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Big Rats! Little Rats!

Keep Them From Devouring Our
Indian Protoges by Devouring Less
Ourselves

"How would you like to share your room with rats?" was the startling question propounded by Miss Davidson in chapel Friday. To us who have such comfortable quarters, such a situation seems almost inconceivable. But it is not a mere play of imagination; it is a reality. In our girls' dormitory in India, the girls often awake to find that the rats have been biting them. Also the heavy rains find every crack and crevice in the roof, and beat down upon the girls. Are not we, who are so favorably situated, going to do our bit to improve these conditions? Surely, after hearing Miss Linquest's talk on "Self-denial," Miss Gifford's reading, "The Fighting Squad," and the stirring selection rendered by the male quartet, none of us will want to fail. And so we are going to have a period of self-denial until Thanksgiving vacation, and we hope that many of our number will have so imbibed the true spirit of giving that they will not stop then.

It will be necessary to have \$3000 to erect a suitable dormitory for our Indian girls, and Houghton has taken upon herself the task of raising \$500. Is that too much? We have done it before, and with God's help we CAN now. Will not our alumni and friends join with us in this campaign? Let's do without the candy and hot-dogs, and bring in full mite-boxes.

Forkell HERE
TO NIGHT

Sunday School Class Party

The Inasmuch Sunday School Class enjoyed a very pleasant Friday evening, November 6, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke. For the first part of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke narrated many of their thrilling and interesting experiences in African life. The program following consisted of humorous reading given by Miss Josephine Rickard, and a piano duet by the Misses Ruth Williams and Ruby Hogg. Delightful refreshments were served, and after some cheering, the girls disbanded, feeling that they had had a splendid time.

Leaders to be Secured as Chapel Speakers

Surplus Fund from Lecture Course
Basis Public Benefit

To appropriate the surplus funds of last year's lecture course was a problem presented to the executive committee of the U. L. A. As the quality of this year's course was chosen with the purpose of favoring the public with better and, therefore, more expensive talent, a course was contracted which exceeded the cost of last year's by over one hundred dollars. It was thought that last year's surplus would be a guarantee for this additional cost; but, again, the sale of season tickets met with such splendid support that the entire course was guaranteed by the evening of the first number.

In order to return to the school and community dividends on their investment, the following recommendations were accepted by the executive committee and ratified by the U. L. A.:

That the sum of one hundred seventy-five dollars of the surplus from last year's lecture course be reserved to secure chapel speakers for the remainder of this school year;

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I saw a little patch of green
I thought it was the grass,
But nearing it, I saw

A member of the Freshman class.

The students of Houghton College are in a bewilderment. A great and preponderous question permeates the mind of every true student. Sickness has prevailed throughout the school during the past few days. Whether or not it has left the student body with the affliction of color blindness, is more than the writer can ascertain. Suffice it to say, the vast majority are either suffering an optical illusion or else a group of students commonly referred to as Freshmen have suddenly developed a disease somewhat similar to jaundice, except that instead of yellow we find a dazzling green, and the only part of the body affected seems to be the top of the head.

H. S. Class of '25
Attention!

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Class Picture to Evan Molyneux
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That such speakers shall be leaders in the religious field and in other fields;

That of this reserve fund thirty-five dollars shall be the maximum used to secure any one speaker;

That the public be informed of the time of such occasion and that they be cordially invited to attend;

That, as far as possible, double numbers be arranged, one for chapel and one for evening;

That a student-faculty committee consisting of the President of the College, two other faculty members, and two students, with power to secure speakers, after approval by the faculty, be elected.

At the meeting of the U. L. A. last Monday, at which these recommendations were ratified, the committee was completed with the following elections: Dean Fancher, Professor Ries, Clair Carey, and Corinne Cole.

It is anticipated that this program will bring us into contact with those men who will greatly enrich our student life and who will be a benefit to the community.

From a Broomstick to a Pony

In a stirring talk, November 5, on the opportunities of the student, Rev. James Allenwood, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., brought out the fact that we should strive for the higher things of life. He ably illustrated this thought by describing his childish enthusiasm to own a pony.

The privileges of the student are unusual and upon him rests the responsibility of leadership. For everyone who attends high school six must stay at home. Mr. Allenwood stressed the thought that no talent should be left undeveloped. The greatest tragedy is throwing away gifts and opportunities.

"Don't park here" is one of the best slogans for a young person. Life grows! Don't be satisfied with little things. We should "not only be consecrated but ably developed so that consecration may mean a great deal" declared Mr. Allenwood in closing.

