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To be sure, there are drawbacks to such a system. But I do not think they outweigh the benefits to be derived therefrom. No doubt the majority would challenge such an opinion. Asking perhaps, is it not bad to turn from the beaten paths? Or do you not believe in subordination? To the first of these queries I would say, that whenever a new idea is brought forward, which in all points seems to more than replace the old, change from the old to the new with as little embarrassment as possible. To the second I would certainly answer that I do believe in subordination. But not subordination in the sense that man subordinates a mule with a bit in his mouth and a cudgel behind him. But a subordina-

tion that is natural, which owing to the superior ability, training or maturity demands the respect of the subordinated.

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These regulations would be enforced. For in the first place there would not be the chance for breaking rules. Thus removing the necessity of enforcement. In the second place I am sure that a governing body elected from the student body of any higher educational institution would enforce the rules which they or their predecessors had formulated.

Further, there would not be the chance for strife that so often accompanies the enforcement of rules. Because it is not the other fellow that is administering justice but each one himself for he helps to appoint or elect those governing. The history of England and America will substantiate this. For had England allowed America to be represented in her governing body, they would doubtless have been existing as one na-

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tion today. The same is true of the student, if he be given part in making the regulations he will take the consequences. It was not the taxes that bothered America, but it was the thought of having no part in the levying them that opened that historical war. The same is apt to be true of the student.

Moreover it seems to me there are a great many advantages to come from student government. It would have a broadening effect upon the student. For it would make him a man of affairs in connection with his intellectual development. It would create in each a very acute sense of justice. It would bring the students into a fellowship with one another that cannot be attained elsewhere. It would train him to become a participant in real governmental problems. It would blot out all of that enmity that often exists between faculty and students and put in its place a feeling of good will. It would solve a great many problems that are confronting the faculties of some of our higher educational institutions and which often could be handled easily by the students if they were organized for such purposes.

Furthermore, not only am I supported by reasoning but by competent authority. Through recent correspondence with some of the first educators of our country I am heartily supported when I say that student government is a great venture and a step forward. For Chancellor J. R. Day of Syracuse University says, "It seems to work well. I favor it." President King of Oberlin College says, "We have for both men and women, what we call a Man's Senate and a Woman's Senate, the members of which are elected by the student body and are used in various ways for helping co-operation between students and the faculty. We think it works increasingly well." The testi-

mony of these eminent educators is sufficient to show that student government is no longer a dream but is what must come to every higher educational institution, to some extent at least, if that institution would be progressive.

Student Self-government.

F. H. WRIGHT, '14.

This brief paper should not be taken as an attempt to discuss the merits of Student Self-Government in a general sense but rather in its application to Houghton Seminary students. Neither should the appearance of these lines be taken as an indication of dissatisfaction with the present system of government but as a proof of the fact that Houghton students think.

Student self-government presents a complicated problem in any school. In Houghton Seminary, the problem is complicated indeed. The school is co-educational. It furnishes instruction in elementary, academic and college subjects in addition to theology and music. This necessitates the association of students, in the regular activities of the school, who range from the lowest elementary grade to the rank of college senior. Again her students differ in age and experience ranging all the way from the gay, light-hearted lad of ten summers to the sedate theologian of forty winters. To formulate a code of laws by means of which impartial liberty and restraint shall be forthcoming to such a representative student body is an Herculean task for even the greatest minds. How then could student self-government be a success in Houghton?

In the first place, Houghton Seminary has some high ideals that are peculiarly her own, handed down to each new student as a precious legacy from the old students. No rule ever need be inaugurated touching any of these high ideals for which Houghton has stood so long. We do not believe the time will EVER come when the majority of Houghton students will sanction either by verbal consent or by silence the use of liquor or tobacco; profanity or vulgarity; gambling or secret organizations,

among her students. Here, the name of a transgressor against the laws of social purity would be expunged from the records of the school. If then we consent to the veracity of the above statements, our subject narrows down to the consideration of minor details, the settlement of which rests with the student body itself. For, no body of individuals can be said to be self-governing that cannot formulate the laws by which it shall be controlled.

