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Come Out and Cheer For Your Team Wednesday Night

Purple-Gold Basket-ball Series to Open

Final Expressions of the Captains

The sixth annual Purple-Gold basket-ball series will be ushered in next Wednesday evening with a double-header as usual. We urge every supporter of athletics, interested in basket-ball, to be present and make Bedford Gym ring with cheers for your respective teams.

An idea of the four teams to be represented can be gained by the words of the captains.

Erma Anderson, captain of the Gold Girls, says, "The bright-colored squad is eagerly anticipating the first skirmish. We aren't rashly boasting but we are out to fight our hardest to win. Strangely enough, practically the whole practice squad is eligible. The pep manifested in the last few practice periods speaks for a good fast start. Albro, Cole, Molyneux, Crouch, Clark, Long, Dibble, and Anderson will represent the side."

"Once more the Purple girls are preparing to participate in the coming game with the hope of winning. We are assuming the responsibility of sportsmanship which is offered in these games and will endeavor to uphold the standard which has been set. The pep of the former members of the team which consists of "Ikey" Driscoll, "Al" Folger, "Queen" Loftis, "V" Mattoon, "L-C" Bacon, "Lil" Fancher, and "Peg" Ackerman is somewhat increased by our new recruits, "Mart" Dyer and "Ann" English."

The captain of the Purple-clad men spoke thus: "Smarting from the defeats of three successive years we are going into the series this year determined to win out. Although our line-up may be somewhat weakened for the first game, never-the-less we will place on the floor the strongest team that has represented us for some time. They are the gamest, cleanest team I ever played with, a team that I would be proud of either in victory or defeat. The first five will be chosen from the following men:—Albro, Kingsbury, Kemp, Austin, "Pete" Steese, Homer Fero, Miller, Lane, and Scott."

The following are the words of the Gold captain, "Charlie" Howland, issued particularly for the *Star*: "I do not intend to praise the Gold men in these few words which I am going to write. We will leave the praise until later. Yet I would like to say that the men in Gold this year will be second to no previous Gold team. The Gold squad will be selected from the following men: Hussey, Clark Mosher, Horton, Donahue, Ackerman, Dyer, Neal Flint, Roth, Mix, Stark, and Williams. I am confident that the squad selected from such a group will play fast, clean basket-ball."

What Shall I Teach?

Charles Ballard.

The forward look, and high, divine resolve;
The will to learn in true humility;
Pure pleasure in a book, a word, a flower,
A morning breeze; and (surest mark of greatness)
Devotion to each day's unceasing round
Of duty, small or great; added to these,
Respect for those that walked our human paths
And passed, leaving this needy, struggling world
The richer for their lives; and more than all—
A faith in right that will sustain the soul
In its hour supreme; and last (God grant me power)
The bowing of the human, finite mind
Before the Infinite, the Great I Am;
These things, Great Master, would I learn and teach.

Program Library Concert--Tonight

"The Thunderer" Sousa; A. Frangesa P. M. Costa, arranged by Tobani—Houghton College Orchestra.

"Kamennai Ostraw" Rubenstein—Wesley Gleason.

"Mr. Whipple—Bachelor" James Whitcomb Riley—Lloyd Tingley.

"The Highwayman" Alfred Noyes—Wesley Gleason.

"Come, Ye Blessed" John Brindie Scott—Rosaline Churchill.

"Exile of the Arcadians" H. W. Longfellow—Cecil Russell.

"Valse in E Minor" Chopin—Leona Thomas.

"One, Two, Three" E. H. Bunker; "Red Riding Hood" J. G. Whittier—Margaret Carahan.

"Hexantanz" Mac Dowell—Alfred Kreckman.

"Saul" Robert Browning—Miss Rothermel.

"De Sandman" D. Protheroe; "Jim" J. A. Parks—Houghton College Glee Club.

How to Get the Blessing of Holiness

On the last Friday afternoon of the special meetings, Rev. Fairbairn gave a summation of several talks on the blessing of holiness. He said in part, using as his topic, "How to Get the Blessing":

There must be no doubt of our acceptance with God, and it is our privilege to have the witness of the spirit as clear as the noonday sun. We must believe in holiness, being fully assured that it is for us, and we must feel the importance of it. It is important for several reasons: men filled with the Holy Ghost have been the back-bone of the church. The church represents Jesus to the world, and if it represents Him as He is, it must be clean. If men are to be credit to the church, they must be clean. "Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." Finally, we need the Spirit in order to have power.

