

Victory Ahead

Center Attack Expected Next Tuesday

"The fight is on, Oh Christian soldier."

Something like seven years ago, two armies were pitted against each other. At one point in the line something like thirty thousand soldiers were faced by a paltry group of fifteen hundred. The allies on the flank were retreating. From the opposite direction the enemy advanced. A few men kept faith, and God saved the day.

We, too, are in a battle. Against us are marshalled all the powers of darkness. Held captive by the enemy, reserved for slavery and torture are many young men and women whom God meant for freedom and joy. It is ours to defeat the enemy and rescue the captives. At the beginning of this conflict, a word of warning is in place. Before the battle is won, the enemy will appear to be sweeping down upon us with impregnable force. On the flanks of our lines, soldiers may be lax in their duties, perhaps asleep at their post, perhaps retreating. But at the pivotal point the "Rock" must be courageous, steadfast, unmovable.

The Lieutenant General, Rev. Charles Fairbairn, will take charge of our sector next Tuesday. "The Lord of Hosts is with us."

Professor Douglas Prepares Lecture for Michigan Audubon Society Large Enrollment in Ornithology

To be recognized as an authority on ornithology by a state Audubon Society is no insignificant honor. Such recognition as this comes to Prof. R. E. Douglas, head of our department of Biology.

Having conducted some stereopticon lectures a few years ago for the Audubon Society of the state of Michigan, Professor Douglas has just complied with a recent request by that Society to prepare a lecture to accompany some forty stereopticon slides. Not only previous acquaintance but also a recent inspection of some articles prepared by the Professor caused such a request.

By means of this lecture the Audubon Society is executing a propaganda throughout the State to protect our

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Gold Boys Take Series

Purple Girls Easily Champions

For the fourth time the Gold quintet has the championship and this time their victory was a decisive one for the Purple were unable to get one game. After three victories, the last of which was almost a loss, the Gold were expected by some to lose a game unless some new players returned to the team. Although these players were not back on the line-up, the Gold outplayed the Purple more than in any other game of the series. Only once during the game did the Purple show signs of an equal brand of playing.

Roth, Gold forward, was absolutely uncontrollable during the entire game at the end of which he had more points to his credit than any one else during a single game. Dyer made several points from uncovered positions. The Purple score was due mostly to Paul Steese's shooting.

As the whistle blew the ball went toward the Gold end for three attempts ending in a goal by Roth. As the ball went into play, Flint, Gold guard,

dribbled length of floor for short shot. The guards were so wide awake that signals for forward plays from tip-off were impossible. The secret of the Gold success seemed to be quick passes and rushes, rallying at once to defense when broken.

Gold caged one beginning second quarter, from Howland to Horton. Purple got first point, a foul score, with Gold eleven points ahead.

Dyer worked up for several shots but missed. Purple were unable to break through for close shots. P. Steese intercepted pass from out of bounds for a short shot and soon after emerged from a scramble under basket for goal.

Steese started second half with long dribble and pretty shot followed at once by short passes to Steese for another. Fox made a long shot. Purple were working fine. Gold called time out. As game resumes Howland caged, soon followed by Dyer. A beautiful long shot by Howland

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Christy Elected President Student Body

At the meeting of the united student body of Houghton College and Seminary, Wednesday noon, ballots were cast for the student body officers for the coming year. The following elections were made:

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|----------------|-------------|
| President | O. Christy |
| Vice-President | D. Rees |
| Secretary | L. Houghton |
| Treasurer | W. Sallberg |
| Cheer Leader | R. Jones |
| Song Leader | W. Bain |

The Neosophic Literary Society

Society met Monday evening and elected officers for the coming semester. The following is the result of the election:

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| President | Ruth Rockwell |
| Vice President | Elsie Bacon |
| Secretary | Ethlyn Lupton |
| Treasurer | Grace Sherman |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Russell Cronk |
| Janitor | Homer Fero |
| Program Committee | Jean Eldridge |
| Ass. Secretary | Alice Sonnleitner |

Election in the A. L. Society

The Athenian Literary Society met Monday night and chose the executive staff for the new semester. As the officers chosen are very competent for their positions, another interesting series of programs is to be anticipated.

