

Reminiscences of Seminary Days

Florence Kelly

"Now, girls, I was to blame as much as you, and I'm going to share the punishment with you. We'll all be on hand tonight sharply at four," declared little Bowen, her keen eyes twinkling kindly, as we stood rebelliously by, having announced our decision that we never would wash those windows.

At once the air cleared. It might even be fun to wash windows, if one of the faculty were a party to the disgrace and especially such a one as jolly Mrs. Bowen.

"But, Mrs. Bowen, we didn't break the ten o'clock rule intentionally. And anyhow you weren't to blame because we didn't leave on time. The candy had to be finished--and we were having such a good time," groaned happy-go-lucky Mary.

"That's right, Mrs. Bowen. The horrid dean needn't be so fussy. She knows we'd be all right at your house even if we did stretch the rule a bit," spouted Alzada, the fiery redheaded.

"But the rule must be enforced,

girls, and you mustn't blame Miss Brown. We'll play the game like the good sports we are."

And so we did, for what one of us could ever resist our beloved Mrs. B? Did she not champion our cause when we wanted special privileges? Did she not listen to all our tales of woe? Boys and girls alike, there was not one of us whom she did not understand and whom she did not love. Her door, never locked by night or day, opened like sheltering arms to receive us to a never-failing retreat. If we were homesick, she mothered us. If we wanted fun, she always played the part of the good fairy in providing it. If we were non-plussed, she solved our problems, be they Algebra, Latin, or love affairs. Thus, in all things, during the years we spent in the little private academy nestled among the foothills of the Alleghanies, she was our foster mother, our bright morning star.

A New Challenge

"Preach the gospel" has long been the command to Christian students. Last year the Christian students of Houghton organized themselves into a band known as the "Christian Workers", having as their purpose the extension of gospel preaching as far around Houghton as possible. A Sunday School was organized at Fox Hill, and workers were sent to Dutch Hill and Allan Center. On Sunday evenings gospel teams were sent out to carry the glad message in song and preaching. In all their trips the workers traveled 1400 miles and conducted 90 services including Sunday Schools. This work has resulted in a twofold benefit: first, it has inspired and helped those to whom they ministered; and then it has been a wonderful spiritual help to the students themselves by giving them practical experience.

However, the only means of conveyance then obtainable were a Ford truck and private cars which did not prove altogether satisfactory. Consequently, the committee in charge thought of buying a Bus. As it seemed a feasible plan, they began to make preparations

for a drive at Commencement time. At the last moment it was discovered that this could not be done because of the fact that by using a Bus they came under omnibus legislation and would need a large amount of insurance. For the same reason private cars are also out of the question. Although this seemed an almost insurmountable obstacle, they did not lose faith. President Luckey went to Albany where he discovered a way out of the difficulty. It will be possible for the school, being a corporation under New York laws, to buy the Bus and hire the Christian Workers to carry on their activities without needing such a large amount of insurance. Having removed this difficulty, the committee went on with their plans.

Now, the only thing in the way is the matter of finances. The Board has voted that the students may put on a drive among the student body and townspeople together with their friends at home. This drive starts today.

As matters now stand, we must have

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Br-r-r! Five Bells!

The Senior Class of Houghton "Sem" assembled before daylight last Friday morn to begin the first social activities of the high school. Eighteen of the nineteen seniors accompanied Miss Davison, our class mother, wended their way through swamps and up the creek to Estabrook's woods. A roaring campfire was soon blazing and the coffee pot was bubbling over as well as our spirits. We proved our mammoth capacities by the almost unbelievable amount of weiners and doughnuts that disappeared in rapid succession.

After breakfast an Indian "Pow Wow" was staged. The chief dancers gave their "Killy, Killy, Killy, Wash, Wash," etc., to the incessant accompaniment of the "Ump-ahs" of the rest of the group, while all danced furiously around the fire. Customarily the offering of a sacrifice followed this, but owing to the lack of a more suitable sacrifice, a shredded wheat carton was substituted.

A little later the occupants of the High School study hall were startled by a strange looking procession with blackened countenances. Peppy yells manifested class spirit. Thanks to our class Mother and the splendid work of the various committees, we feel that this is a good starter for a lively, social career of the class of '27.

Sophomore Activities

Saturday, the sixteenth, the elite of this distinguished institution renounced en masse the claims of Sophomore English, and betook them to rustic scenes and sylvan spots, enchanting vistas of lake and dale, where the doughnut grows in its pristine state and the hot-dog barks in the light of the moon.

In fact, the Sophomore Class held a weiner roast at Moss Lake. The crowd assembled at three, and, dividing the parcels of foodstuff among the various members, hiked the entire distance (seventeen miles, according to an estimate given on arrival by a member of the class whose word we do not like to dispute). It is hardly necessary to add that when the hot-dogs appeared, the carnage was fearful, the

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Purple Wins First Games

Need One More to Clinch Sides

The first game of the Purple and Gold baseball series was played Friday, October 8. The day was by no means typical of October's bright blue weather or was the game in any sense a first class sample of the national pastime; errors were the predominating feature. The final score was, Purple 20, Gold 3. For the Purple, Lane's splendid pitching, proved the fallacy of the statement that there were no pitchers in school. For the Gold, Captain Chuck's hitting and daring base-running featured.