Then, if we are to receive the blessing, we must come to a firm resolution to seek until we find it. We cannot make ourselves holy, but when we say, "I will be holy," God comes and does the work. We must confess honestly our need of the blessing, and must humble ourselves. "God be merciful to me a sinner." Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up." We must make a full and complete consecration. Settle it up to obey God implicitly; abandon yourself wholly, and FOREVER to God—soul, body, time, talents, influence, YOUR ALL. "He that forsaketh not ALL that he hath cannot be my disciple." It means not only to put your all on the altar but to leave it there; pay your vows unto the Most High. Many fail at this point. You need to learn to sing all the verses of

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to thee"

The final step in getting the blessing is faith. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be." He has promised; He is able; He is willing; He doeth it. "The voice of God to your soul is believe and be saved. Faith is the condition, and the only condition, of sanctification, exactly as it is of justification. No man is sanctified till he believes; every man when he believes is sanctified." (Wesley) The chief hindrance to getting the blessing is being governed by feelings, or by the desire to possess the fruit of faith before we believe. Faith gives rise to feelings and not vice versa.

It is our business to keep filled with the spirit and men who keep prayed up do keep filled with the spirit.

Forkell Makes Lasting Impression

An anxious but patient audience awaited the late arrival of Dr. Forkell, Tuesday evening in the college chapel. Since this was Dr. Forkell's second date in Houghton, his appearance was welcomed with unusual applause and appreciation.

His famous lecture, "Jean Valjean, or the Victory of a Defeated Man", which has met the unbounded approval of over eight hundred audiences, was delivered with renewed fervor and eloquence. The entire lecture was freighted with thoughts and utterances that fairly glistened with the truths of the hour. Dr. Forkell portrayed in the most vivid manner, by means of striking contrasts and comparisons, the workings of the human heart under varying environment. His lecture was the incorporation of strong thought shot through with intense conviction, delivered with earnestness and in a manner that pleased the eye and ear, inspiring the listeners to a sense of life's greatness and awakening a desire to be more and to do more.

During the chapel hour Wednesday morning, the student body was privileged to enjoy the thoughts and words that issued forth from the mind of this experienced lecturer and philanthropist. Since Dr. Forkell occupies the position of chaplain in the State Penitentiary of Vermont, he was well able to present to the student body the prevailing conditions which he has gleaned from his years of experience with criminal life, as the causes for the present overwhelming crime wave in America. With the sagacity of a wise counsellor, he drove the alarming facts home to the ears of his youthful listeners. Dr. Forkell's far-reaching and timely advice to the students cannot be fully estimated. His message made deep and lasting impressions on the fathers and mothers of tomorrow.

Your Opportunity

One of the most pleasant sights to see is the first student's prayer meeting after a revival campaign. Prof. Wright, who led the service, quoted one verse, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me," and then gave over the time to prayer and more particularly to testimony. Certainly all rejoiced to hear the newly saved, the reclaimed, and the recently sanctified witness with glowing hearts to the work of grace that God had wrought for them.

Let us determine to prove God's sufficiency in maintaining fervor and promptness in these seasons of devotion. To accomplish this end each one must be faithful and habitual in secret prayer.

—Library Concert, February 25, 1927—

Poor Pool!

The Faculty ladies took their first bath—in the pool—Thursday evening. Splash! When "Auntie" Rothermel and Miss Burnell both got going at once there was scarcely enough water left for the slimmer members. The Dean evinced enough vigor, pep, and vim to scare any wayward children. "Prof. Rachel" gulped and swallowed and spewed forth, but came up grinning every time. If the high school children enjoyed their hour to the utmost—well, words are inadequate to express how these fair members capered. They gaily informed the interested, awed spectators, "I can't swim"—did they need to?

NOTICE

I wish to thank the Sophomore High School class and the Student Body for the beautiful flowers during my illness. Also the valentines and letters from my classmates and teachers were appreciated more than words can express.
Roma Lapham.

