRARY RECEIVES NEW VOLUMES

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students. One of the most important additions of the year arrived some time ago, in the form of the Cambridge History of English Literature. This set of books is made up of fourteen volumes and will be used extensively by the English department. Another important purchase is the Cambridge History of American Literature which will also be of great aid to literary enthusiasts. A short time ago many books of fiction were placed upon the library shelves. These books contain the highest type of fiction and should be widely read. Would-be literary men will undoubtedly be interested in the new book entitled Writing for the Magazines. This is said to be the only book of its kind published.

Two new magazines have also been subscribed for, and may now be seen upon the reading table. The Forum, deals very largely with national and political questions, while Garden and Home Builder is self explanatory. We should make better use of our library.

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been broken up for a time at least. Because of these facts it has become absolutely necessary to provide some systematic method of caring for the sick. This is no new problem for colleges, and many of these institutions provide an infirmary or small hospital. With this is provided a college physician who cares for the sick and with whom the students may consult daily. Just as soon as any student shows symptoms of any disease he can be placed in the infirmary and given proper care. Usually this can be done in time so that if it proves to be a contagious disease, the rest of the students are not infected. The expense of such a system is usually borne by a small medical fee paid by each student. This is not heavy for any one, and makes it possible for a student to have a daily office consultation, if necessary, and a reasonable amount of hospital service for a sum usually not exceeding four or five dollars for the entire year.

In view of these facts it seems to be advisable that Houghton College should take steps to obtain such an infirmary, ready for operation when school opens in September, 1928. In accordance with this, the following resolution was introduced and passed by the Board of Trustees of Houghton College at the annual meeting held in Syracuse, New York, February 7-10, 1928.

1. The Advisory Board of Houghton College is authorized to raise a fund of at least four thousand dollars (\$4000.00) for a college infirmary or hospital.

2. The Advisory Board is authorized to commence building said infirmary according to plans and on a location approved by the Executive Board (of Syracuse, New York) as soon as the pledges for said infirmary amount to four thousand dollars (\$4000.00) and at least two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) of this has been paid in cash, provided however that no expense shall be incurred beyond the cash or good pledges on hand.

3. The Advisory Board is authorized to use in building this infirmary such building material as they already have on hand. (This consists of one thousand dollars worth of lumber and tile).

We have tried to explain why and when Houghton College needs an infirmary. In the near future we will try to explain how we plan to get it.

James S. Luckey

Mention STAR Advertisements

Perplexing Religious Questions Answered

By Dean Frank H. Wright

In this department, Prof. F. H. Wright in conjunction with others, will attempt to answer, each week, questions relating to religious creed and doctrine. Send your questions to the Houghton Star, Houghton, N. Y.

Is Sanctification necessary for eternal happiness?

If the person who asks this question means by the term Sanctification a second definite work of grace, I would say no. Holiness is begun in Regeneration. If a truly regenerated person should die while walking in all the light and never having been sanctified by a work of grace, he would be saved, and all saved people are happy throughout eternity. Since Heaven is a sinless place, no sin, not even inbred sin, can enter the world of Paradise. The Bible does not explain to us all of God's wonderful provisions for the honest seeking soul. Theology has attempted to satisfy the minds of men on many of these points. Just how God will meet this condition is known to

Read 'Em and Laff!

Waiter—Want soup?
Diner—Is it good soup?
Waiter—Sure, fourteen carrot.

"Squeedunk" Bain—How do you get down from an elephant?
"Doc" Frank—You don't get down from an elephant; you get it from a duck.

Soph—Why is a young dog in a refrigerator like a vertical line?
Fresh—Because it is purp-in-de-cooler.

City Boarder—I suppose you hatch all these chickens yourself?
Farmer—No, we have hens here for that purpose.

Professor—Every creature is here for a purpose. Now what do we learn from the mosquito?
Bright Frosh—We learn from the mosquito how easy it is to get stung.

Austin—Is skiing hard on your feet?
Christ—No-o-o, not on my feet.

Dignified man—Conductor, do you allow drunken people to ride on this train?
Conductor—Yes, just sit down and keep quiet and no one will notice you.

A Jew entered a cheap restaurant in New York City, seated himself, and ordered a large bowl of vegetable soup.

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Topics of Chapel Lectures

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and Thursday, Dr. Mingledorff said, "In order to understand the China of the present, you must understand the China of the past." To help us in such an understanding, he reviewed China's history from the ancient tribal government to the Republic; he surveyed the old stereotyped memory-form of education, and pointed out the difficulties arising from the use in the same locality of three different languages, the written or literary, the court, and the common. The revolutions in China today are caused by ideas of liberty gained in America by Chinese students, Christian influences which have made the Chinese dissatisfied with their circumscribed privileges, and hot-headed rashness on the part of Manchu and anti-Manchu factions. That large groups in China are turning communistic is due to the poison of modernism administered through American-educated men.

REVIVAL CONTINUES

Holiness, Judgment, God—Themes of Striking Sermons

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tinually press forward and strive earnestly for the place which Paul had reached when he could say: I am crucified with Christ; I no longer live but Christ liveth in me, and the life I now live I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. "It is glorious to be clean, but it is far more glorious to be filled with all the fullness of God, and to have Jesus Christ living himself out through you."

PROFESSOR HAZLETT NOW AT LONG ISLAND U.

Recalls Houghton School Days

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that he mentions would also write. Such names as Ern Hall, Ted Woodward, Bruce Bedford, Glen Carpenter, Charlie Pierce, Ambrose Delap, Dave Scott strike reminiscent chords of the time when I was a nondescript little shaver in short pants over in the Old Sem and yet was nothing if not an ardent hero-worshiper.