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| President | Perry Tucker |
| Vice President | William Sallberg |
| Secretary | Ruby Hogg |
| Treasurer | Herman Elzey |
| Chaplain | Ivah Benning |
| Critic | James Ake |
| Song Leader | Hollis Stevenson |
| Pianist | Mary Alice Sloan |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Virgil Hussey |
| Program Committee | Oliver Christy |
| | Alta Albro |
| | Ruth Williams |

COMING!

Spillman

Feb. 10, 1926

**Allpress Concert
TONIGHT**

President Luckey Attends Board Meeting

Completion of the Gymnasium to be Recommended

Monday morning President Luckey left for Syracuse to attend the meeting of the Book Committee of the Wesleyan Methodist Church convening there February 2. This committee conducts the business of the various departments of the Church, together with acting in the capacity of the Educational Society.

At this meeting President Luckey will make the annual report for Houghton College and, also, make those recommendations that require the action of the Committee.

This annual report includes the reports from the Dean of College and from the heads of the associate schools of Theology, Music, and High School. The treasurer's report shows a net gain for the year of \$9,761.11.

With the approval of the local advisory board, President Luckey will make the recommendation to the Educational Society that the basement of the gymnasium be completed with a new heating plant and showers. This recommendation is provisional in so far as the funds warrant.

The Power of Prayer

Mr. Van Wormer in the Y. M. W. B. meeting talked on the ever helpful subject, "Missions and the Power of Prayer". He said that although we hear much about power everywhere, we hear little of the power of Christ that is so very essential. Christian power is obtained through prayer that is characterized by humility and unselfishness, while in silence we put away everything and open our hearts to God.

Then the Spirit will help us pray through so that we need not worry about an answer. We would see miracles happening right here in school if we would really pray through. In closing, Mr. VanWormer read a portion from S. D. Gordon, one thought of which is, "Some people keep Christ as a guest instead of the host—this means Christ is tied and restrained in His movements." Following this talk a short time was spent in sweet communion by prayer and praise.

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Editorial

Our Alumni

[Editor's note: Very little, if anything, is more gratifying than to hear from the alumni of our beloved Alma Mater. Since Houghton has come to fill such an all-enveloping place in our lives, we as the present student generation eagerly desire a personal acquaintance with those who have passed on to us such a heritage as our school. It is with pride that we are able to think of those who once enjoyed the beauties of the same campus, who once studiously labored in the same halls, who once belonged to and supported the same literary societies, who attended the services in the same little church, and who had, mayhap, a position on the STAR staff—to think of these and to know that they are making good, are truly a blessing to mankind in a large way.

Yes, Alumni, we are glad to know you, to hear from you, and to receive suggestions for improving the STAR, such as we have received from Mr. O. M. Walton. We thank you, Mr. Walton, for your suggestion which is worth more than its face value. If our good alumni would "second the motion" with as substantial support as Mr. Walton has appended, nothing would be left to be desired by way of a "live column" of alumni notes.

As a suggestion to Mr. Walton, we would say that he should have overcome his reserve and told us a little

about himself. From his letter head we learn that he is the Executive Secretary of the Lakewood Methodist Episcopal Church, Lakewood, Cleveland, Ohio; and among our exchanges we receive the official publication of the same church, "Glad Tidings", edited by him.]

Lakewood, Cleveland, Ohio
The Editor
"Houghton Star"
Houghton, New York

My dear sir:

If you will permit a chance suggestion from an "old-timer" who has been away from Houghton long enough to be entirely out of touch with practically all the students and alumni of his student generation and whose interest in the STAR of that day was more than nominal, I believe I have one that will commend itself to the alumni and make subscriptions to the paper more attractive to them. This suggestion is that the paper carry a live column of notes concerning the activities and whereabouts of alumni and old students. No legitimate criticism can be offered regarding news and activities of the school year for the STAR seems to be getting better and better. However, I am sure that news of the many alumni and old students who are widely scattered now and who have no better means of keeping in touch with one another would prove an addition appreciated by them. Such news could be carried either in groups by classes or as individual notes as they may be procured. In keeping with the suggestion I am appending items concerning several old students in and about Cleveland.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
O. M. Walton
1911

ITEMS OF ALUMNI

Mr. William H. Kaufman has recently accepted a position as Director of Religious Education at the Church of the Ascension, Episcopal, in Lakewood, a residential suburb of Cleveland. Mr. Kaufman has charge of the entire educational program of the church developing activities through the Sunday School for boys and girls and young people. His wife, Mrs. Edna Hester Kaufman, is proving a valuable assistant.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul H. Fall are again at Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio, where Mr. Fall is head of the Chemistry Department. Dr. Fall received his Doctor's degree at Cornell last year.