Result of the game is as follows:

GOLD	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Howland 3B	3	1	2	1	2	1
Du. Ferguson 2B	2	1	0	3	3	1
Roth S S	4	0	1	1	1	2
Clark 1B	1	0	0	9	0	0
Lowery C	1	0	0	7	0	1
Neal R F	3	0	0	0	0	0
Do. Ferguson CF 3	0	0	0	0	0	2
Pitt LF	2	1	0	0	3	2
Dyer P	3	0	0	0	1	1
Totals	22	3	3	21	10	10

PURPLE	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Lane, P.	6	3	2	1	3	0
Meredith 2B	4	2	2	1	1	0
Fox 1B	4	1	0	6	1	0
Albro Cf	4	3	2	1	0	0
English Lf	5	2	0	0	0	0
Fero 3B	4	2	0	2	0	0
Worden C.	5	2	2	9	1	1
Hardeson Ss	4	2	0	0	1	2
Doty Rf	5	3	3	1	0	0
Totals	41	20	11	21	7	3

Score by innings

Gold	200 000 1 - 3
Purple	032 704 4 - 20

Summary: Two base hits, Lane 1; double plays, Duane Ferguson to Howland, Lane to Fox to Worden; bases on balls, off Lane 5, off Pitt 1, off Howland 2; struck out, by Lane 8, Dyer 4, Pitt 1, Howland 2; hits, off Lane 3 in 7 innings, off Dyer 3 in 3, off Pitt 4 in 1, off Howland 4 in 3; hit by pitcher, by Lane, Pitt; balk Dyer, Pitt; winning pitcher, Lane; losing pitcher, Dyer. Umpires, Prof.s Baker and Wright; time of game 1 hr. 50 min.

Subsequent games will follow next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler---Tonight

Where? College Chapel.

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Editorial

Self-Confidence

Something else has passed beyond your reach. Through the valleys of limitless nothingness, over the hills of time, and far out into the rolling plains of eternity, some thought, some idea has passed from your grasp, and another more fortunate person has capitalized its value.

How often do we see just this situation. Sometime, perhaps, a brilliant plan has been introduced into our mind sending a thrill of hope and expectation throughout our whole nervous system. But the idea remained with us for a short time only; for we were afraid to make our thought known, afraid of public opinion, too expectant of the sneers of our fellowmen. We lacked sufficient self-confidence to put our idea across. Therefore, our dream has faded for the moment, only to be revived again by another who saw a vision of success in the project, and was not cowardly enough to allow human frailty or custom prevent him from carrying out his plan.

Frequently greatness and fame come through parasitical methods, by the aid of someone else. But what a sickening, simpering popularity it is! Staunch and firm character coupled with a will to do and a spirit to dare is required to gain true honor.

Cyrus Field laid the Atlantic Cable in spite of laughter and ridicule. Abraham Lincoln believed in himself and freed the black man from bondage.

We too, then, must stick to tried and true principles, and confidently press ahead before opportunity leaves us forever and we are alone in the darkness of doubt and failure.

Chapel Notes

What's in a Name?

The significance of names was the topic discussed by Rev. Long in a very excellent chapel talk last Thursday. Like Professor Wright, he says the majority of people remember the name of two of the spies which were sent into Canaan but are glad to forget the rest. Why is this true? Because each of the ten, true to his name, was egotistical yet lacking in perseverance.

On the other hand, Caleb and Joshua were plodders. They, too, saw obstacles but it was not their nature to give up the Promised Land because of them.

Worthwhile things are always accomplished by faithfulness to the task. Whether the goal is a college degree or heaven, it will only be attained by following James Whitcomb Riley's advice to "Keep on Keepin' on".

LOCALS

Mrs. George Stevenson of Mooers, N. Y. spent Sunday and Monday with her daughter, Mildred Stevenson.

Mrs. John Wilcox, known to Houghton students as Alice Buchholz, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wilcox.

Miss Dorothy Brigham, Miss Carrie Manning, and Mr. and Mrs. Brigham of Rochester called on Leon Worden, Monday.

Miss Ione Driscoll, Miss Ivah Benning, Miss Margaret Williams, Miss Ruth Williams, Mr. Howard Bain and Mr. Paul Steese were in Rochester, Saturday.

Clarence Flint, a graduate in the class of '26 visited his friends here Wednesday. Mr. Flint is principal of the school at Varysburg, and reports that teaching "is a great job if you don't weaken."

Mr. and Mrs. William Vincent and son, Andrew, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walrath and daughter, Betty, of Rochester; and Mrs. Carrie Stevenson of Mooers called on President and Mrs. Luckey last Sunday.

John Higgins and Louis Baker have been visiting their Houghton friends over Sunday. Mr. Higgins graduated from the college in the class of 1926. He is now acting as principal of the high school at Cadyville, N. Y.

Senior Party

Friday night, Oct. 8 is an evening which the College Seniors are not going to forget within a short time, the occasion being a party given by Gladys Taylor at her home near Rushford. The most significant fact of the entire evening was that there was scarcely a second but what everyone was on the "qui vive" so to speak.