W. M. Church Announcements

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| Sunday School | 10:00 a. m. |
| Class Meeting | 11:00 a. m. |
| Morning Preaching Service | 11:30 a. m. |
| Young Peoples' Meeting | 6:45 p. m. |
| Evening Preaching Service | 7:30 p. m. |
| Thursday Evening Prayer Service | 7:30 p. m. |

"Not With Enticing Words of Man's Wisdom"

Straight Gospel Truth given by
Brother Fairbairn

When we consider what the Lord has been doing for Houghton during the past two weeks, we are constrained to bow in humble gratitude to Him for His mercy. We praise Him for permitting Rev. Fairbairn to be with us again this year, for we feel that, under the direction of God, he has been a blessing to us. We would it were possible to give an adequate account of the messages which the Lord gave us during the last week of the service, but since it is not, we will give a brief epitome and analysis.

Tuesday evening, February 15.

Scripture: Heb. 11:8-26.

Text: II Cor. 6:14.

There is a line of demarcation between God's people and the people of the world. Light cannot commingle with darkness. This text calls us to separation in the name of God in our work and in our play. No church in a true church which does not come out when God calls it. The church's business is to take her stand, for there is a big work to do. If the church will rise and cleanse herself, she can rise and prevail, but no man can help a man out of the ditch if he gets down in the ditch with him. The church's God-given weapons of warfare are dynamic, but when she uses the world's weapons, she begins to whip herself.

Touch not, and I will receive you. Jesus himself could not have the world's love; neither can his disciples. In eating, in association, in conversation, in business relationships, shun worldly standards. It will pay to line up with God in heart, in college, and in the church, shutting out worldly methods and procedure. If you don't, God will forsake you.

Wednesday evening, February 16.

Scripture: Mat. 24:1-31.

Text: Mat. 24:27.

The prophets point specifically to Christ's coming again, and the signs of the times seem to witness its imminence: the growth of democracy, weather disturbances, international commotion, false prophets.

If a man is to be ready to meet Christ when he comes, he must be filled with the Spirit. "Whosoever hath this hope in him purifies himself even as he is pure." Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." The gifts of the Spirit are no proof of experience; neither are works any criterion. "By grace are ye saved through faith."

Holiness is not given at death neither does a man grow into it. Furthermore there will be little time to make your will between the space of a flash of lightning. The thing to do is to get the blessing now.

Thursday, February 17.

Scripture: Luke 15:3-32.

Text: Jer. 29:12, 13.

You must seek God, for no one else can save. You must seek Him with all your heart, realizing that you are now lost without Him. Stake down the resolution: I will be right with God, and this means you will be out with some other things. When you seek God with all your heart, you will be willing to make restitution, to face anything for God, to surrender, not to some line of service, but to God Himself, to perform duties for Him, to do all to His glory; you will be bold in your seeking
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EDITORIAL

HOUGHTON'S GREATEST NEED

One of the most blessed results of the recent special services is the enlarged vision of service that has come to those who have opened wide the door of their hearts for the fullness of the Holy Spirit. This vision has come, not through the exertion of the mere physical, nor through the stirring of the emotions primarily; but through prayer,—specific prayer, ardent prayer, honest prayer; through the prayer of simplicity, humility and faith,—yes prayer incessant, persistent and that would not be denied. It was prayer that cost time, self-denial and vitality.

Because men and women were not content to do mere surface work, God through the mighty dynamic of the Holy Spirit poured out His Spirit upon us, in purifying hearts and in an enlarged vision of His will and our responsibilities as His witnesses and ambassadors.

Now what are we going to do about it? Shall we just settle down as before and substitute human efficiency for Holy Ghost dynamic or will we "let our light shine"? Houghton is a busy, busy place—too busy we fear if we would be at our best for God. As a recent lecturer in our midst said, "we have so much doing that nothing's done." What is the solution? Do less and be more. Should not those whom God has graciously touched protest against the mad rush of things? Yes we have so many important and pressing things but, but they are less important and pressing than the fact that we should find time each day—a secret time to be alone with God. "The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is to pray—for then his serving, giving and speaking will be fragrant with the presence of God." The very spirit of prayer that bore us into the blessed experience which we enjoy must be constantly employed if we would keep bright that experience and vision. Our hope as an institution and as individuals lies in secret prayer. As we come daily into conscious touch with God in the secret place we will be enabled to be soul winners, to solve the problems of life and to keep our lives fresh and strong.

