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Excellent Reception

By Old Students

On Friday evening, September 12, 1924, the students both old and new and citizens of Houghton gathered in the college library for the annual Students' Reception. Lloyd Tingley and his committee had previously decorated the room very prettily with the college colors, purple and gold.

As each one was entering, he was given a "ticket". All wondered what they were supposed to do with this "ticket", but very soon they were told to put their names in the top and get others to sign below. This proved a very clever way of getting acquainted.

While some were busy with their cards, others were being received by those on the reception committee. Mr. Houghton and his daughter, Pres. and Mrs. Luckey, Prof. and Mrs. Lavay Faucher, Mrs. Bowen, Mark Bedford, Earl Tierney, Winifred Pitt, Helen and Rachel Davison and Josephine Rickard.

About nine o'clock everyone was asked to go to the chapel. Here a very interesting program was rendered. As is the custom at all gatherings in Houghton College, the meeting was opened by prayer after which Harold Douglas, chairman of the entertainment committee, announced the program.

The first number was a selection by the orchestra. Then the President of our student body, Mark Bedford, gave a short talk in which he gave a few reasons why this year will be a different, but, as we all hope, a better year than any preceding one. He also made the new students as well as the citizens feel welcome to our halls. After this the return address was given by George Schroder. He brought out very forcibly how welcome he felt when he first arrived. By his speech he made us who have been here a while, very proud of Houghton. If all the new students felt as welcome and are as satisfied as he seemed to be, we will surely have a good and profitable year together. Following this Miss Hildreth sang a vocal solo entitled, "Pale Moon", which, I am sure, we all en-

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College Registration Increased

The number of college students this year is much larger than last year. The present registration is 134, while at this time last year 96 were enrolled. The greatest addition is to the Freshman class which contains about 50 members.

The seminary enrollment, however, has decreased. There are only 100 in the high school department. The entire registration in the seminary department is 143 compared with 170 last year.

Announcement

The Parent-Teachers Association of Houghton will hold its first meeting Friday, Sept. 26, at 3:30 p. m. at the district school house. All parents are especially urged to be present.

Professor Whitaker spent a part of his vacation with his son Ernest in Ithaca, N. Y. While here he took a few lessons on the mechanism of the linotype machine. His son is the teacher in this department.

FOREWORD

Again the college halls are teeming with life, and the campus resounds to the music of red-blooded boys and girls.

The college department has a gain of nearly fifty per cent, the theological department is holding its own, but in the other department there is a slight decrease. There is an increase in the number of married students, in the number driving in, and in the number boarding themselves, so there is no increase in the number boarding at the dormitory.

The prospects for the year are splendid. Two new members have been added to the faculty, the equipment—especially in the laboratories—is increasing, the campus and athletic field are being put in splendid condition, and there are good prospects of nearly fifty graduates next June.

Was there ever greater incentive for everyone to do his best? Surely we will all do our part. We appeal especially to the Christian students to be at their best in the service of the Master, so that those who now do not accept Jesus as their Saviour may be led to do so before the year closes.

Yours for the best year in our history,

James S. Luckey

Basket-ball

On Wednesday afternoon, just after the first day of school work, the first basketball game of the season was staged in the gymnasium. Two teams picked from the veteran players of the Purple and Gold squads played. A scarcity of "wind" and endurance and a tendency to play by streaks characterized the game. At times we witnessed some fine basketball. The persistent effort of P. Steese with the brilliant Fox were very instrumental in keeping the score quite even. However Williams, running guard and Baker

with his eight goals always kept their side of the score a little ahead. The final score was 34—28.

A Cornell Party

Thursday evening, Sept. 11, was a pleasure for a group of Houghton students and faculty who attended school at Cornell during the summer. These young people enjoyed a beef-steak picnic supper near a tream at Fillmore. After enjoying the steak, roasted over the fire, and various other eats, some time was spent sitting around the camp-fire. The latter part of the evening was spent in singing.