We extend sympathy to the Misses Brown and James, who are ill with the chickenpox.

Freshmen to the Front

Give Excellent Program at Society

Last Monday night, a large crowd attended Athenian Literary Society to hear the program given by the freshman class. The first on the program was a speech on "Patriotism" by Lowell Fox. One of his striking points was that a patriotic citizen would not only help his country when she was in the right, but would love her when she was in the wrong and show her where in she might become better. After a piano duet by Miss Hogg and Miss Ruth Williams, Miss Fox gave two readings; first, that beautiful poem "In Flanders Fields" by McRae, and second, "America's Answer". The program then shifted from the sublime to the simple when "The Lockport Team" consisting of Emery Carl and Arthur Clegg, gave a series of readings and dialogs. Mr. Carl showed a remarkable change from a little boy looking at pictures and asking simple but unanswerable questions, to a young man full of pep and ambition just returning from college.

So excellent was the evening entertainment, that the critic could not offer any destructive criticisms. The Freshman class showed wonderful talent, and we expect great things from them in the future activities of the college.

College Seniors Go to Cuba

Last Friday evening the Seniors held a rather informal banquet at the Kinney House in Cuba. As dinner was announced shortly after their arrival, they assembled in the dining room where a table beautifully decorated in blue and white awaited them. A four course dinner was served, after which they went back to the cozy reception room to gather about the open fireplace. An informal entertainment was furnished by several members of the class. Then general conversation drifted from riddles and jokes to a reminiscence of the "never-to-be-forgotten Sophomore English days". You might ask Professor Hazlett if his efforts had been in vain. College songs concluded a most enjoyable evening.

Every member of the College Senior Class of last year is now a subscriber of the STAR. Good for you, Class of '25!

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Editorial

Shakespeare said, "If music be the food of love, play on." It would be well if music were the food of love for every soul, but yet it is possible that an appetite for harmony in music may be imbibed in the nature of man without creating a spirit of love or spiritual enrichment.

Whether music is the food of love or not to any person is conditioned upon the class of music and upon the temperament of the individual. But we are pleased that our school has so many students who appreciate music—music as defined by Webster—"a combination of pleasing expressive, or intelligible combination of tones".

The appreciation of this God-given art is, with certain limitations, a barometer for the culture of an individual. Culture as defined by Webster is, "the enlightenment and discipline acquired by mental and moral training". But should not appreciation of fine arts move hand in hand with culture as viewed by Webster? Can they be divorced, and either without the other mold a cultured life such as we regard that term today? No, they cannot.

Then we must recognize that the gratification of the mind's and heart's search for truth as well as the appeasement of the craving for harmony must be included as the natural desires of a cultured man or woman. Man searches for truth—that is, a man who lives up to his duty and privilege. Man de-

Our President's Message

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings." Sometime in life nearly every student of Houghton College will find himself in the presence of great men and women, and the more diligent the student is in his business, the more often will he find that this is taking place. To be prepared to conduct one's self on these occasions with ease and grace is one of the greatest assets that a student can possess.

The formal social function is the event that gives opportunity for this training, and there is no other phase of the school life in which there is greater need of improvement than in the way we conduct ourselves at formal social gatherings. We will attempt to describe some of the characteristics that formal social functions should possess and this will make clear some of the improvements that are necessary.

In every detail there should be dignity, the personal cleanliness should be faultless, the dress should be tasty and neat, and the whole personal appearance should give the impression of being well groomed. The decorations should be simple and chosen for their harmonious and artistic effect. If there is any program, it should usually be very brief and elevating in character. If there is a reception, all should pass through in line without awkward pauses, and never should one who is receiving engage in long conversation with one in the line. To refuse to pass through in the line is usually a discourtesy to those who are receiving. Sometimes arrangements are made for all the guests to be seated, but more often it is intended that all should stand during the entire period of the function. When this is the case, seats should never be used except by elderly people who are not able to stand. It is exceedingly improper for young people to bring in chairs, to occupy the

lights in a new-found truth. And more, man is attracted, or, one might even say, enchanted by the expounding of a dormant truth in a clear, elucidating, and forceful manner. Such is the state of a progressive, cultured human being. Inspiration and persuasion to the achievement of higher ideals and to the ability of one to better serve his fellowmen and God is of inestimable value.

