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## The Jolly Juniors

Who is it lingers in the way?  
Instead of working always play?  
And cuts classes most every day?

The Juniors.

And so we are the "Jolly Juniors". 'Tis the previously established precedent of all schools for the "Jolly Juniors" to supply the "pep" and "life" of the institution. Therefore, true to our trust, we shall not only endeavor but actually fill the halls with joyous and wholesome frolic.

With this in mind on Monday, September 29th, the first meeting of the year was held and the following officers elected:

President—Charles White

Vice President—Louisa Gifford

Sec'y. and Treas.—Edith Lapham.

We are glad to find within our numbers some who have been away for a short time and others who come to us from other schools; and regret that others of our former classmates are not here to brighten the halls with the rest of us "Jolly Juniors".

Speaking of activities, we can assure you that be it in athletics or in the preparation of "Houghton's Greatest Year Book", we shall certainly be equal to the occasion. So with joyous expression, we'll make good impressions, as capable juniors should do.

## Where Were You Tuesday Evening?

If you were in the college chapel you were doubtless in the proper place. If you were not there, you missed something well worth while.

One splendid feature of the Y. M. W. B. meeting Tuesday evening was the report given by the Chairman of the Membership Committee. A fine list of members-to-be was submitted and accepted. Brother Clarke (Pa. Clarke) had the devotionals. He read from the second chapter of Habakkuk, making some helpful comments on the Scripture.

The music was not the smallest factor in the service. A few of the old hymns were sung and Mr. Wilbur Clarke favored us with a special number.

Miss Tanner, however, had been given the major part of the meeting.

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## Possible Change in Auto Law

The new auto license law is causing considerable activity and discussion—some favorable and some otherwise. The inspection of motor vehicles, strict regulations as to the intoxicated driver, and the means taken to prevent such extensive theft of cars and to promote safety while traveling on the highways are points quite generally approved. However, the clause setting the minimum age limit as eighteen years for drivers, either chauffeurs or operators, has met with considerable disfavor and is causing complication and inconvenience, especially in rural sections. In many cases this prevents children under eighteen years from attending school, and in others hinders the parent in the pursuit of his vocation. In some families the sixteen or seventeen year old boy is better able to drive the car than the older members of the family.

Reports from the Motor Vehicle Bureau indicate that this problem is being discussed. It is thought by some officials that the Motor Vehicle Commission should be given the power to provide for the issuance of restricted or limited licenses to those under eighteen, giving the right to drive at certain hours of the day, or only in the pursuit of certain vocations. This would facilitate matters substantially without defeating the purpose of the law, for the commission should be able to judge as to the ability of the applicant.

## What Students Are Studying

From Sept. 11 to Sept. 30, fifteen hundred and eight books have been checked up for students and teachers. More than twelve hundred of this number are books reserved for class study, largely for classes in English, history, economics, and Bible.

## Former Houghton Instructor Ill

The many friends of Mrs. John Capen, formerly Miss Milly Paddock, will learn with regret that she is at Saranac Sanitarium for treatment for tubercular trouble. Her address is Mrs. John Capen, Saranac Lake, N. Y.

## Suwanee River Quartet

The Suwanee River Quartet, the first number on our Lecture Course, coming next Tuesday evening, is perhaps the best known colored quartet in the business. This is their fourteenth year of entertaining the public with quaint negro melodies, the songs of the jubilee and campmeeting, spirituals, and other numbers characteristic of their race. The Suwanees appearing first in trim white flannels offer quartet numbers, solos and readings from the works of Paul Lawrence Dunbar, changing to plantation costumes they present an instrumental quartet of banjos, mandolins, and guitars. They also introduce a queer contraption called the Suwanee River Harp, the only one of its kind in the world.

Their performance creates an evening of genuine enjoyment. Don't miss it. Get a season ticket.

## High School Seniors Picnic

"The roads, the woods, the heavens, the hills

Are not a world today—

But just a place God made for us  
In which to play."

Thus thought all those who expect to graduate from the High School Department next June, when with happy hearts and light footsteps they hastened to answer the Call of the Wild.

October the third was an ideal day. The mild, well-seasoned atmosphere, the delightful autumnal colors, and the exuberant spirits of the Seniors, left nothing to be desired. In a quiet, sequestered spot, on the ashes of the fire they had as Juniors, they built their camp. The evening was spent in partaking of such a satisfying lunch, and in such a delightful social entertainment that it sped all too quickly. The fire was hastily extinguished and with some minor accidents, such as falling into thorn bushes and stepping into hidden ravines, the road was reached. Each seemed to return with new inspiration to work so successfully that all may be together on that auspicious day next June.