Alumni! Students! Attention

We are beginning to issue the STAR this year with the third week. This means several more issues than last year. Also the cost of printing has increased about 15% over last year.

This means additional funds must be obtained from some source. The only possible means of raising this is from subscriptions. We cannot consider for a moment the idea of raising the subscription price. Hence, we must increase the number of subscribers.

We feel that every student should have a STAR for himself. You need one for present announcements, etc., but more especially for a future reference. This record of happenings at Houghton while you are here will be an invaluable souvenir.

Alumni desire to be in touch with happenings at their Alma Mater. We expect to keep you in mind in our reporting and keep you posted on events of interest to you. We feel that you will stand by us with your subscriptions. Bring or send them to STAR office, or to Laura Steese, subscription manager. Thank you,

The STAR Staff

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On October 17, 1923, six hundred people or more sat in Houghton College Chapel charmed by the exquisite strains of music proceeding from the violin of Arthur Hartmann. On September 26, 1924, a similar opportunity will be offered to the people of this community.

To hear Mr. Hartmann as he draws from the strings of the violin such harmonies as only such a master can command, is an opportunity of a life time. Cities all over America, from New York to San Francisco, from New Orleans to Vancouver, have invited him to their platforms, and every civilized country in the world has listened to his violin.

In the September concert, Mr. Hartmann will not only play of his own compositions, but he will render a number of the finest selections from the works of others. The program speaks for itself.

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If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

John 15:7,8

Editorial

Back to Dear Old Houghton

That song certainly expresses a feeling very common to Houghton students. Who, of us who have been away, has not felt it, especially near the latter part of August: that sudden peculiar twinge, quite underneath the surface of the breast, on mention or only thought of Houghton.

And then coming back—only a poet could do justice to the emotions which stirred us as we neared our destination. And those familiar words from faculty, townspeople, and students, "Hello, —, we are glad to see you again." And the answer, "I'm glad to be back." And are we? Well, I'll say we are.

But why? What is it in Houghton that attracts? A gaudy metropolis? A leviathan among college institutions? An opportunity to make a name in the athletic sphere? Social prestige and honor? The curriculum and the equipment of a Columbia or an Oberlin? Is it even that very important document, the degree, entirely? I think not. Some of us will soon be leaving, never to return as students, and Houghton will ever hold a dear and sacred place in our hearts. And I feel sure that we,

just as the present alumni, will still feel a keen interest in the condition and progress of Houghton College and Seminary. There is a something that appeals to us very deeply. Is it not because of what Houghton is in spirit, appealing to and developing, if we will but let her, the very best there is in us?

Every real man and woman must recognize this as the foundation of vital education. We cannot afford to mispend our college days, but we must take advantage of the opportunity for true preparation for a fruitful life.

FACULTY

Last year marked a great change in the personnel of our faculty. Professor Hazlett left a position in Syracuse University to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Professor H. R. Smith. Dr. Boardman came to us from the Physics Department of Cornell University and Professor Woolsey from graduate study at Ohio Wesleyan. Miss Montgomery had been studying at the University of Michigan and W. L. and H. L. Fancher were returning after being absent at Chicago and Cornell Universities, respectively. Miss Hildreth Miss Gilette and Miss Warburton were also new on our teaching force last year.

This year we have two additional members of the college faculty. Professor J. M. Molyneaux takes charge of the chemistry department and Professor C. A. Ries comes to assist in Theology and English. Professor Douglas takes the place of Miss Montgomery as Professor of Biology. Last year Professor Molyneaux, Ries and Douglas were pursuing studies in the departments in which they are now teaching; Professor Molyneaux at Oberlin College, Professor Ries at Syracuse University and Professor Douglas at Hillsdale College. We are glad to welcome these men among us and feel sure that their departments will thrive under their administration. The only change in the high school this year is that of study room attendant. Mrs. Esther Johnson replaces Miss Lulu Tanner.

