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Very Unique Program Presented

Royal Holland Bell Ringers

The students and friends of Houghton College were given the opportunity Wednesday evening of listening to one of the most unusual programs ever presented in this place. To say that they were delighted with the first number of the lecture course would be putting it mildly.

This novel entertainment was rendered by a family of six who have but recently come from Holland. They fittingly call themselves "the real happy bunch." Their appearance in costume and the broken dialect lent a true Holland atmosphere. Each member of the family showed his versatility by skillfully playing several different instruments. Indeed, the best part of the program was the great variety offered. Among the instruments played were the Swiss hand bells, the cymbal harp, cathedral chimes, saxophone, rattles, glassophone, and ocarino.

What might be called the most striking feature of this very enjoyable program were the bird calls given by the

two younger lads. The resemblance was so close to the song of our little feathered friends that one might well have imagined himself in the woods some bright May morning.

The mother of the family gave, in a very attractive way, a short description of their native land which was "not made by God," and afterwards an explanation of "why Hollanders look so funny." The important points of the latter were humorously illustrated by her husband, especially the various uses of the wooden shoes.

In the concluding part of the program there were folk songs sung in their native language and several songs of a humorous nature of which perhaps Harry Lauder's favorite, "It's nice to get up in the morning," had the greatest appeal.

For the closing number they played America in which they asked the audience to join and after which station R. H. B. "signed off."

Houghton's Opportunity

At various times in the past, Houghton has been privileged to hear very good negro musical talent through the Lecture Course. However, those who have heard the Christian and Missionary Alliance Gospel Quintet, say that the musical talent displayed by these men far exceeds any of its kind that has appeared in Houghton. This Quintet is entirely devoted to the work of the Lord and the singing of His praises. For this reason the Quintet has rejected large offers made by theatre managers who recognized the unusual quality of negro talent. Through correspondence it has been learned that this Quintet will give Houghton an evening's program on one of its tours through this part of the state. This proposition has been unanimously approved by the student body and passed by the faculty, so that all apparent obstacles are out of the way. Now, since everybody has voted to support this idea, let's all broadcast the valuable news among the friends and neighbors of Houghton, in order to introduce this Gospel Quintet to a chapel filled to capacity.

Proposed Plan Debated

Affirmative Won Unanimous Decision

We all have heard the adage, "Pick your company." Did you pick yours last Monday night? If you did, you were assembled with the company of Athenian members in the chapel where one of the best programs in the history of the society was given by the debate class.

The subject debated was, "Resolved that the proposed plan for athletics should be adopted." Mr. Donohue, the first speaker of the affirmative, presented the subject, and proved that the present system of athletics did not meet the need of the past. The discussion of the negative side was opened by Mr. King who proved that there are no inherent weaknesses in the pres-

ent system. That the old system does not meet the needs of the present and that the present system will not meet the needs of the future was proved by the remaining two speakers of the affirmative, Mr. Elzey and Mr. Christy respectively. Mr. Storms, second speaker of the negative, proved that the present system results in a most equitable and efficient division of the students. That the present system is not adapted to Houghton College was proved by Mr. Hussey, the last speaker of the negative side.

While the audience held their breath in suspense, the president of the society after receiving the ballots of the judges, announced that each of the three votes was in favor of the affirmative side.

In view of the fact that the debaters had so little time in which to prepare, we feel that they did exceptionally well in delivering their speeches. The rebuttals proved to be very strong in each case, a fact which made the debate much more interesting and successful. With such a force of debaters and orators, we may well compete with any school in inter-collegiate debating.

House of Bowen Wins Over Steese Gang

Last Friday evening probably one of the most grueling games played this season was staged in the Bedford Gym., when the Steese Gang clashed with the House of Bowen. It was a rough and tumble fight from start to finish, and because of insufficient practice, it cannot be described as a spectacular example of team work or fancy pass-work.

The House of Bowen Basketeers were out for blood, and gained the edge on the Steese gang from the very start. This lead was relinquished, and as a result the piratical Steese bunch were taken prisoner by their relentless foes by a score of 36 to 19.

"Chuck" Howland of the Bowen House was the outstanding star of the evening, gaining "Walter Johnson" renown when he slipped three lucky shots through the hoop in close succession. "Wamba" Scott and "Jack" Broughton of the pirate bunch also showed great skill, and branded themselves as coming champions who deserve watching. Howard (Beans) Bain, with his mighty avoirdupois, could not be moved when solidly set.

As a whole, the game was a ludicrous example of basket-ball, and was preceded by a much better preliminary when the College Freshmen trounced the Seminary Department.

In spite of the drubbing, however, the Steese gang is waiting for revenge.