We suggest four aids to secret prayer. First, set a definite time in your schedule for this very purpose, daily—preferably in the morning when your mind is fresh. Second, find a secret place where everything and everybody are shut out. The place may change from time to time but have such a place. Third, remember there are two sides to prayer—the talking side and the listening side. If we would talk intelligently to God let us listen carefully to Him. Fourth, do not forget that it takes time to pray. Dr. Clarke Bedford used to say, "Pray till you get a blessing." "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength"; that is, they that spend enough time in actual communion with God to become really conscious of their absolute dependence on Him, shall change the mere energy of the flesh for the power of God. It takes time to effect this transfer." A time, a place, a listening, a real meeting with God! May we conscientiously keep our vows—"our honest debts." to Almighty God.

Claude A. Ries.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Due to the approaching basket-ball series, we believe a little talk on sportmanship would interest you. We have often heard that term "sport" used in various ways. Let us analyze the term and see if we can't agree on some definite conclusion as to just what qualities a good sportsman should possess.

First of all he realizes that he doesn't know it all. The coach and referee still have a few suggestions that will aid in bettering his game. If there is one quality that effects the playing of an individual, it is that quality which we often term "the big head." One of the greatest difficulties coaches have in training their teams is impressing the fact upon their minds that they aren't as good as they might be and no matter how well they play there is always some one just a little better.

We never find a good player continually crabbing at the referee. It is only the one who thinks he knows that always finds fault. Just at present a certain game of basket-ball comes to my mind which I was privileged to witness at very close range. Both teams were well equipped and thoroughly acquainted with the game. However, the captain of the one team delighted very much in letting the crowd know he was captain. Unfortunately for himself, he did not enter into the game as he should but found his pleasure in telling the referee his mistakes. His team lost by a big margin.

In summing our ideas up, I believe we could say that a true sportsman is one who enters into any contest (not merely athletics) with the idea that I am going to do my best for my team and my fellow-men, but in doing my best I am not going to cast any reflections on the character of those who are lined up against me.

Students and friends, attend the coming series and cheer for your side, but always remember never to cheer at a player's hard luck. It will harm your character more than any member of the team.

Have You Heard That

Mrs. Babbit has been ill.

Lowell Fox is rejoicing over a new Ford roadster.

Albert Eiss spent the week-end with friends in Nunda.

Arthur Yetter has gone to his home in East Straudsburg.

Rev. George Kellogg is home from his work in Bradford, Pa.

Mrs. English of Driewood, Pa., has been visiting Anna English and Irwin English.

Marion Fox has returned to school after being absent several weeks on account of illness.

Mrs. John Mann is convalescing in the Mountain clinic in Olean, after having had her tonsils removed.

Rev. J. C. Long left Wednesday for Olean, where he will conduct revival services in the Wesleyan church.

Erma Meade and Ila Shellenberger recently spent the week-end with Miss Meade's parents in Bradford, Pa.

Rev. David Anderson preached Sunday in the Wesleyan Methodist church of Appleton, where Rev. Arthur Northrup is the pastor.

Rev. David Anderson will preach on the "Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" for the next four successive Sunday evenings at the Wesleyan Methodist church of Fillmore, New York.

Washington Program

Following the supper hour last Monday evening, those at Athenian were treated with a special desert. The Oratory Department provided a real mental feast by their Washington program. It was opened by a song, "Battle hymn of the Republic" sung by the society. Following this, Robert Hess led the devotionals. Then an account of "Washington's Cherry Tree" was related by Price Stark in his usual interesting manner. Different phases in Washington's life were then discussed as follows: "Lessons from Washington's Youth" by Mr. Hess; "Washington as a Soldier Boy" by Mr. Howland; "Washington's Wife" by Miss Crouch; and "Washington as a Statesman" by Miss Neal. Due to the great amount of information furnished by each speaker in the short time, a duet and several speeches giving honor to the occasion had to be omitted. With a feeling of patriotism and deep respect for the "Father of Our Country", the program was concluded by singing "America".