## College Freshmen Enjoy Hike

Invigorated by the elevating atmosphere, attracted by the autumnal paintings, and answering the call of the wild, about twenty-seven laughing, joking, hilarious Freshmen sought the more solitary retreats of nature for a wiener roast and a social gathering on Friday evening, October 3rd. Not satisfied with the familiar haunts nearby, they struck out for parts practically unknown, and did not come to a standstill until the foaming Genesee compelled. They were then located about one mile back of the Grange buildings. Here a rousing fire was built, guided by the ingenuity of Mr. Howard Bain. Sticks were then cut to be used in roasting the anticipated wieners. After the wieners, buns, coffee, and marshmallows were utilized to the satisfaction of all, songs were sung, and stories told with the crackling camp fire as an inspiration. All were then formally introduced. At eight forty-five the worthy "chaps", the Misses Gillett and Rork, headed their proteges homeward where they arrived at about nine o'clock. Everyone declared the evening to be a success in spite of the mud and weeds.

We are FrFeshmen! Green is our color! Full of pep? I'll say so! We can prove it too. We have not organized as yet, but when we do, watch our smoke.

## Inter-Class Tennis

The Senior high school class represented by "Wolf" Fox emerged victorious over their opponents, the Juniors, in the first round of inter-class tennis singles. However, neither the diminutive "Wolf" nor his flashy opponent, "Bud" Enty, who carried the Junior colors in the match, played what might be termed brilliant tennis.

The three sets were all closely contested, the first going to Enty by the score 3-6 while the last two were won by the rangy "Wolf" 6-3, 7-5. Many of the points were won at the close of easily-played rallies, in which each player waited for the other to "out" or "net" the sphere thus winning on his opponent's error rather than on his own brilliant playing.

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### Food for Your Soul

Come now, let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isaiah 1:18.

### SAFE EDUCATION

Education without morals is education without merit. Education without morals is an evil equipment for the individual. Education without morals is a danger to the Republic.

Moral education is impossible except upon the basis of religion.

Therefore it follows that the great consideration at this present moment should be to give the public school system of the United States such definite trend in the imparting of religious teachings, as to make education meritorious and safe for the individual and the whole body politic.

We spend more than a billion a year upon our public schools. More than 700,000 devoted men and women are engaged in teaching; practically all of these are of a high moral type, willing, and indeed anxious, to train the future steps of youth in rightful paths.

More than 27,000,000 children are within the school age in the United States and the average daily attendance is more than 17,000,000. Upon the young people rests the hope of America, and upon America rests the hope of the world. What is it that restrains the public school system from taking into its full consciousness and its active operations this most vital matter of all, the impart-

ing of religious education to youth? Old and erroneous customs.

The remonstrances of voluble and usually uninformed persons.

The assumption of even some religious people, that the State has nothing to do with religion, and, therefore, should allow the public school pupils to get their religion and their morals elsewhere or to not get religion and morality at all.

If these combined reasons shall continue for a generation, we may, in that time, develop in America, a race of men and women without any consciousness of religion, denying their own possession of any soul, even glorying in a cruel and selfish materialism.

Tragic instances of such decadence are now before the public mind. One could fill pages with illustrations of the woe which follows the operation of public schools without religion.

If we would save the youth, we must come back to the rightful idea. No education is worth while unless it is moral education; and no moral education can be successfully instilled or acquired in this country, except that which is based upon the Word of God as given in His Holy Book.

The Republic is more imperilled by lack of religious education than by any threat from external enemies. Our material power might withstand aggressions from external sources, and we might flourish for a day within that material power. But unmoral conditions in the nation would sap its strength.

We are just at that point of danger in the United States. There are nearly 50,000,000 people who have no touch with the churches, and who make no personal profession of religion. If the youth among these and if the offspring of the elders among these, shall receive education at public expense, without any inculcation of the morality which goes without religion, the Republic will find itself, in another generation, on the brink of that abyss over which other nations have fallen.—Christian Statesman.

### Colleges Uphold 18th Amendment

There is a lot of stuff going the rounds, both in the United States and abroad, to the effect that conditions in colleges and high schools are worse since prohibition than they were before, and that the young people of America are drinking bootleg liquor and going to the dogs and the devil.

A recent survey of conditions nails this statement as a liquor lie. Testimony given by college presidents, college students and the college pub-

lications is to the effect that this is all wet propaganda.