Theolog Activities

Inclement Weather Does Not Daunt Christian Workers

The people of Fox and Dutch hills were delighted to find, last Sunday, that Houghton's Christian Workers are not fair weather people. Mr. Lutz conducted the service at Dutch Hill and took up the matter of placing a permanent representative. No one has been definitely appointed. Mr. Hess, Mr. Tucker, and Misses Fish and Linquest braved the storm and spent a delightful hour in the little school house at Fox Hill. In the afternoon, they visited the homes in the community, and left blessing wherever they went.

The blessing of the Lord was very evident in the service at Allen Center. Two more of the people were converted and the community is becoming more and more anxious for revival services.

The quartet, and four Christian Workers interested in Missionary work gave the Wesleyan people at Fillmore an interesting program on Africa, Japan, South America, and Tibet.

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Thirty Seven Attend Mission Study

Last Saturday evening, thirty seven young people filled the Theological room prepared to listen to talks on mission work. The theme of the evening was "Medieval Missionaries", and three very interesting talks were given by Miss Chind, Miss Frost, and Miss Driscoll on St. Patrick, Raymond, Lull, and Francis Xavier, respectively.

This year a change has been made in the leadership of this class, Miss Rickard being chosen for this position. Plans have not been completed for the year's work, but programs are promised which will be interesting and inspirational. The aim of the class is first, to produce the missionary spirit, and second, to acquaint those who attend with the inception and growth of this great movement which has encircled the earth.

Erratum

The issue of October 23 should be Number 5 instead of Number 4.

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Editorial

Training for Failure vs Universal Success

"He trained himself for failure".

This was the striking statement made in last Sunday evening's service by Bro. Pitt in his discourse on Esau. This man trained himself for failure by so allowing sensual appetite to overmaster him that when he came to the crisis of his life, he was powerless to do anything but follow the bent of his pre-formed character.

We would like to look at this idea from the opposite corner, beginning with the postulate, All men succeed. Esau, himself, was a success—a success in eating pottage. Here the need for a definition of success shows itself. "Success", says Webster, "is the favorable or prosperous termination of anything attempted." Since "what interests us is us", we will look at success from the students' standpoint. Every student who has ever been in Houghton, is here now, or will ever enter these doors is a success. He cannot fail.

If you have heard of students whose examinations showed a Z-, or who have been obliged to pass from our doors before the culmination of a year's study, you will be inclined to think there is a little contradiction to the above statements regarding success, but then it is none in fact. The causes for such seeming failure may be, for instance, a delightful party the night before ex-

aminations, or an exceeding fondness for

"quips and cranks and wanton wiles, Nods and becks and wreathed smiles."

Returning to the definition, it is beyond the utmost flights of the imagination to suppose that the evening's entertainment did not terminate favorably, or that there was failure to effect the quips and cranks. If by any chance full success was not attained, it must have been because the mind and purpose was attracted into another channel holding slightly greater allurements. Perhaps the examination was a bit disappointing in its result, but one can't expect to be successful in too many things at once.

We repeat. We are all successes along some line. We can all eat soup!

Prof. Wright—We'd all like to be lady-killers if we could, wouldn't we?

Harold Douglass—I wouldn't!

Prof. Wright—I noticed that you towed the whole music and oratory department to the basket ball game the other night.

Our President's Message

The informal society party has its place, and includes class parties, hikes, picnics, and all kinds of informal gatherings that are planned beforehand. Such parties often involve the serving of refreshments and usually includes some kind of program. A certain degree of freedom, entirely out of place in the formal social functions, is not only allowable, but is even required here. In fact it is necessary to steer clear between Scylla the rock of formality and Charybdis the whirlpool of burlesque and vaudeville. The object of such parties is to furnish wholesome recreation after it has been properly earned, and to furnish young people with a legitimate means of indulging their natural and God-given instinct to play and enjoy themselves. If properly conducted such parties can be a benefit physically, mentally, and spiritually. Keep the ideals on a high level, the program clean and elevating, the refreshments light and inexpensive, and the hours thus spent may make us better and stronger men and women.

However, it is possible to have too much of even a good thing. Proper indulgence may become dissipation, and just as a narcotic creates a depraved appetite, so too much social recreation creates a state of mind that is only satisfied with a continual round of events. Such a state of mind is absolutely destructive to good scholarship, and is not conducive to deep spiritual life. Furthermore, such events usually involve expense so that poor students must be temperate and others should be temperate for the sake of the other fellow. In view of these facts we conclude that informal social parties have their place, but they should be attended sparingly. Permission should be granted to any one student to attend but a limited number during a semester, and the motto of the whole student body may well be "Improve the quality by limiting the quantity".

J. S. Luckey.

To be continued

A Precious Meeting

A spirit of liberty and devotion characterized the last students' prayer meeting. The leader, Miss Goldie Davidson, read the 91st Psalm and emphasized the fact that every verse contains a promise. A very profitable period of time was spent in prayer before the service for testimonies. Among those who spoke were two girls who said they had been definitely saved and one girl who had been sanctified during the past week.