It is interesting to note that of the ten men on the college faculty all except Professor Douglas have at some time been themselves students at Houghton. Four of the high school teachers are also former students here. Mr. White, another former student, has charge of the physical training, replacing Harry Kitterman who is studying at the University of Indiana.

BOOST FOR DEBATE!

Excellent Reception By Old Students

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joyed. Next we were favored by a reading by Clarice Spencer. If any woman is afraid to stay alone just ask Miss Spencer how Mrs. Fillisy protected herself from burglars.

No program would be complete without a speech from our President. He encouraged us to get acquainted with the people of Houghton. He gave many good reasons why there were certain ones with whom we should be good friends. For instance, he spoke of Mr. Peck because some time we might wish to get our trunks checked in a hurry. Again we were favored with a musical number rendered by the male quartette composed of Messers. McMurtree, Williams, Clark and Schroder. After this the orchestra again entertained us with a pleasing selection. The program closed when all heartily joined in singing the college song.

After this we again went to the library where Doris Johnson and her committee served us with ice cream covered with peach sauce and wafers.

I am sure that we all feel better acquainted since this reception. Much praise is due those who worked so faithfully to give us a pleasant evening. Also, we must not forget to give honor to those who with Lynn Russell worked until the "wee small" hours of the night to "clean up" so we could go on with our classes this morning.

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A Correction

The writer wishes to take this opportunity to correct a statement made at the time of the Alumni dinner last June. At that time an outline was being made of the sources from which the twenty thousand dollars required by the State to maintain the charter would come. In this outline the income from the girls' dormitory was given as four thousand dollars. It should have been made clear that this was an estimate rather than a statement, based on the fact that the number of boarders was increased and that the income for the previous year was nearly three thousand dollars. It should also have been made clear that about two thousand dollars of this income came from the rent of rooms and the actual income from one hundred boarders for forty weeks was one thousand dollars. This would mean an income of exactly twenty-five cents per week for each boarder. When the books were balanced July 1, the facts for the year just passed were as follows: Income for dormitory, two thousand three hundred of which one thousand seven fifty dollars are for rent of rooms. The income from one hundred forty boarders for forty weeks was five hundred forty dollars. This means an income of almost exactly ten cents per week for each boarder.

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WE MUST PRAY

The spiritual must come first at Houghton, or nothing else will turn out well. And we are glad to find our first religious services of the year indicating that they will all be centered about the thought of the extension of the kingdom of God. Already we have felt the call several times to put in our whole power of prayer in behalf of the missionaries on the fields and the need of many more, as well as for a revival right here in our school.

Professor Wright as leader of the students' prayer-meeting and of the first morning watch brought these matters before the Christian students. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Through the Holy Spirit we shall prevail in our own battles and in our intercessory life. The prayers and testimonies of the students showed a readiness to go on to the end of the race faithful to God.

The prayer-meeting last week was devoted especially to the missionary cause. Miss Helen Davison made a warm plea for the needs of the fields, where the present number of workers is so inadequate. The travailing prayers of Christians here and their readiness to answer their own prayers by giving their lives, if called, will be the only means by which these needs will be met.

The morning watch service was also largely spent in prayer for these great needs. These days will be remembered by some as the time when they said, "Here am I; send me."

Let us all get under the burden, and do some real work for the Lord, who said, "Lo, I am with you alway."

Bad Fire in Centerville

Last Thursday evening four buildings were destroyed by fire—two stores, a hotel, and a barn. The buildings being of frame construction, local help was unable to save them. Fire trucks from Arcade and Farmersville responded at once and arrested the flames.

Some insurance was carried on all of the buildings. One of the stores is to be rebuilt at once.

Neosophic Society

The first regular meeting of the Neosophic Literary Society for the year 1924 - 25 was held on Monday evening, September 22nd. A short program consisting of piano selections and readings was given at the request of those present.