But government not only deals with the legislative side but with the executive and judicial. The strongest code of laws that can be formulated are useless unless enforced, and no law can be enforced without the consent of the majority of the people to be governed. All true government finds its authority and power in the consent of the governed. This brings us to the basic principle upon which student self-government must safely rest: Government for the people and by the people.

Fellow students, such a system of government is within the range of our privileges. It would prove an inspiration even to the careless and be a lasting benefit to all concerned. Having pledged his support to such a system of government, every student in our school would feel duty-bound to obey the law even to the letter.

A Real Danger

We face a somewhat serious condition. While friends of our College are congratulating themselves upon increased registration and bright prospects and while new students are expressing thanks that they have found such an excellent atmosphere here, we are suddenly shocked by the spirit of rowdiness displayed by some two or three of our college men. Think of a college man amusing himself in class, by "making up" with colored crayons. Think of a college man interrupting class work by making rude remarks. Think of college men scuffling in a public assembly, just before a program opened by prayer. Think of a college man dis-

turbing worshippers at church, by whispering or by prodding his neighbors with a stick. And yet these are some of the things that we see.

The faculty and students, the church officials, and the public have been very patient and reasonable with these offenders. But how has their long-suffering been rewarded? That boyishness, which may have been pardonable—having become unmistakable rudeness, and rudeness having developed into plain insults—our instructors are treated with impertinence, our students are bored, our college is in danger of being disgraced.

All this happens in our midst and we as students have made no effective protest. What shall be the end? And how long the step to the more serious conditions of many other institutions? The situation is indeed grave. Let us remember that Houghton ranks first among Wesleyan schools. She is, in an important sense, the standard bearer of the church. To her many are looking for the best in mental training,—under the very best moral and spiritual conditions. Her standards are high. When her students visit other schools, they remark concerning the looseness they observe; and when strangers visit Houghton, what shall they see? Our lofty standards have cost much in money, in prayers, in sacrifices, and in human lives; but, if we allow rowdiness among the college men to go on unchecked, we shall sacrifice every thing that makes ours a school "different from other schools."

These disorderly college men come from good families; will they be held in check by their early training? They come into daily contact with godly instructors; will they heed their admonitions? They are men of ability and judgment; will they carefully consider toward what their present behavior tends? They are men of conscience; will they listen to its dictates? E. A. Overton.

The First Number of the Lecture Course.

On Tuesday evening, October 24, the Houghton Seminary Lecture Course for the season of 1911-12 was opened to the public with Ex-governor E. W. Hoch of Kansas as the first lecturer. Mr. Hoch addressed an appreciative audience on the subject, A Message from Kansas. We are sorry that we cannot give our readers Mr. Hoch's entire address, but only a few echoes must suffice.

The message was one of optimism, state pride, and a faith in the Bible. He told us what Kansas has done and is doing, by means of legislation, in reform work against trusts, against the liquor traffic, and against the spread of tuberculosis. Kansas was the first state to abolish the public drinking cup on railways, and the first to enact absolute prohibitory laws against the use of cigarettes. The well-known prohibition of the saloon in Kansas has been productive of the greatest good economically and morally.

The last part of the address was a somewhat extended and stirring appeal to the young men of today to cast aside those things which tend to destroy character and efficiency, and to make of themselves the very best. He dilated upon the possibilities before poor boys as compared with those before the sons of the rich.

It was evident to all that heard Mr. Hoch that he is not an ordinary politician. His standards of morals are Bible standards. His character manifests itself in his every act as being that of a truly great and noble man. This no one will doubt who has kept himself informed on Mr. Hoch's doings in Kansas during the past few years. From the standpoint of talent at least, we feel that our

course has had a very successful opening.

Economy In School Life.

JAS. W. ELLIOTT, '14.

Many young people in school have financial resources from which they can draw for almost every conceivable desire. They have not only all they need, but also all they want. Other young people are partially limited in finances. They have not all they might desire, and yet they have more than they need. No one in either of these classes makes any particular effort to find a school where expenses are low.