Mr. R. R. Johnson has a position with the Union Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Johnson is married

and lives in East Cleveland.

Mr. Robert Kaufman is Superintendent of Schools in Parma Village, a rapidly growing suburb of Cleveland.

"Be Strong in the Lord"

Rev. A. B. Hotchkiss of Akron, Ohio who is at present conducting revival services at Fillmore, was a most welcome guest at Houghton College last Tuesday. He gave an inspiring chapel message in his usual kind manner.

He exhorted each individual to take on the whole armor of God and to be "strong in the Lord and in the power of his might". The speaker pointed out that there are certain requirements just as essential for developing spiritual strength, as those necessary for physical strength.

In the first place, one must have sound principles actuated by the love of God. These must be followed by loyalty to God and to the principles of salvation and by a strong faith in the Word of God.

In speaking of the need for mental and spiritual food, Rev. Hotchkiss said, "After every other book in the world has been exhausted, we can still get food from the Word of God". Spiritual strength is also derived, in a large measure, from the family altar, devotional services, and prayer. "If we do not have these, we will be weaklings spiritually.

"Do things for God" if you expect to gain spiritual strength. Any member of the physical body becomes useless without exercise. This is likewise true of the spiritual; therefore, work if you would grow strong. Emphasis was placed upon the opportunities afforded in school for work of this nature.

Not one habit of our lives should have control over us but we should bring every habit into subjection and put aside every weakening influence. "Lay aside everything that would hinder your spiritual progress." Rev. Hotchkiss closed his earnest exhortation by saying that "we have in our possession all that is essential for spiritual strength".

Brother Hotchkiss was accompanied by his son, William, who led the singing and gave a short talk.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pocock were in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hill are the proud parents of a baby girl, Shirley Helen. Mrs. Hill will be remembered as Miss Ruth Douglass.

Seely Austin is back in school after a year and a half absence.

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Mental Food

Some people stint themselves unknowingly. Surely, under ordinary conditions, one would not turn away a chicken dinner. Everyone knows that food is considered a necessity for the physical body. Almost everyone knows that "food" is a necessity to the development of the mind, but very few act upon this belief. Some people are very particular as to the food which they eat for their body. Yet, these same people will chafe at random when "eating" for the nourishment of the mind.

The question arises as to how we are to tell what kind of mental food to eat, and where to find this food. In answer let us ask how do we tell what kind to eat for our body, and how do we learn where that food is? Do we not express our faith in some one else, and heed their advice in this matter? We learn from some one who has had experience.

It is with this faith in those who have had experience that the Lecture Course Committee presents to the students and townspeople. Mr. Harry Spillman who will lecture on the "Twice-Born Man" on Wednesday evening, February 10. Judging from the experience of Mr. Spillman and by the reports of his lectures delivered from coast to coast, no apology needs to be offered for Mr. Spillman.

Editors, educators, and presidents of big corporations all over the country have repeatedly emphasized the value of his talk. He has delivered the lecture on the "Twice-Born Man" before Rotary, Kiwanis, Ad Clubs; Chambers of Commerce; Business, Sales, and Trade Organizations; and Educational Institutions.

You cannot afford to miss this lecture which promises to be one of the best of this season.

"Watch and Pray"

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feathered friends. Consequently the economic importance of birds, as well as the aesthetic approach to nature, is emphasized.

The interest in bird study inspired by Professor Douglas is attested by an enrollment of nearly forty in his class of ornithology. These students should congratulate themselves on having such an opportunity, and should read the Professor's booklet prepared from his personal experience, "Hints for Bird Study, or Seeing Things."

