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## Houghton Student Injured

When the automobile in which she was riding, in company with some other Houghton students, last Friday evening, skidded and hit the rear end against a telephone pole, Miss Bernice Wright of Fillmore had two fingers on her left hand badly crushed and sustained a severe cut in the forehead. It was feared, at first, that she would lose the injured fingers; but it is now believed that amputation will not be necessary. When certain members of the faculty and student body visited her Sunday, she was well on the way to recovery.

## Book Committee Holds Session

The annual meeting of the Book Committee of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection was held at Syracuse, last week, opening on the evening of February 5. A favorable session was reported. President Luckey presented an encouraging report from Houghton College, the financial statement for the past year showing a splendid business gain.

Recommendations were passed for several missionaries to sail soon for Africa and India. Mr. Banker, our outgoing missionary for India, attended a part of the session. The usual missionary budget was voted.

We will look forward to a more detailed report of the recommendations for Houghton College.

## LIBRARY BENEFIT

On Friday evening, February 22, 1924, will be given the program for the benefit of the Library fund. This is always one of the much anticipated events of the winter at Houghton, and the program promises to be both pleasing and unusual. The departments of music and oratory, and the orchestra are giving their best talent for this entertainment.

In return they deserve the united support and appreciation of the student body and the friends of Houghton.

## Life Is Not a Joke

Such was the introductory address given by Professor H. W. McDowell, president of Miltonvale College, at our chapel service Tuesday morning. With a spirit of earnestness, emphasized by his characteristic humor, he spoke from the text, Rom. 1:16. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Though life is not a joke, he said, it ought to be a joy, and the zest of life comes from our work. To be able to rise we must have some external dynamic and that is "the power of God unto salvation". Starting with this postulate he presented the fundamental truths of conversion and sanctification. That there are miraculous, or supernatural, operations and that there is not a syllable of true science which disproves the miraculous, was the message the professor firmly impressed. As in modern science we have the right to challenge the world to put the Word of God to the laboratory test. The address was closed with the injunction to know something about salvation and then hold to that forever.

## Three Gates of Gold

L. L. BOYD

If you are tempted to reveal  
A tale someone to you has told  
About another, make it pass  
Before you speak, three gates of  
gold.

Three narrow gates: First--"Is it  
true?"

Then, "Is it needful?" In your  
mind

Give truthful answer. And the  
next

Is last and narrowest, "Is it  
kind?"

And if, to reach your lips at last,  
It passes through these gateways  
three,

Then you may tell the tale, nor  
fear,

What the result of speech may be.

## Purple and Gold Boys Divide

### Gold Girls Take Both Games

The Purple and Gold men divided the first two games of the series, the Gold winning the first to the tune of 32-37, the Purple being minus Enty; and the Purple came out at the long end of the second, a somewhat slower game, by the score of 36-42. The Gold girls completely out-played the Purple in the first game 20-4 while in the second game the Purple, by changes in the line-up, and by playing almost entirely defense, managed to hold them to 12-3.

The first game was much the fastest and most scientific of the two. Both teams were at a high degree of perfection. Donahue, new Gold forward, along with Henshaw, veteran guard, were the outstanding stars for their side. Donahue is an excellent passer, a sure dribbler, has a sure eye for the iron loop, and is also endowed with a fine art of getting behind defense. He is an incalculable aid to the Gold this year. Henshaw can only be characterized as one of the finest back guards in school. As a whole the Gold's defense was almost impregnable, so much so that the Purple were compelled to resort to a long shooting and passing game.

Bentley, new Purple forward, was at his best in this style of play, and caged eight field goals. Williams, the Purple's new center, fills the largest hole in the Purple line-up. He is at least as good as the Gold center, Hussey, on securing the tip-off while his recovery of rebound shots is a revelation. The Purple played out of position. "Pete" Steese, their captain, being compelled to hold down Donahue from a guard position, while "Midget", his wonderful passing kid-brother, took his place with Bentley.

### The Second Game

The second game was far behind the first in all phases of the sport; the morale of both teams seemed to be at a low ebb. The Gold played the same line-up as before with Baker and Hussey

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**Weekly Food for Thought**

"And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

"The ungodly are not so; but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away."

"Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous".

**Editorial**

While we have time for almost everything else, our time just to be friends and to make old acquaintances into new friends becomes shorter every year. Under the pressure of work of seemingly greater importance, our friendship time is slowly becoming shorter and shorter. Now someone will begin to quibble over that much discussed word, friend. They will assert that we can have only one or two true friends, and so the time used in an endeavor to gain more is only wasted. However, we will not argue that question this time. We do not even take enough time to cement our acquaintanceships, to say nothing about making friends.

It is a deplorable situation. We Work! Work! Work! Play! Play! Play!

All the time our social activities creep nearer and nearer the vanishing point. It is a fact that there are very few college students who have time, or who think that they have time, to stop even for a moment and chat with a student in the hall. Many of us won't even say "hello." If he does deign to halt his mad rush for a moment, the conversation usually turns out to be cold, formal and business like. As a rule someone is collecting a tax, raising a subscription, or pressing you for a loan; or perhaps your class, your side, your society, your athletic association, or your committee is about to meet to decide a very important question and your presence is absolutely required.