Most boys and girls, however, belong to neither of these classes. There are comparatively few who must not economize and work hard to help themselves through school. Consequently most young folks have to look for a school where expenses are at a minimum and where they can help themselves very largely. It is my purpose to show that Houghton is such a school.

The expenses of a student in any given school may be divided into two classes: those which can not be reduced because of the rules of the school and the conditions of the place where the school is situated; and those which can be reduced to a small per cent of what they would be only for economy, self denial, and hard work on the part of the student. In the first class are tuition with various other necessary school expenses and to a certain extent, board. In the second class are all those things of which a student can partially deny himself without thwarting the fundamental purpose which he ought to have in attending school.

That the first class of expenses is much lower in Houghton than in most other schools needs but a word

for proof. Tuition with similar fees in most schools is from fifty or seventy-five dollars, to one hundred and fifty dollars and more. In Houghton tuition in college for a year with the highest laboratory fee is only thirty-seven dollars. In cities where many of the large colleges are situated, decent board with a good room can not be obtained for less than five or six dollars. In Houghton the maximum board even in private families is three dollars per week. From these facts it is evident that the required expenses of a Houghton student are much less than those in many other colleges.

The reduction of the second class of expenses is dependent upon the action of the student. He can spend money for a thousand things that will never make him wiser, stronger, nor better. The mere fact that something costs a lot of money is no sign that it will be of any more real service than something costing half as much or than nothing of the sort at all. The student can, therefore, without injury to his school work, reduce his expenses to a minimum.

This reducing of expenses is particularly possible in Houghton. Of course even here wrong self-indulgence and waste is altogether too possible; yet Houghton gives much less opportunity for needless spending of money than most places do where colleges are located. The way by which a student can lessen the cost of his luxuries is simply by learning relative values and by little indulgence in that which is needless. Such a lessening of expenses can be made; it has been made; it is being made now by Houghton students. There are at least two means by which students here reduce board bills. One is by their working for all or a part of their board; the other is by their boarding themselves. Several girls and a few boys are doing the

former, and more than twenty boys and girls are doing the latter this year. Those who board themselves reduce their board bill to about half what it would be if they boarded out. Houghton has no factory nor farm specially for the employment of students, but it does afford a considerable opportunity for boys who wish to help themselves by working in various places around town and on farms outside of town. By strict economy and hard work a boy can put himself through Houghton in almost regular time. A girl can do the same thing only that it may take her somewhat longer, unless she has special opportunities. Since some students work all or nearly all their way through school and since others scarcely any, it is impossible to state definitely how much outside help one will need who comes to Houghton. But if he can determine how much work he can do, he can estimate very closely how much outside help he will need.

For most of us the getting of an education means self denial and hard work. Our most strenuous effort is needed. But the benefits of a good education are worth infinitely more than the temporary pleasure of a little self-indulgence either in material things or in ease. The reward for our labor is real lasting wealth. An education is worth far more than it costs. It fully pays to train the mind.

Were a star quenched on high,
For ages would its light,
Still traveling downward from the
sky,
Shine on our mortal sight.
So when a great man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.
—Longfellow.

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Editorial.

The Houghton Star is enjoying a good time. Never before in its history have its friends stood by it so loyally as they are doing now. There were at one time a few stray echoes here and there that seemed to make us feel that maybe we should have to discontinue its publication. But when our new business manager, Mr. Hester, took things in hand we laid those thoughts aside. We are now ready to try to make the Star far better than it has ever been before. So to our readers and friends we say, Come on and help us all you can.

But how can you help? Well, you can help the business manager in

his work by keeping your subscription renewed up on time. You can speak a good word for the Star and for the school that it represents. Then you can help by taking part in the discussions that may be carried on in the columns of the paper. This applies especially to the Alumni of the school. They ought to be interested in the doings of their Alma Mater. Just now the matter of Student Self Government is being discussed here. Every Alumnus ought to be greatly interested in this matter for it is something that may mean more to the school and its students than even a radical change of policy on the part of the school authorities. Why can not some of our Alumni express a few of their opinions, unsolicited?