Some of these declare there is no drinking at all by their students; others say that there is very little drinking, and all of them declare that the conditions are much better than in the old saloon days.

The recent students' enforcement conference at Washington reveals the action taken by many universities and colleges in regard to the Eighteenth Amendment. Actions sustaining prohibition and refraining from liquor have been adopted by many student government bodies, among them being the following: University of Illinois, Penn State College, Wesleyan, Dartmouth, Oberlin, University of Pennsylvania, Ohio State University, Illinois College, Wisconsin University, Cornell, University of Arizona, Syracuse, Princeton, Brown, the Colorado state conference representing students from colleges of the state, Connecticut College for Women, Haverford College, Houghton College, Lafayette, Pacific College, University of Tennessee, Otterbein College, and the State College of Washington.

### HOUGHTON LOCALS

Clinton Donohue was a visitor here last Sunday.

Clifford Bentley of Rushford was a caller in town Saturday.

We are glad to hear that Ruth Rockwell is improving swiftly.

Miss Elizabeth Davies was in town recently, staying with Ione Driscoll.

Dorothy and Helen Clark, former Houghton students, were callers here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bond Fero and son are now living in part of Mr. James Crawford's house.

We hear that "the gang" has purchased a Ford Special. It is said to have rather temperamental qualities.

Arnold Pitt and his mother and sister, Mrs. Joseph Newman, motored to Warren, Pa., last Friday, returning on Sunday.

Word has been received here of the birth of a baby girl to Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Sumner, former students of Houghton.

Harold Douglas, Mrs. Long and family and Ethel Kingsbury motored to Elmira last Sunday to attend the Billy Sunday meetings.

The latest report as we go to press is that Grace Wright is improving. Miss Wright has recently undergone a very serious operation in the Olean hospital.

### Be Strong!

Be strong!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;

We have hard work to do and loads to lift;

Shun not the struggle; face it. 'Tis God's gift.

Be strong!

Say not the days are evil—who's to blame?

And fold the hands and acquiesce—Oh, the shame!

Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong,

How hard the battle goes, the day how long.

Faint not, fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.

—Maltie D. Babcock.

### Star Sport Stanza

By Hussey

If everything upon this earth was cheerfulness and joy, if all our pain would turn to mirth with nothing to annoy, we never could appreciate or fully understand, nor could we even estimate the blessings from God's hand. If all the many paths of life were strewn with roses fair, if we would have no grief or strife, no suffering or care, if, while we sail on life's dark sea, we find no rock or shoal, could we enjoy the tranquil lee when we have reached our goal? We all have aches and sorrow of magnitude, no doubt. We see a dark tomorrow with sadness all about. But whate'er be your trouble look through the mists of time. Examine life's frail bubble, and you'll find peace sublime. Take life ten times less serious. Enjoy yourself, I say! Life's troubles are mysterious, but quickly cured by PLAY. To this end then we welcome you to basketball and track, that we may make you feel less blue, and that joy might come back. So let's come out for baseball, and use the tennis court. Just heed the wholesome outdoor call. In short—LET'S BE A SPORT.



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### INTER-CLASS TENNIS

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"Bud" Enty, Purple—Gold champ-  
 ion 1923—24, was not up to his best  
 stride. Fox showed himself a consist-  
 ent tennis player and he will, beyond  
 a doubt make a strong bid on the Pur-  
 ple team this year. There is a possi-  
 bility that Enty will also be on the  
 team.

As we go to press only one of the  
 preliminary matches have been played.  
 However by the time you receive the  
 "Star" the college senior—frosh match  
 and the encounter between the juniors  
 and sophs will be history. The cannon  
 ball service of "Ed" Williams, Purple-  
 Gold runner-up of 1923-24 and un-  
 doubtedly the most brilliant and speed-  
 iest racketeer in Houghton College will  
 swamp the Frosh with his terrific place-  
 ments. The consistent, but not flashy  
 returns of "Hank" Henshaw, who will  
 represent the Juniors, will also win  
 against any more spectacular but more  
 erratic player who might represent the  
 Sophs.

Monday is the semi-finals. "Wolf"  
 Fox will meet the winner of the Senior-  
 Frosh match and Tuesday the winner  
 of this match will meet the winner of  
 the Junior-Soph encounter for the finals.

We pick the College Senior represent-  
 ative "Ed" Williams to win all except  
 the final match in straight sets. The  
 last he will win however in two out of  
 three. The Seniors are fortunate in  
 having one of the best all-round tennis  
 exponents in Houghton and his consist-  
 ently brilliant tennis will carry them to  
 victory.