After all, it may be that I still should be classified as one of the older younger generation. And then of my contemporaries, what has become of the possessors of such names as Raymond Hart, Vestal Markey, and Walter Crosby, who were charter members of the famous Houghton Band; as "Budgy" Hall, Frank Martin, and Will Carpenter, who were star athletes; and as Sam Smith, Charlie Bues, or Mr. Peasley, who each was noted for some other specialty. As I write this, names rise up that I have overlooked—Hendricks, Hiram Thompson, McPherson, "One-armed" Johnson, the Hesters; et al—not to mention innumerable members of the opposite sex, whose names do not matter so much, since after all they have probably exchanged them for others long ago. Names! What a procession of names rise to haunt me like disembodied spirits wandering in some Dantesque limbo of the imagination, spectral and unreal! How I wish that these pale wraiths of memory could be made to live and take form again! Perhaps the greatest service which your Alumni column can perform is to resuscitate these mnemonic victims and to prevent your readers from suffering from the more acute phases of this particular kind of amnesia.

But I must attend to the more personal and pertinent side of your interrogations. Anent my occupation, I would state that I am still pursuing the profession of a perigrinating pedagogue, but I am not quite sure whether I have overtaken it, or vice versa. At present I am professing

at Long Island University. Yes, I enjoy my work, or at least I make myself think so, which illusion is one I fain would cherish. Last year I completed my residence requirements for a Ph. D. at Columbia. But that was merely the pebbles on the beach, so to speak. Before me! To paraphrase some of your other correspondents, I will say that in a few years I hope to graduate from the kindergarden of Experience, and after that I may take a correspondence course in the School of Hard Knocks.

From the similarity of your replies that have been printed thus far, it is evident that you might have combined your fourth and fifth questions: "Are you married?" and "what is the most interesting experience you have had since leaving Houghton?" The only objection that I would have would be the use of that faint adjective *interesting* to describe such a momentous event. I have told my students this year that this is probably the most overworked and meaningless word in the English language! Nevertheless it gives one considerable latitude. Of experiences that might be thus classified, you may take your choice, and what have you? Here are a few of mine: acting as radio instructor in a Soldiers' Training Detachment in the Mid-west; spending a summer in Montana with a side trip through Yellowstone Park; waiting for those highly significant words, "It's a girl . . . It's a boy;" commuting; and above all returning to Houghton as head of the English department!

On the assumption that early impressions are the most lasting, I would say that the two experiences from school life which I remember the most vividly are Professor Bond on the bank, and Professor Bedford in the belfry. Perhaps these rather cryptic allusions will need a footnote or two. The first deals with a certain balmy spring day when another culprit and I, beguiled by the glamour of the outdoors and the seductive murmurs of the gently rippling Genesee, slipped over the bank from the Old Sem and with the least possible delay, out of our clothes and into the old swimmin' hole. Imagine our consternation a few moments later on looking at the spot where we had left our formal attire to see the stern figure of Authority with crooked finger beckoning us in the person of Professor Bond standing silhouetted against the sky. . . . The second concerns a day when irked by the drone and drudgery of the classroom, two of us stealthily ascended the stairs to the attic of the Old Sem and soon were, as we thought, safely ensconced on the beams in the belfry, there perhaps to seek the thrills of contraband literature. But alas! we were victims of circumstantial evidence; for someone—I sadly believe a young lady who shall be nameless and who had observed from the girls' cloak-

room our sally—pulled the bell rope from below, and up came Professor Bedford from his Greek Class looking like an indignant Jove and quickly helped us descend from our impromptu Olympus.

While I was in school, there were of course as many cliques and coteries as now. Over in the Old Sem, Henry Clark, now a leading merchant in the neighboring metropolis of Canandaigua, and his white horse were among my special cronies. I mention the latter because of the many buggy rides we took behind this faithful old Dobbin. Later there was the Fearsome Four, an organization that boasted such members as Lorenzo Dow who was a recognized piscatorial expert, Bob Smith whose powers of dialectic and ratiocination were notorious and who was willing to argue on any question under the sun including his own non-existence, and Ross Edgar who has belied his early promise of becoming a benedict. But probably my closest friend was Glenn Barnett, who died while a senior at Michigan. As for my teachers, all of them had their "pints". My hat is off to every one who helped carry the burden in those heartbreaking days of excessive work and small and uncertain salaries. No one, however, can feel slighted if I name as my special favorite that beloved man who taught all of us so many of the lessons of life along with the lessons from textbooks, and who literally gave his life for Houghton—Professor Smith. There is no sacrifice that we as alumni should not be willing to make that his memory should be perpetuated.

You ask for the years of my attendance at Houghton. It makes me feel both stupid and ancient to admit that I was there continuously over a decade—from 1903 to 1914, to be exact. Now, I guess that I can pull some of that "My children" stuff myself! I think that I took everything on the curriculum except music and theology, and one can't remain at Houghton half that long without absorbing a goodly amount of both. Ward Bowen and I graduated, or rather he graduated and I was graduated, from the College Department in 1914.

Now, I have answered, or tried to answer all your questions, but not "briefly", I fear. No doubt I shall have to plead as an excuse the garb of advancing years; but when you invite an English teacher to write on such a reminiscent and revealing topic, you must expect a sort of a combination of "Conrad in Quest of His Youth" and a second "Sentimental Journey," don't you think? If necessary, I can fall back on that highly ingenious but convincing explanation of Pascal in writing to a friend, "I haven't time to write a short letter."

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