Dull moments were indeed a minus quantity—a fact that I'm sure would be sanctioned by every eye witness. To determine just what created the greatest amount of hilarity would be a rather difficult task, but surely no little merriment was realized when we were afforded glimpses into the future, through the efforts of "Ting" who proved himself quite adept.

After participating in various forms of entertainment, we were served with ice cream and cakes, both of which were equally palatable. Having sung "Come Back to Dear Old Houghton" and our "Alma Mater", we learned that the time for departure had arrived, and we went away being assured that our first Senior party had been a most enjoyable affair, and one which would call forth happy memories in the days to come.

Prof. Wright in Psychology - "Some of you little girls in the back of the room will have to come up here where I can see you."

Wilfred Bain (from front seat) "One of them can come up here and sit with me if she wants to."

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B-O-U-L-D-E-R

Anyone who has either attended chapel, or been at all present on the campus the past week, needs no reminder that a Boulder Drive has been and is still being launched. Last Friday the chapel program was in the hands of the Boulder Staff. It consisted primarily of a radio program sent from station B-O-U-L-D-E-R. At the close of chapel the drive began, and how the subscriptions rolled in! Regardless of the fact that many of them were college students, the subscribers wanted a balloon as a souvenir. Certainly, they did not care to blow them up. The staff is very much pleased with the results of the drive thus far, though there are still many student subscriptions yet to be obtained. The average per class subscription was read in chapel last Tuesday and the High School and College Juniors were the only ones flaunting a 100% record. It is to be hoped that those who have not all ready subscribed will do so in the near future. Remember your subscription assures you of a Boulder which, like a mirror, will reflect the year 1926 1927, that you spent in Houghton.

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Athenian Society

The members of the Society who were not present last Monday night, certainly missed a good program. Although two numbers on the program were absent, the full hour was taken up, and we were adjourned by limitation of time. The first number was a violin solo by Gerald Scott. I am sure that we never will forget the journey Miss Rothermel gave us on the broomstick, nor will it be difficult to remember the encore. Our last number was "Personal Experiences in Aviation" by Dean Fancher. Probably few of us ever thought of him as being an aviator and certainly were interested in some of his experiences. This coming Monday night the "Bowen Bachelors" will put on a program. Let's all be there and see what they have to give us.

Y. M. W. B. Gives Impressive Program

Needs of Africa Depicted

The first program of the Senior Y. M. W. B. was certainly impressive. Devotionals were led by Mr. Hess and special music was furnished by the Ladies' Quartet. Then to show the origin and purpose of the Y. M. W. B., an African scene was given by Mr. and Mrs. Clarke with the aid of several students. This scene actually occurred in Africa in 1890 when Mr. Clarke was there. Dressed in native costume to represent the chief, he carried on his conversation in the native language, while Mrs. Clarke served as interpreter to the student representing Mr. Clarke on his visit to the chief. At first the chief refused to grant Mr. Clarke's request to be allowed to build a mission, but his daughter begged so hard that he called Mr. Clarke back and gave him his desire.

The same groups pictured another scene twelve years later. This time it was the old chief calling upon Mr. Clarke at Kunso and begging him to ask his people for a young missionary. Because of this request, Mr. Clarke went home and started the Y. M. W. B. Yet, today there is a region of 160,000 inhabitants fifty miles north of Kunso still for the young missionaries who have never come.

As Miss Rickard said in her closing remarks on, "Why Send Missionaries", we must all consider ourselves called for missionary service unless God closes the way to go. Houghton students, some of us, if we will listen, will find that we have no excuses fit to offer for our staying at home.

Big Party

Last Friday eve, about seven o'clock the boy's dorm was empty. Wonder why? It might be enough to say that all the fellows were out looking for girls to help make merry their first party of the year. Won't tell whom they found. Mrs. Bowen, the "chap" proved to be as good a fun-maker as she is an educator. Games, "Open House" and eats filled the evening. If you want to know what fun we had just ask the folks that were there.

Sophomore Activities

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Sophomores have always been great trencher-men.

After the roast came the long walk back—and a merry one it was. Eight o'clock saw every one back in Houghton.

And the Sophomore Class announces that it has found the perfect "Chaps": Miss Rothermel and Miss Burnell.

A New Challenge

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a Bus or drop our extension work. Everyone who has participated in it will realize the value of the work. We cannot, we dare not, stop! Students, it is up to you! This may look like a difficult problem, but it is not an impossible one. It is God's work and He will do His part if we do ours. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" The student body has never yet failed in any undertaking. Think back over our "Boulder" drives and our self-denial times. We have always gone "over the top" in our enterprises. This time there is too much at stake for us to fail. Let every student get back of this drive and support it by his prayers and his money. We can all give something, and every bit will count. This is a new challenge and one from which, with God's help, we shall not shrink.

It is well to remember that conditions around us do not influence our success in life nearly so much as the effort and intelligence which we ourselves use from day to day. Where some people fail, others will easily make a magnificent success. The personal factor enters into much of our doing.—Selected.

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