The popularity of the game of horse-  
 shoes, which was so great last spring,  
 seems to have diminished considerably.  
 We can't play baseball, it is too early  
 for basket-ball, and the new backstops  
 for the tennis courts are not yet placed.  
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FILLMORE, N. Y.**Athenian Society****The Good Old Tavern Days**The Athenians and their visitors,  
on Monday evening, October 6, en-  
joyed a program that restored some-  
thing of the atmosphere of the old  
tavern days.Miss Esther Haynes related very  
interestingly a good variety of inci-  
dents illustrating the crudeness of  
tavern ways, the conveniences and  
inconveniences of taverns—mostly in-  
conveniences—and their means of  
entertainment.Mr. Farner showed the part that  
the tavern had in the community life  
and in colonial life in general. It  
was in the tap-rooms of taverns  
where court and political meetings  
were held. It was at the taverns  
where hangings and other punish-  
ments were administered, where the  
duels were fought, where hunting  
parties assembled, where shows were  
staged, where ministers were ordain-  
ed, and where practically every sort  
of meeting that affected community  
life was held. It was in the old tap-  
room where spirits—a great variety  
of strong spirits—went down and  
strong spirits arose. We are a long  
way from the old taproom now; its  
stimulation has disappeared, but  
surely the strong spirits of our Pil-  
grim Fathers helped to make our  
nation what it is. Mr. Farner intro-  
duced much good humor into his  
incidents and was fully appreciated.Miss Katherine Jennings enter-  
tained with a piano solo, showing ex-  
cellent technique and expression.The next program introduces the  
original American. Come out and get  
acquainted with him.**Neosophic Society**The members of the Neosophic Soci-  
ety showed, Monday night, how they  
could meet a difficulty. All those on  
the program excepting one, were unable  
to take part. Without preparation  
several others rose to the occasion and  
made the meeting an interesting one.The program was Shakespearean.  
Lillis Fancher gave the life story of  
Shakespeare. Florence Fish gave us  
the pleasure of hearing an old English  
song, "Oh, John". Hamlet's soliloquy  
was read by Vera Mattoon. The cus-  
toms of Shakespeare's time were dis-  
cussed briefly by Madeline Waldherr.  
Esther Hall Act. IV, Scene I, from  
"The Merchant of Venice". Mr. Sall-  
burg was critic.Next week we expect to have a splen-  
did program, for it will be given by the  
members of the H. S. faculty.**Recently Elected Officials****Athenian Literary Society**

President	-	Ione Driscoll
Vice-President	-	Laura Baker
Secretary	-	Katheryn Jennings
Treasurer	-	Harlan Smith

**Senior Y. M. W. B.**

President	-	Helen Davison
Vice-President	-	Ivah Benning
Secretary	-	Mary Steves
Treasurer	-	Ernest Crocker

**Lecture Course Committee**

Treasurer	-	Clair Carey
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**Athletic Association**

President	-	Earl Tierney
Vice-President	-	(no election)
Secretary	-	Erma Anderson
Treasurer	-	Paul Steese

**Double Male Quartet**

Second Tenor	-	Harold Douglass
Second Bass	-	Prof. R. E. Douglas
Second Bass	-	George Schroeder

**Missionary Meeting**

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As many are aware, Miss Lulu Tan-  
ner is a trained nurse who has spent  
three terms on the African Mission  
Field and who sets sail again on  
October 17. Miss Tanner gave us one  
of her characteristically tender talks,  
exhorting the young people to be  
true to God, especially those who  
have already realized the call upon  
their lives, and closed with a short  
season of prayer. I am sure that  
God's presence was manifest in a  
marked degree. While we sang in  
closing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"  
there were tear-filled eyes here and  
there throughout the audience.As a Senior Band, I am sure we  
would unite in invoking God's bless-  
ing upon His hand-maiden and in  
praying that this may be the best  
and most fruitful term she has ever  
spent in her homeland, Africa.We were delighted with the large  
attendance. We would not know how  
to express the inspiration which came  
to our own lives during the meeting.We cannot afford to miss such  
seasons as this. God sends them  
along to keep our vision clear and  
our prayers fervent along missionary  
lines; and surely if there was ever a  
time when we needed to keep awake  
on missionary matters, that time is  
NOW.The Senior Y. M. W. B. plans to  
give the students the opportunity of  
hearing several returned missionar-  
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