Take time to be friends. Don't get too big an idea of your own importance. In the past twelve months, at least three Americans great, as the world counts greatness, have passed out into the next world. Warren G. Harding, Charles P. Steinmetz, and Woodrow Wilson have quit this earthly sphere, and before another year passes, many more will follow them. Yes, they were great men. They were men of international reputation who had held, as it were, nations in the palm of their hands. Yet the world moves on, just as it would have done if these men had died as obscure students of Houghton College. The development of electric energy, the maneuvers of politics and politicians, and the changes in international relations proceed with scarcely a tremor. Let us not get an exaggerated idea of our own importance. If any of us should at any time instantly drop our work in Houghton, the old school would go on just the same.

When we fill our lungs for the last time with life-giving oxygen, when that little pump called the heart at last becomes exhausted and is compelled to stop, the inquiry about us won't be, "How did he die?" Rather, the words will echo, "How did he live?" People won't be very interested in the amount of material wealth which we have managed to accumulate, but the question that will come thundering home will be, "How much did he give?" Few will want to know about the number of offices that we have held, and how well we have discharged our duty in them; but the ringing cry will be, "Had he a heart?"

"How did he play  
 His God-given part?  
 Was he ever ready  
 With a word o' good cheer  
 To bring back a smile  
 And to banish a tear?"

Who in that day will want to know, "In what creed did he believe?" Few will inquire, "Was he a Wesleyan Methodist, Presbyterian, or a Baptist?" Fewer still will be the number who will want to know what the sketch in the newspaper said about us, but many will wonder if we played the "Good Samaritan" and befriended those really in need. But the last and most important question of all will be, "How many were sorry when he passed away?"

**TAKE TIME TO BE FRIENDS.**

**Dean Wright Speaks**

Just a word of appreciation. Robert Ingersoll said, "Flowers on the casket shed no fragrance over life's weary road." Hence we hand our bouquets to the living. Those games last Friday night were superfine. Personally, I greatly appreciated the fine spirit manifested by the players and spectators. I also am greatly gratified with the addition of an opening prayer. To be opened with prayer is not necessarily a matter of piety, but it is God-honoring in Houghton when we know that our students take such a stand because they are willing to acknowledge God in everything and to seek His help. God First makes a good rule of conduct. Keep it up, students, and you will win in the game of life, whether you win or lose.

F. H. Wright.

Mrs. C. J. Thayer attended the Soap Club at Mrs. Ed McCarty's at Fillmore last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Meredith are rejoicing over the arrival on February 9 of a baby girl, June Catherine.

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starring for them. Their game showed many flashes of brilliancy and at other times lapsed far below the average. Their offensive seemed to have a greater amount of pep but their defense was much less strong than in the first game.

The Purple, playing Enty, were also far below par. They fumbled the ball and passed poorly, although their defense tightened in the last half in one of their most brilliant flashes of good ball. Bentley, their star, caged more baskets for one game than has ever been caged in the history of Houghton basket-ball, twelve in number. W. Williams went out in the last half while Bentley took his place with "Miget" Steese playing for him. The "Miget" is the greatest coming player in Houghton.

The first girls' game was a slaughter in favor of the Gold. Their defense was of the highest type and their offense was impregnable while their center Anderson scored almost at will. She had five field goals to her credit. The Purple's lighter team found themselves completely outclassed. On the second game however the Purple strengthened their defense to a great extent by playing one of their stars M. Ackerman at center with Loftis guard. V. Ackerman and Loftis both starred for them but were unable to keep the Gold score less than 12, although many of them were garnered from the foul line.

**The Senior Band Meeting**

The assurance that in God's will there is peace and safety and work was brought to us forcibly in the Senior Y. M. W. B. meeting Tuesday night.

After the devotionals conducted by Brother and Sister Clark, Pres. McDowell spoke briefly. He told of the first organization of a young people's missionary society in Houghton in 1899 at the request of Brother Clark, who was then starting for Africa. Pres. McDowell made an especial appeal to the boys to offer themselves to God for service in the foreign field.

At the suggestion of Professor Wright the students arose to express their appreciation of the three inspiring messages of Pres. McDowell while he has been in Houghton and to ask him to take their greetings to the school at Miltonvale.

Sister Florence Yorton who leaves this month for her fourth term of service in Sierra Leone then gave her farewell address to the Band. Very tenderly she told of her early life and call to the work of her Lord. After speaking of how green a new missionary is, she said that after sixteen years' labor the blackness of heathenism seemed only a very little lessened. The need of the whole land is very great; just in that small section vast multitudes worship false gods.

Once when greatly disappointed in the results of her efforts, Miss Yorton was strengthened by remembering that God said "My word shall accomplish that which I please." It will reach their hearts, they will be saved and become co-workers with Christ. Miss Yorton said it is worth everything to be in the Lord's will and to find his gracious help in every hardship.