We were glad to detect throughout the whole meeting a greater freedom and determination than formerly. Surely, God is graciously answering prayer, and a growing revival spirit is in our midst—praise Heaven's King! Let us continue to pray and obey the voice of the Lord until every student shall experience God's saving grace and shall be firmly established in His will.

Florence Long in chem. I—What's the difference between tomic and atomic weights?

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The speakers were Miss Sartwell, Miss Chind, Mr. Smiley, and Mr. Boyd. A second Gospel Squad climbed the hills to the Rushford Baptist church.

Next Sunday evening, the Lord willing, the Extension workers will preach the Gospel at the Bliss Baptist church.

Star Sport Stanza

By Hussey

If everything upon this earth was cheerfulness and joy, if all our pain would turn to mirth with nothing to annoy, we never could appreciate or fully understand, nor could we ever estimate the blessings from God's hand. If all the many paths of life were strewn with roses fair, if we would have no grief or strife, no suffering or care, if, while we sail on life's dark sea, we find no rock or shoal, could we enjoy the tranquil lee when we have reached our goal? We all have aches and sorrow of magnitude, no doubt. We see a dark tomorrow with sadness all about. But whatever be your trouble look through the mists of time. Examine life's frail bubble, and you'll find peace sublime. Take life ten times less serious. Enjoy yourself, I say! Life's troubles are mysterious, but quickly cured by PLAY. To this end then we welcome you to basketball and track, that we may make you feel less blue, and that joy might come back. So let's come out for baseball, and use the tennis court. Just heed the wholesome outdoor call. In short—LET'S BE A SPORT.

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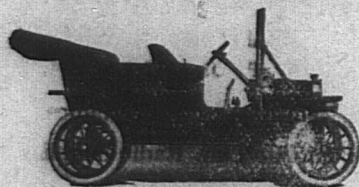
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Who would ever think of taking his chapel "cut" on Friday? Especially after the favors presented by the Oratory and Music departments last Friday, one would not wish to risk missing another treat. Following the devotionals conducted by Mr. Boyd, the Oratory Department was ably represented by Misses Remington and Sartwell and the Music Department by Miss Storms, "Emmy Lou's Catching Up" won such applause that Miss Remington was prevailed upon to give us "Almost Beyond Endurance" from her favorite author, James Whitcomb Riley. The simple faith of childhood in universal goodness was depicted in "Edith's Burglar" as read by Miss Sartwell. These readings were followed by two excellently rendered vocal solos by Miss Storms.

Baby Party

Last Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, thirteen college girls under the supervision of Miss Hilpot, trooped down to the new dining room for a birthday party. Four of the number have birthdays in October—Gladys Taylor, Harriet Storms, Laurel Davies, and Ruby Moore—so they were the honored guests.

The invitations called it a Baby Party, so each girl came wearing a short dress and sporting a big bow. After such thrilling games as Ring Round a Rosy and Poor Pussy, the infants rushed to a large table in the corner of the room, cleverly decorated in pink and white. Here they proceeded to quarrel over sandwiches, pickles, cookies, ice cream, marshmallows, and a beautiful big birthday cake until the time their mnyvers had set for them to go home. Doesn't oo wlsn 'at oo had a birfday in October?

Anticipated Weiners

Last Thursday afternoon, the Nature Study Club enjoyed a hike and weiner roast. Miss Rork, the efficient leader and adviser of the Club required each person to learn three different things concerning nature.

The group, after having scouted around the woods, returned to the dining room of the camp ground where a delicious supper was eagerly devoured.

The party broke up at seven o'clock after having enjoyed a very pleasant occasion.

Local News Items

Prof. and Mrs. Whitaker were in Olean shopping last Saturday.

Miss Ruby Hogg was the week end guest of Misses Margaret and Ruth Williams.

Kenneth Gibbon of Arcade was in town Saturday, and Earl Tierney of Pike, Sunday.

Miss Corinne Cole spent the week end at Scio, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bernhoft.

Harold VanWormer accompanied Robert and Price Stark to their home in Dayton for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Landow of Middleport have been visiting their daughter, Miss Catherine Secord, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arden Burt of Rochester are spending some time with Mrs. Burt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon. They expect to leave for Florida in the near future.

Mrs. F. D. Rockwell and little grandson, Billie Johnson, have returned from Cranesville, Pa. where Mrs. Rockwell has been visiting her parents for a week or so.

Mr. and Mrs. Cronk, Mr. Alton Cronk, Miss Barbara Cronk, Mr. Stevenson, Miss Hogg, Miss Ruth Williams, Miss Miller, Miss Rishell, Prof. Molyneaux, Miss Roberta Molyneaux, and Mr. W. Bain attended a concert given by the great pianist, Lhevinne, at Rochester Monday night.

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