But talking about Student Self Government,—that leads us to say that there is not a revolution going on here, it is merely part of the natural process of evolution. College men and women in our most respectable institutions have awakened to the realization of the fact that they are perfectly able to maintain among themselves a respectable community life; not that the presence and guidance of competent instructors are superfluous, but that much more can be done by the students themselves than under the old system. It does not mean that the Student body intends to manage the school in spite of the Faculty and Board; it means that the students are going to stand back of the authorities in the enforcement of good rules and order. It means in a very complete sense the transfer of the responsibility of the students' good behavior from the care of the faculty to where it really belongs—the student himself. To state it briefly then, Student Self Government means that the student who is inclined to violate the rules of the school must take into consideration primarily, not so much that he is in danger of being caught by the authorities as that he must respect the rights of those with whom he associates.

Publisher's Note

When the October number was published there were 194 names on our mailing list. Now there are 224. Why not make it 250 by the time the next issue is out? Certainly! This can't help but be done when so many are interested and willing to help. Here is a cheery word from one of Houghton's loyal friends, Roy Washbon '10: "I always look forward to the monthly arrival of the 'Star' and enjoy the excellent reading material which it contains. I wish you every success with the paper and hope that more subscribers may be added to the list." Roy is on his father's farm near Black Creek, N. Y.

Read the following from a district school "marm" in Michigan: "I like to keep in touch with the school where I spent a busy but happy year. I am teaching this year and I like it first rate." This is from Asa Wood. We are indeed glad he is strong and well again; for shortly after starting in school here last year he was compelled to return home at the close of a severe case of the fever.

Be free to express yourselves in regard to the paper when sending in subscriptions. Criticisms of any kind will be gratefully received. Now for another month of advancement for the "Star." Who will be the first to reply this time?

Yours for the sake of our Alma Mater,

C. Floyd Hester, Business Mgr.,
Houghton, N. Y.

Exchanges

OWEN M. WALTON, '15, EDITOR

Owing to the fact that a change has been made in the publication of our paper, causing our first number to be somewhat late in appearing, we have received but few exchanges to date. We hope to add to the number, however, and to make our exchange column an interesting and important feature of our paper.

We shall be glad for the criticisms

of our exchanges and shall endeavor to profit by them as best we can. This is one of the best ways of making our paper meet our ideal.

Among our new papers we find the first number of the Miltonvale College Monitor, Miltonvale, Kansas. Your first attempt is surely a credit to your school. If the Monitor improves with age, it will make a paper of unusual merit.

We are glad to welcome the Wheaton College Record once more. It is up to its usual excellent standard.

Odds and Ends

What or whom was M. L. D. thinking about when she offered the conductor her baggage check instead of her ticket?

By mental arithmetic J. G. T. figures that two hobble skirts make one harem.

"Was the pipe hot, Gail?"

A note containing the following was found on the study room floor: "I have got 6 Caesars I look at the notes in them and they give me almost all the translations."

In College Rhetoric. A. R. C. (correcting sentence.) "The fire was baked and the potatoes were built."

For the benefit of Mr. Skivinsky and Mr. McGinty the doors of Houghton Hall are now locked promptly at 9:30 on Saturday nights.

L. B. (In Greek 1.) "This is all Greek to me."

Some of the inmates of Houghton Hall are suffering from chronic insomnia, caused by several promising young musicians. We sincerely hope the latter will soon attain fame outside as well as inside the Hall.

Dean (Coming up to student apparently in deep thought.) "What are you doing here?"

Student. "Taking a Bible lesson of Prof. McDowell."

Anything surprising the night of the chicken roast? Oh, no! !

Organizations

R. A. SELLMAN, '13, EDITOR

The Philomathean Society

Although at the beginning of the school year, there were only a few members of this society, at each meeting the number has increased until it bids fair to have the largest membership it has ever attained.