We were glad that Brother Clark paid a high tribute to Sister Yorton after her address, speaking of her faithfulness to the gospel, and her ability to teach the boys in her school. The Band members pledged themselves to follow her in prayer, and Sister Yorton said she was going with perfect rest concerning the trip and work ahead.

The African quartet, Sisters Tanner and Yorton, and Brother and Sister Clark, sang twice in the Limba tongue as the black boys sing our gospel.

This unusual meeting with four missionaries and a brother president made us say anew "Sweet will of God, still fold me closer."

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**What Kind of a Man are You?**

If you were in chapel Friday, you learned to which class of men you belong. The members of the honored Senior class in short sermonettes told us that there are three classes of people, the hurt, the hurting, and the helping.

Mark Bedford spoke concerning the hurt man, and brought to our attention the fact that it is often our friends who hurt us--perhaps never intentionally, but nevertheless sometimes cruelly. Helen Davison presented the hurting man, whose lot is even more sad than that of the hurt man. She based her thought upon Luke 17: 12. But the helping man, presented by Royal Woodhead, is the one who inspires us. He it is who sacrifices in order to serve others. He it is who helps to alleviate the sorrow in the world by pouring oil and wine into the many bleeding heart wounds of our brothers and sisters, and he it is who acts according to the precepts of the poem read by Fred Bedford:

"So I say let us walk with the men in the road;  
Let us seek out the burdens that crush;  
Let us speak a kind word of good cheer to the weak,  
Who are falling behind in the rush.  
There are wounds to be healed; there are breaks we must mend;  
There's a cup of cold water to give;  
And the man in the road by the side of his friend,  
Is the man who has learned how to live."

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**Election at Gaoyadeo Hall**

The girls at Gaoyadeo Hall elected their officers for the second semester on Wednesday evening, February sixth. Miss Gifford was elected president and Miss Vila Ackerman secretary. Miss Gifford, whose home is in Portland, Oregon, has been with us one semester: but we believe that she is capable of performing her duty well. Miss Ackerman, who has been with us several years, is a high school senior, and has won many friends among her fellow-students.

We had splendid co-operation last semester, and very faithful officers. We are looking for a still better semester ahead, now that all are better acquainted with "dorm life." If you don't know, by experience, what those two words mean, you have missed an interesting and helpful part of your school life.

**HOUGHTON LOCALS**

Curtis Woodhead and family are visiting his parents.

John Bruce, a former Houghton student, is visiting in town.

Dorothy Clark, of Orchard Park is

visiting friends in school.

J. D. Benson of Savona spent the week-end with his family.

C. J. Crandall and family visited at Volney Wilson's Saturday.

Keith Farner, a former student, has returned to school this semester.

Mr. Beck of Oberlin College has entered the college sophomore class.

**Basket-ball Statistics**

**Boys' First Game**

Gold, 37; Purple, 32.

Field Baskets: Bentley 8, points 16; Donahue 7, points 15; Baker 4, points 9; Steese 4, points 8.

Foul Shots: Gold, 3 out of 10; Purple, 0 out of 9.

**Boys' Second Game**

Gold, 36; Purple, 42.

Field Baskets: Bentley 12, Points 24; Baker 7, points 18; Steese 6, points 12; Donahue 4, points 10.

Foul Shots: Gold, 10 out of 19; Purple, 0 out of 11.

**Totals**

Gold, 73; Purple, 74.

Field Baskets: Bentley 20, points 40; Baker 11, points 27; Donahue 11, points 25; Steese 10, points 20.

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**Beefsteak Feed at Steese's**

On Saturday evening last, after basket-ball practice, several men treated themselves to a beefsteak feed at the home of Paul and Carl Steese. Besides the Steese brothers there were present, "Eddie" Williams, Seeley Austin, Kenneth Gibbin, and Earl Tierney. Gibbin and Tierney acted in the role of cooks while the other members of the sextette deigned to finish the evening's entertainment by washing the dishes.

All present reported a very enjoyable time, not to mention full stomachs and no ill after-effects.

**New Athenian Officials Chosen**

President - Ernest Crocker  
Vice President - Fred Bedford  
Secretary - Laura Baker  
Treasurer - Cecil Huntsman

The Executive Committee has made the following appointments:

Chaplain - Archibald King  
Chorister - Eudora Fero  
Pianist - Alice Molyneux  
Sergeant-at-arms - Alfred Johnson  
Program Committee:  
Mary Steves, Chairman  
Clarice Spencer  
Frank Henshaw

**New Officers for Neosophic Society**

As the meeting this week was the first one this semester the main item of business was the election of new officers whose term will last till the first meeting next September. The preliminaries were made as brief as possible after which the following officers were elected.

Perry Tucker, President  
Dorothy Brooks, Vice President  
Irene Fladd, Secretary  
Florence Fish, Ass't Secretary  
Alfred Kreckman, Treasurer  
Raphael Gunn, Sergeant-at-arms  
Paul Jassimides, Janitor

Dorothy Brooks, Florence Fish, and Alice Huntsman make up the new program committee. Each member of the society is determined to make this semester the best period that the organization has ever known. Hearty co-operation between officers and members is the secret of our success. May we each do our part.

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