Dr. Forkell in Special Chapel

In introducing the speaker of the morning Pres. Luckey said, "Dr. Forkell said he wished to look his audience over before he announced his topic. Since coming on to the platform he had decided to talk on "Prison Life."

Dr. Forkell, as a prison chaplain, speaks from experience. He told us that the world behind prison bars is a place where human beings dwell. In all his years of vast experience, he never once found a person, not even the most hardened criminal, who did not have some good in him. He pointed out that education was not a security; it is either a weapon or a tool. He emphatically declared that he did not believe in capital punishment; but that life imprisonment ought to mean life imprisonment. There are 51 times more murders in the United States than in Europe, he showed from statistics. The causes are: (1) America is so prosperous that she has grown poor morally; (2) so many look for a short cut to riches; (3) a love of pleasure predominates; (4) we study things instead of the cause of things.

In conclusion, Dr. Forkell stated that to be a blessing, to amount to anything worth while in this life, we must believe that Jesus lives, and by prayer get in close contact with the Great Example, and show forth his teaching in our lives.

The people who set the victory and keep the victory take the line of separation.

Rev. C. V. Fairbairn

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The Land of Do-He-Wa-Mis

In Goldsmith's "Deserted Village" we find the author in a reminiscent mood. He paints for us a picture of "Sweet Auburn" in all its beauty and simplicity. He tells of the many diversions he enjoyed as a youth; also of the spots that became dear to him through association. Then, later, he reveals the sad picture of the once pleasant little village after the tyrant's hand has usurped and altered the land. To another's eye it very likely would appear to be but a common little hamlet. But to the inhabitants, it was Home.

This fact is often true of the town in which we live. To an outsider it may be "a pretty little spot," "a small town," or even "a dirty little hole;" but to us it has a personality all its own and through the years it has become beloved.

The term "a pretty little spot" may be applied to our town—the village of Houghton situated on the banks of the Genesee river. It is comprised of natural terraces—the village proper being on a level with the river; the college campus and a few homes being on the terrace above; with just one or two houses appearing on the next terrace.

As near as can be ascertained, Mary Jemison, the Do-he-wa-mis of the Senecas, so generally referred to as "The White Woman of the Genesee," was the first white person whose foot pressed the soil of Allegany County. With her Indian captors she made her advent into the Genesee valley about 1759, when the party halted for a day and a night at Caneadea village (the Gah-yah-o-de-o of the Senecas). Do-he-wa-mis had been married to a fearless brave who had been killed in battle. His squaw cared for his children, and later married again.

The cabin which she built for her daughter has been moved to historic Portage. The statue of Mary Jemison stands between the cabin and an ancient council house. As we gaze at the stolid features, we can picture the life that must have been hers. Captured when but a tiny girl, she probably did not remember the massacre of her own parent's but undoubtedly the adoption into the Indian tribe was indelible in her memory. Hardship, privation, and constant outdoor life endowed her with the splendid constitution that is envied by the white woman of to-day. We can imagine her following the old trails, one of which branched from Houghton to Rushford, and bearing from thence north-westerly through Centerville, Freedom, and on to Buffalo. This was an important trail, and was much used during the French and Indian wars, and in the Revolutionary period. Heterogeneous groups of huge cotton-woods, wild plum trees, and graceful elms of mammoth proportions were in abundance, while the trees which fringed the river bank served as trellises for the thousands of vines which attained a marvelous growth, and climbed in some instances to the very top, profusely laden with grapes. The beautiful bitter-sweet and ivy also contributed to the variety.

We might talk on indefinitely of the romantic life of these first inhabitants. Such important figures as Moses Van Campen, Copperhead, and Captain John Buck hold their places; the "White Woman of the Genesee."

but we remember most vividly Mary Jamison, "Realm of the Senecas! No more

In shadow lies the pleasant vale;
Gone are the chiefs who ruled of yore
Like chaff before a rushing gale.

And hut and vale of council now
Are changed to ashes cold.

Where the dark green pines and hemlock grow;

Where the fountains of light from rock sources flow;

Where the red man's foot ceased to roam;
Our forefathers established their pioneer home."