The election of officers was as follows:
 President Agnes Lapham

Vice President Florence Fish
 Secretary Alfred Kreckman
 Treasurer Olive Benning
 Ass't Secretary Alton Cronk
 Sergeant-at-Arms Lamont LaVere
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 Member Program Committee

Madeline Waldherr

A committee was appointed to canvass the student body for members. A good program has been arranged for next Monday night and all are cordially invited to attend.

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SPECIAL CHAPELS

On Wednesday morning, the opening chapel of the school year, President Luckey gave us a fine chapel talk.

He spoke to the students on the Biblical paradox of losing and saving one's life. True, fruitful living requires an absolute lack of selfishness in the life. The life centered in self is devoid of the possibility of fulfilling its mission of rally advancing the condition of humanity in some way. Its intended use is frustrated and hence it will be lost. It is only as we give our lives, seemingly lose them in the will of God that they accomplish the most and can be saved.

He also gave us some suggestions concerning the secular side of our school life. Although we must not consider high marks the sole aim of the student, yet our standings are very closely connected with the purpose of our being here and poor standings are usually a disgrace and indicate an inferior character.

Our school days give us a fine opportunity to develop the qualities of leadership. There is some line in which every one of us can show some degree of leadership. However it is true we should not overdo the matter and attempt to lead in too many spheres of action. We should rather divide the responsibilities along this line.

Then last, but far from the least, he urged upon us the spiritual advantages which Houghton affords, the possibility of coming to the place where we could use to the very best advantage the training we receive here. Our President is looking for this to be the best year in Houghton's history.

Friday morning we were glad to hear a chapel talk from Mr. Leonard Houghton, son of the founder of Houghton. His thoughts concerned mostly the regulations made by the faculty. This striking opinion was expressed, that the most dangerous thing to young people is themselves. Oftentimes it may not seem easy to obey these rules when they really are for our best good.

He closed his talk with this statement that if everyone would obey them, in fifteen years we would be telling ourselves how glad we were that we had. We surely enjoy Mr. Houghton's talks and anticipate his annual visit.

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HOUGHTON LOCALS

Professor and Mrs. Woolsey spent the summer at Mrs. Woolsey's home in Ohio. On returning, they took up their residence in their new bungalow which was completed during the summer.

Houghton Hall has been repaired and made over into comfortable apartments which will accommodate four families. At the present time large verandas are being added which will make these apartments still more attractive.

Mrs. P. E. Bowen took a trip through the New England States this summer.

Prof. and Mrs. Whittaker were recently called to Indiana by the death of their grandson.

Miss Ruth Kellogg has returned to her position as teacher in the schools of Scmmerville, N. J.

Extensive repairs have been made on the campus roads during vacation.

Miss Virginia Huzzey spent two weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Huzzey, this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee have moved to Rome, N. Y., where Mr. Lee has a position.

Prof. Wright and family visited relatives and friends in the northern part of the state during vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Vol Wilson are the proud parents of a baby boy, born August 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Ware and family have moved to Barberton, Ohio.

Miss Helen Kellogg, who was valedictorian of the class of 1924, has been awarded a state scholarship. Miss Kellogg's average was 85 per cent.

Prof. and Mrs. Lavay Fancher and daughter, Gwendolyn, spent the summer at Mrs. Fancher's home at Fairmount, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Marley Neal were callers in Houghton this summer. Mrs. Neal will be remembered by Houghton students as Miss Beatrice Jones.

Word has been received in town of the marriage of Miss Winnifred Winnover to Mr. Frederick Dentler. Mrs. Dentler was formerly a Houghton student.

Rev. David Anderson preached at the Presbyterian church in Nunda last Sunday morning.

Miss Bessie Fancher spent part of her vacation in Barberton, Ohio.

A fire department has been organized in the village. An engine has been procured and a whistle has been ordered which, it is said, can be heard from a distance away.

Miss Marietta Fancher did deaconess work in Syracuse this summer.

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