Among the new members are both old and new students. Some of these we are pleased to note are competent to give musical numbers as well as literary productions.

The work of the year has commenced in good earnest. Some of the programs have shown especial thought in careful preparation and have been well rendered.

We are expecting to make this year the best the society has ever known; because of the hearty co-operation of each member, united by a common desire for social and intellectual advancement. B. M. F.

The Athenian.

The Society took up one of its meetings this month to give the Prohibition League an opportunity to "present its case" before the students and townspeople. Hence we have been able to hold but one meeting since the publication of the last "Star." The program was a combined politico-scientific one. Mr. Ostlund gave us a splendid description of the geologic features in and around Houghton while Mr. Sprague, the president of our local Prohibition League, gave us a short history of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association and told of the effective work it was doing.

We anticipate an interesting program at our next meeting when the ladies will tell us why women should vote and the gentlemen will tell us why they should not. We extend a hearty welcome to all to attend our meetings. R. A. S.

The Neosophic Literary Society

The Neosophic Society sends greetings to all its old members especially to those who, when the "Star" makes its monthly call, turn first to the

page devoted to the societies.

Though not as large as at sometimes in the past, there is the same earnest work and co-operation which is always necessary to make anything a success. At our last meeting we listened to a prophecy of what Houghton would be thirty years hence. But the splendid style in which it was written revealed the fact that here and now the society is doing a good quality of literary work.

But we do not mean to be satisfied with what we have already accomplished. We are going to work harder and do greater things. P. C. S.

Young People's Foreign Missionary Society

The first meeting of the Young People's Foreign Missionary Society for this year was held in the church Tuesday evening, October 3. The program rendered was on the purpose and work of the different missionary organizations. The account of the work of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society was given by Miss Florence Yorton; that of the Y. M. W. B. by Miss Edna Smith, president of the Houghton Band. The account of the Mission Study Class was given by Mr. James Elliott; that of the Young People's Foreign Missionary Society by its president Professor H. W. McDowell. Professor McDowell so forcibly impressed upon the minds of those present the importance of the work of this society that several new members joined before the close of the meeting. We were also favored with a Timne song by the returned missionaries, Mrs. G. H. Clarke and the Misses Yorton and Hanford.

The Mission Study Class is now taking up the work in the text book. This work is very profitable and interesting. L. A. M.

The Prohibition League

The Prohibition League has not been able to get to work very seriously as yet, but by no means is it dead. A few days since the league held a public meeting for the purpose of arousing new interest in prohibition work and for the purpose of getting new members for the league. The principal part of the program was

the mock trial of a man who was charged with breaking the excise law of New York. Already there is a considerable enthusiasm over the coming oratorical contest. We expect a great time.

But what does the league mean anyhow? Probably we do not know all it means, but we may be certain that annual oratorical contest work, constant agitation of the prohibition question, and thorough study of prohibition conditions will not be without effect upon the students of Houghton. These things will put them intelligently, firmly, and forever on the side of Prohibition, and, as a result, not only Houghton, but also the world must feel the effects of the Prohibition League. J. W. E.

Alumni & Old Students

G. T. McDOWELL, '15, EDITOR

Alumni

Several Houghton Alumni were delegates to the Wesleyan General Conference held at Fairmount, Ind., beginning October 18. Of the college graduates were present John S. Willet, '01, office Editor of the Wesleyan Methodist; Florence Yorton, '02, recently from our mission in Sierre Leone and H. C. Bedford, '02, Professor of Greek in the H. W. M. S. Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke, Prep., '92, spent a week in Michigan in work in behalf of our missions before going to Fairmount. Rev. C. W. Smith, theological '95 is president of the Lockport Conference of the W. M. church and pastor at Hess Roads, N. Y. He and his wife were delegates, as well as Rev. Charles Sicard, theological, and Ernest Houghton, commercial. Mr. Houghton is a most prosperous business man and a pillar of the Wesleyan church at Cattaraugus, N. Y.