Can you wonder, that once having looked into the history of Houghton and her surrounding vicinity, the inhabitants love the spot in which they have chosen to live? Only a little remains to remind us of those by-gone days. On our campus is a boulder bearing this inscription:

"Copperhead, the last of the Seneca tribe

that lived in the town of Caneadea, was buried here. His wife died some years before his death. He died March 23, 1864. He said he was 120 years old."

The actual spot where his remains were interred is near the foot of the camp ground hill. The late Professor Smith had the remains removed to the campus, and a suitable monument placed thereon, for a stream was slowly eating away the last resting place of this aged red man.

The topography of the land, no longer in a wild state, is still beautiful. The valley with its winding stream, the distant blue hills and nearer wooded groves, still enchant the beholder. The summers are warm, and the winter snows bring untold delight. How glad we are to live in a land of snow, where coasting and skating are common sports!

The inhabitants of our little village have been retired merchants, business men, ministers, and old soldiers—a simple, home-loving people. The older class has, for the most part, passed away; and those who are inhabitants at the present, have come for the purpose of placing their children in school. Indeed the college makes the town. The founder of the institution, Willard J. Houghton, was a man of prayer and high aims. The work he so nobly began has been carried on by a man no less great, our president, James S. Luckey. Untiring effort, unceasing prayer, and a whole life lived for his school, are what he has given to this cause.

Houghton could not be termed a flourishing town. Two stores, a post-office, a railroad station, a church, and houses, besides the campus buildings, comprise the village. In the summer, after the departure of the student life, the town lapses into sleepy tranquillity. Although possessing a certain degree of provincialism (for we certainly are self-centered in regard to "our school"), yet we are growing more and more cosmopolitan.

The old Pennsylvania station seems rather out of order in our little college town, yet I suppose some of the houses may be considered in the same manner. "The Little White Church in the Vale" will soon have to expand, or cease to hold the congregation that gathers on the Sabbath.

One predominant reason why I like Houghton so well, lies in the fact that here is the first home we ever owned. My father is an evangelist, therefore the greater share of our lives has been spent in rented houses. Then, eight years of close contact with school and campus, adds still farther to the attraction. The influences which surround one in this retreat, aid any life that tends to be worth while.

After I have completed my college course, and after I have found my corner in the world, I imagine that I shall be attacked with nostalgia; for no other spot can be quite so dear to me as "Houghton on the Genesee."

Erma E. Anderson.

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Pike H. S. Triumphs Over Arcade H. S. at Bedford Gym

Three teams having tied for first place at the close of the schedule of the Junior Circuit of the Wyoming County League, these three teams, Pike, Bliss, and Arcade, found it necessary to find a neutral court to play off the tie. To the surprise of all "localities" these teams were allowed to use the local gymnasium.

Wednesday evening the first of the two games was played between Pike and Arcade. The former, due to faultless pass-work and unerring shooting, won rather easily 29-23. Dowd, of the winners, started with eight field goals; the Arcade center and captain also played well. It might also be stated here that the latter entirely lived up to the reputation for his excellent sportmanship which preceded his appearance here.

Saturday evening at eight o'clock Pike and Bliss will play for the championship here; the winner will meet Warsaw for the county championship.

The more we wait on God, the more God will pour His Spirit on us. C. V. Fairbairn.

A New Version

Suggested by some modern methods of Church support. "Make not my father's house a house of merchandise."—Mark 11:15.

O Lord, I come to Thee in prayer once more;
But pardon if I do not kneel before
Thy gracious presence, for my knees are sore
With so much walking. In my chair instead
I'll sit at ease and humbly bow my head.
I've labored in Thy vineyard, Thou dost know;
I've sold ten tickets for the minstrel show;
I've called on fifteen strangers in our town,
Their contributions to our church put down;
I've baked a pot of beans for Saturday's spree;
An old time supper it is going to be;
I've dressed three dolls, too, for our annual fair,
And made a cake which we must raffle there.
Now, with Thy boundless wisdom, so sublime,
Thou knowest that these duties all take time;
I have no time to fight my spirit's foes;
I have no time to mend my husband's clothes;
My children roam the streets from morn till night;

I have no time to teach them to do right;
But Thou, O Lord, considering all my cares,
Wilt count them righteous, also heed my prayers.