Freshmen Attend Services

On Saturday evening, January 30, a group of about thirty College freshmen crowded into the rear compartment of Mr. Crouch's truck, and made their way to Fillmore to attend the revival which was in progress there.

After the service, three of the class knelt at the altar, seeking God's help. We are glad to see our freshmen taking advance steps along spiritual lines. May God's blessing be upon them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Tabor visited Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. J. C. Long entertained Rev. Hotchkiss and son, William, on Saturday last.

1926 Discoveries in Geography As Found on Exam Papers

Houghton, N. Y., is a large university. Africa is called the Dark Continent because of the color of its inhabitants and the kind of vegetation.

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passed back to him from covered man. Dyer immediately made another, uncovered; then duplicated it. Purple called time out.

Purple passing was intercepted often. At beginning of last quarter they improved. Careful passwork was made through close interference to Carl Steese for short shot. Both sides were playing exceedingly fast, although the outcome was almost certain.

Howland covered by two men tipped ball on pass to Horton for easy shot. A long pass overhead from Howland to Roth netted another. An all-Gold offense left Purple men free, they obtained ball and shot. Fox pulled ball out of scramble for medium shot. Whistle! Game over! Everybody's head dizzy. Final score 39-19 for Gold.

Howland is easily high point man. The new men to receive letters are Horton, Dyer, and Clark.

| | Goals | Fouls | Total |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| Howland | 25 | 3 | 53 |
| Fox | 17 | 4 | 38 |
| Roth | 13 | 10 | 36 |
| P. Steese | 14 | 4 | 32 |
| Dyer | 9 | 1 | 19 |
| Mix | 7 | 1 | 15 |
| Horton | 7 | | 14 |
| B. Fero | 3 | 5 | 11 |

Purple Girls Win Series

Continuing with the same brand of first-class basketball that has characterized the Purple aggregation throughout the series, the feminine supporters of the royal colors won the fourth straight game over their Gold rivals last Friday evening, thus earning the title of champions. In spite of the loss of Eldridge, star forward, the Purple girls seemed undaunted and carried their colors to a glorious triumph, the final score being 14 to 6.

Driscal was the outstanding individual player for the victors, while Loftis and Folger made up a defense that could not be broken.

Cole, versatile center of the Gold five, was the main goal-getter for her team, and throughout the game performed admirably. Dibble, midget Gold forward, entered into the fray with every ounce of determination which she possessed, and was responsible for two of the six points accredited to her side. To no small degree was she responsible for the excellent showing which the Gold girls made in spite of their low score.

As a whole the game was hotly contested. The Gold fought with might and main to build up their crumbling records of past years, while the Purple

tosses were determined to retain their enviable fame.

Congratulations must be extended from Gold and Purple alike, for the wonderful manner in which the Purple girls have earned this reward for their efforts.

At Last!!

The most successful meeting of the school year occurred within the secret and impenetrable walls of the Senior Classroom on Friday afternoon. The unexpected and almost improbable happened. Business was taken up with such a whirl of rapidity that our sleepy group were shaken beyond recognition by the centripetal force which moved them from their mental equilibrium. Some of the most momentous problems facing the Senior Class were solved once for all. Time only will reveal the results of this meeting.

Prof. Hazlett to Speak in Athenian

The Athenian Literary Society is unusually favored in securing the services of Professor Hazlett, head of our English department, in the form of two illustrated lectures on "The Puritans in the Old World" and "The Puritans in the New World". These lectures will be of great interest and inestimable value to every loyal American citizen or prospective citizen of this country. The first of these lectures will be given at the next Athenian Literary Society meeting, which will be held in the chapel, Monday evening, February 8, at seven o'clock. Students, faculty, and Houghtonites, this rare opportunity is yours for the coming. Let's grasp it!

Gaoyadeo Election

On Wednesday evening the girls of Gaoyadea Hall elected their new officers for the house government. Merrill Linquest was chosen President, Gladys Taylor Vice-President, and Ruby Moore Secretary. A social committee consisting of Misses Laura Houghton, Mary Alice Sloan, Ione Driscal, and Esther Hall was also chosen.

Helen Crosby was the guest of Thelma Hill last week.

Kenneth Gibbon was in town over the week-end.

Alicia Fisher visited Miss Ruby Hogg the past week.

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