Gertrude Preston, College '04, and Nancy Barts and Clara Campbell, old students sailed September 7 on the "Adriatic" for Liverpool, en route for our mission in Sierre Leone. All three were in Houghton during their last week before sailing.

Clarence Dudley, College '10, is attending Ohio Wesleyan University.

On October 10, at Horican, N. Y., Edward Elliott, College '11, and Miss Anna Davison were united in marriage. They expect to enter mis-

sionary work in Sierre Leone in the near future. We all unite in congratulations.

Bessie Tucker '01, is in Houghton this fall and is teaching oil painting.

Hattie Crosby '03, returned from Sierre Leone on October 23.

Rena Lapham '04, is post mistress at Burt, N. Y.

Ben Clawson '06 and Mrs. Vera Jennings-Clawson '06 are both teaching at Coldwater, Okla., in the State Agricultural and Mechanical College. Mr. Clawson is also a state bacteriologist.

Rev. Adelbert Schuman, Commercial '95, is now pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lima, N. Y.

Earle Houghton '08, graduates from Syracuse University* next June.

Maurice Gibbs '10, is preaching at Livermore Falls, Me.

Old Students

Murray Lauchlin of Philadelphia visited in Houghton recently.

Charles Pearce of Buffalo was at Professor Rindfusz's October 17.

LeRoy and LeVay Fancher were in town a few days. They think of buying a farm near Houghton.

Walter Crosby and Neva Douglass were married at Horseheads, N. Y., October 19. Mr. Crosby has returned to Houghton to clerk in Crowell's store.

We note with pleasure several familiar names on the staff of "The Miltonvale College Monitor." Former Houghton students on the staff are Wesley Dow, Clemmie Warner, L. A. Johnson, Sadie Sinclair and John W. Yancy.

Locals.

J. W. ELLIOTT, '14, Editor

College Items

We are glad to see Floyd Hester back from his Prohibition campaign work and at his College work.

Miss Stella Crosby was absent from school several days attending the wedding of her brother Walter at Horseheads, N. Y.

The Mock Trial in the College Chapel October 13 was conducted mainly by the College boys. It was quite a success.

Isabelle Stebbins gave a chicken roast to her college friends Saturday evening, October 14. There were about seventy young people present. They report a very good time.

Mr. George Sprague preached at Fillmore Sunday, October 15, in place of the regular pastor Prof. H. C. Bedford.

Gail Thompson spent Sunday, October 15, with Walter Willover at his home in Cuba, N. Y.

LaRue Bird was in Rochester one day recently witnessing the foot ball game between Rochester and Syracuse.

In Literature and Criticism Class: Prof. S.—“Mr. Wright, are people generally fond of novelty in literature?”

Mr. Wright—“Yes, and in real life too. They say that now days young women use shoe horns to get into their hobble skirts.

Mr. Kingsbury is a very industrious student. In addition to his college work he is spending a little time each day in training a beard and moustache. It is developing finely and already begins to show signs of maturity.
M. L. C.

Preparatory Notes

The Senior class of seven members have now organized. As president they have chosen Mr. H. L. McMillian, vice president Miss Rosa Crosby and secretary Miss Helen Kerr. Their colors are silver and blue.

Some of our Prep. boys have decided that boarding at the Dormitory is not the best kind of training for them. Therefore they have taken up a more profitable study, domestic science. Occasionally they invite their friends and serve very sumptuous fare.

Last Saturday night many attended a chicken roast, which was held on the Stebbins place. All enjoyed a good time and some of the young preps found their way home to be very enjoyable indeed.

The Junior Class are not very far behind the Seniors. They have taken as their leader Mr. Clarence Barnett, who intends to lead them on to be very honorable Seniors, and as secretary Mr. Clare Dart.

Of late some new millinery has appeared in our midst as a result of several visits to Belfast and Fillmore.

Mr. Pero and his mother have moved into the house that Mrs. Tarbell lately vacated.