Bless the bean supper and the minstrel show,
And put it in the hearts of all to go.
Induce the visitors to patronize
The men who in our program advertise;
Whene'er they saw me coming; yes, they did!
Increase the contributions to our fair,
And bless the people who assemble there;
Bless Thou the grab-bag and the gypsy tent,
The flower table, and the cake that's sent;
May our whist club to our service blest,
The dancing party gayer than the rest;
And when Thou hast bestowed these blessings,
then—

We pray that thou will bless our souls. Amen.
—Anon.

Influence

Friday morning it was our privilege to listen to a most inspiring chapel talk by Rev. Fairbairn. He chose as his topic "Influence" and based it upon Rom. 14:7—"No man liveth unto himself and no man dieth to himself." We may actually live in the world only a few short years but the influence of those years will go down through the ages counting either for right or wrong. In fact a life can never cease. Abel "being dead, yet speaketh." His life still points us to the blood. A pebble dropped in the pond cause ever-widening circles to go on and on.

If we are to be at our best for God and consequently have the right sort of influence, we must build strong Christian characters. We must take every opportunity offered us. The fragrant aroma of Mary's ointment has floated down through the years and the ring of the widow's mite still echoes in our ears. "If we surrender all to God, our influence for God will

be great."

God intends that our lives shall reach out to certain others and if we fail a soul may be lost. Often we do not accept his first and perfect plan for our lives and so must take a second or third best. Let us be at our best for God that we may have His best for us.

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"NOT WITH ENTICING WORDS OF MAN'S WISDOM"

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and will seek at any cost, dying to the opinion of others.

Friday, Feb. 18.

Scripture: James 4:1-17.

Text I Cor. 7:29. "The time is short."

The time for this campaign is short; time is short in comparison with eternity; short for the accomplishment of the business of life; the age is running away; many are nearing the age limit when a very small percentage get saved; it may be near the dead-line for some; time is short for you, sinner ("Thou art weighed and found wanting—thy days are numbered."); time is short between now and the judgment bar of God. God will hold you responsible for the opportunities you might have had.

Saturday, Feb. 19.

Scripture: I John 5:7-21.

Text: Jer. 7:16.

God has put a powerful weapon in the hands of the Church—intercessory prayer, but it must have the Spirit to pray and it must pray to have the Spirit. However, God does not put a burden of prayer on the saints for men who have crossed the dead-line. Jeremiah could not pray for Israel; "Ephraim is joined to his idols, let him alone." Oh, the bitter, bitter case of the man who comes to a place where there is no God, no hope, no prayer. But today if you will seek God with all your heart, he says, "I will be found of you."

Sunday Morning, Feb. 20.

Scripture: II Timothy 3:1-4:1. II Peter 1:15-2:9.

Text: James 1:26-27.

The devil produces substitutes for the pure and undefiled religion, and the best substitute or counterfeit is the worst: Romanism, Ritualism, Protestant Formalism, and Shellism—a counterfeit for Bible holiness believing in the doctrine, but not having the reconstructing power of God's old-fashioned gospel. The ear-marks are a false sense of security coupled with times of strange misgivings, while the ear-marks of pure and undefiled religion are: it is powerful, practical, bridges the tongue, keeps us unspotted from the world, uncompromising, based on forgiveness and full of forgiveness, not dependent upon ability to follow a master mind, but to follow the mind of the Master, dynamic all the way through, produces the fruit of the spirit, cleans men up, makes them honest hearted, and humble under the mighty hand of God. The gospel of God is mighty in what it proposes to do and mighty in doing what it proposes.

Sunday Evening, Feb. 20.

Scripture: I Cor. 2:1-16.

Text: Acts 24:25.

Paul had an audience of two, Felix, a wicked man who knew his wickedness, and Drusilla, a woman who had sinned against light until she no longer felt its power. This was Felix's one and only opportunity to become a Christian, for Paul was going on his way, and the spirit never strove with Felix again. Paul did not wait for a convenient opportunity, but took advantage of the one he had, and reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come. Felix did not yield and both he and his wife came to a tragic end (according to tradition).

If you have any conviction at all, act upon it; if you have none, you may have to act upon principle. It would be an awful thing to miss the last chance.

We would emphasize the words which Rev. Fairbairn used near the close of this, his last sermon. "Give earnest heed to the things which have been spoken lest at any time you let them slip."