We, of Houghton are expecting Mr. Forkell, a forceful inspiring speaker, on Friday evening, November 13. Perhaps, he has a message for you.

few seats that may be provided, or to sit around on the window sills. During the social period the couples or groups should be well distributed throughout the room, but these groups should change often, and no couples or groups should wander around outside of the room or rooms where the gathering is held. Usually some form of refreshments are served at these functions and it is shocking to see the conduct that is sometimes exhibited. When this is true, one is reminded more of the pig sty than of the parlor. The law of kindness and unselfishness is the basis for all good manners, and in no other can it be used more effectively. Elderly people and special guests should always be served first and the utmost consideration should always be shown for each other. It is usually intended that there should be but one serving, and it is very unbecoming to overstep this convention. In general, children should not be allowed to attend these functions, if permitted to be present, they should remain with their parents and should not be allowed to run about the room. Games are not in order, but perfect conduct is.

Students, the formal social functions can give you training that will be a valuable asset. But to accomplish this you must do your part to make it what it ought to be. You may say that you do not enjoy such functions, but the reason is probably the same that some have for not enjoying classical music or great pictures. The trouble is not with the music or the pictures. Let us do our best to make this phase of our school life worthwhile.

J. S. Luckey.

To be continued

Victory

True to His unbroken promise, God met with honest hearts in the Tuesday evening prayer-meeting. Mr. Van Wormer read the incident as given in Acts 8:26-40 of Philip and the eunuch. He declared that God would send some one to enlighten every person who was really seeking Him, and that many would go their way rejoicing if we would keep where God could have His way.

The time of prayer was precious, for God is always graciously near His people. We are sure that the enemies' ranks were exceedingly troubled when they heard such earnest testimonies as these and others equally good: "When

I started out to serve Jesus, I started for life"; "It is my desire that everything unholy shall create a great dislike in my heart"; "I want to keep in a place where my life will be a testimony in this world of sin." We expect that satan will endeavor to test the sincerity of these testimonies, but our God is a conquering King, a God who knows no defeat and whose life's blood was shed that we—you and I, Houghton students—might have personal and daily victory over sin.

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Revival Meetings

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The representatives to Fox Hill reported a good service, also. No representative was sent to Dutch Hill last Sunday, but it is expected that someone will go there next Sunday. Good reports were received from the Hume Baptist Church where we held a missionary service in the evening.

Next Sunday evening, Houghton students will carry on an evangelistic service at the Wyoming Baptist Church.

If the desires of the Theological Department could be fully realized, there would be no child within ten miles of Houghton in any direction to whom a Sunday School would not be accessible. They ask your prayers that advance may continually be made along this line, and also that the Sunday evening services may be such that the blessing of God may rest upon them.

Flo—Well, Erm, I hear you're to be a German some day.

Erma—How come?

Flo—Well, aren't Hessians Germans?

Hess—I heard somebody boisterously laughing in the next room and went in to see what the joke was.

Audience—What was it?

Hess—Karl was looking in the mirror!

Jack Broughton to Miss Rishell at dinner—Did you say you were teaching evolution now?

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Revival at West Chazy
 Rev. Cecil Huntsman, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at West Chazy, wishes to report victory in the revival services held October 4-25 by Rev. E. E. Watts of Sandy Lake, Pa. It was a hard battle, for the devil does not surrender souls without a struggle. One young man, who drank, and smoked four packages of cigarettes a day, struggled against conviction for almost the whole three weeks of meetings and then the last night, after the farewell to the evangelist, broke away to the altar and in less than five minutes prayed through to perfect victory. His shouts lasted over half an hour at the church and then all the way home. It has been a week since that time and his joy still abides and he has not felt any desire for drink or cigarettes. The other victories over sin were marvelous and were causes for thanksgiving, but this one should encourage all those who are bound by such habits. Prayer is asked by the pastor that the work may go on.
 Cecil was a member of last year's college junior class and a graduate of the theological department. We rejoice with him in the blessing that is attending his work.

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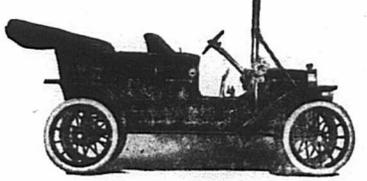
Mrs. B. F. Gibby and Mrs. Cora Colburn of Hume, N. Y., were the guests of Prof. and Mrs. Wright this week.
 Rev. Long arrived home Tuesday evening to stay a few days.
 Arnold Pitt was in Levant over the week end.
 Mr. J. B. Douglass is now residing in Houghton with his son and daughter.
 Mr. Lewis Silsbee was in town a few days recently.
 Soph, on seeing a Frosh with a green cap for the first time: "The only thing that troubles me is to tell where the cap leaves off and the boy begins."
 Frosh. in reply: "Boy! they must fit well."

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