Mr. Bues seems to enjoy the company of the Benning family. If he can not have one Benning girl he takes another so now he takes No. three.

Miss Pearl Schouten accompanied her sister to her home in Shinglehouse a few weeks ago and was entertained by young Mr. Eyler.

A few nights ago twelve of the Dormitory girls enjoyed a banquet from nine until ten, P. M. But the next day told the tale.

Last Saturday morning, Oct. 14, at about five o'clock, Miss Bessie Fancher was glad to welcome her two brothers, LaVay and LeRoy. A. J.

Music Department

From all evidences, the music department is going to be one of the successful branches of work in the Seminary this year. Already its boundaries are extending out to the surrounding towns, Belfast, Caneadea and Fillmore.

The instrumental part of this work is rapidly increasing in interest. From the talk of the students it seems evident that Miss Hilpot can not be surpassed as a teacher in this work. Already she has, by her earnestness and devotion to the work, won a large place in the hearts of her students. There has been since the last report to the Star an increase of three more students. This makes a total of thirty-six pupils.

The vocal department is still growing numerically and in volume of sound. Houghton Seminary can be grateful she has secured such a competent instructor in voice as Miss Grimes.

This branch of the music department is keeping exact pace with the instrumental work. Already some of the students are just hitting the high places. There are in all twenty-eight who take vocal lessons.

The sight-singing and chorus classes are growing nicely under Miss Grimes' leadership and can be figured as one of the strong features of Houghton Seminary. D. H. S.

Faculty

Professor Smith conducted himself in a very dignified manner during his temporary presidency at General Conference time. In chapel, however, he

very modestly sat in his old place and left the president's chair vacant.

During conference time most of the classes of Professors Luckey, McDowell and Bedford were taught by very capable students. One or two classes did not recite.

On one day last month Dr. Bedford spoke in chapel from 2 Chronicles 12: 9, 10, "He took away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made. And king Rehoboam made shields of brass in their stead." He made the truth very emphatic that if young people let Satan steal the gold out of their lives, they can never have anything but brass to take its place. He spoke this particularly of the physical side of life.

[O. L. S., experiment in chemistry laboratory] "Just look, is that what that ought to do?"

[Prof. R.] "Now don't be asking questions about what nature OUGHT to do. She does things all right and you are to find out what she does." [O. L. S. looking very sober and winking at one of the boys, says no more.]

The deans are finding some work to do. It would be too bad to pay them for being idle.

[Attorney questioning Prof. S. who is being impanelled as jurymen at the mock trial.] "How large a family have you?"

[Prof. S.] "One wife"—[the rest of his reply was not heard.]

For further information regarding the faculty and for instruction in lantern carrying consult Beverly.

J. W. E.

Who's Who Among the Town Folks.

Mrs. Bertha Tarbell has lately moved from Houghton to Delevan, N. Y., where her daughters are attending the training school.

A few days ago Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Walldorf enjoyed a trip to Angelica and a few days' visit among friends at that place.

On Tuesday evening, after the chapel prayer meeting, several of the

old student friends of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crosby surprised them in their home and spent the evening in a very enjoyable manner. They left a rug as a memorial of the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett are still visiting at the home of their son, Mr. Wallace Barnett, at Chestnut Ridge, New York.

One Saturday evening recently the peace loving folk of Houghton—and of Houghton Hall in particular—were aroused from their apathy by the appearance of three mysterious strangers who passed quietly through the streets somewhere between nine and ten o'clock. One of these strange men carried an empty coat sleeve; another limped painfully, while the third bore the defiant countenance of a Mexican Desperado. They were all seen at the ten o'clock train, but then they all mysteriously disappeared. All efforts to gain any knowledge of their identification or whereabouts have as yet been of no avail.

Rev. C. L. Smith assisted David Scott in revival meetings at Botsford Hollow last month.

Pastor Dean S. Bedford was for two weeks last month at the Ecumenical Methodist Conference at Toronto, Canada. He had been chosen to represent the Wesleyan Methodist Denomination of the United States at that Convention. O. L. S.

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