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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



### "The Size of a Man"

Houghton was well pleased with the second number of the lecture course. Professor Tilroe of Syracuse University delivered his lecture on "The Size of a Man." At once all present realized that a man stood before them. A pleasing but sharp countenance, humorous but sincere spirit, and a studious outlook on the important issues of the day added to the force of the speaker.

Man is not measured by standards set forth by men. His measurement lies in himself and is found in four distinct ways.

The Physical Measurement is perhaps the best known. We see our friends and come to recognize certain marks of distinction, but the test of years is the inevitable one. At present mankind lives to be about 47 years, but the measurement is not the length of years; rather how much he accomplishes.

Professor Tilroe having personal relations with a large university was interested especially in education and, as a second division of his topic he showed us the place that mental training takes in a man. The future of the world depends upon the Christian efficiency of its leaders. Our hope lies in the small Christian institutions which are opposed to the "cistern type" of teaching. A large amount of the education today is a mere accumulation of facts which, like a cistern, can be drawn upon at will, but the "well type", or that method which becomes better as one goes deeper, is the kind needed to help at this particular crisis. About 76 per cent of the population merely absorb knowledge while less than one-third are thinkers. The basis of education lies in the desire to lift mankind.

The measurement of Social Standing is the third characteristic of a full-sized

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### H. S. Seniors Enjoy Themselves

Yes, again we have some Senior news. It seems that the class has been unusually quiet; but at last the spirit of Comus seems to have taken hold of us, and we determined to have an outing.

Casting around for something to do, we finally decided that a breakfast in the woods would be just the thing. But alas, the weather man was against us. However, our good friends, the overseers of the camp grounds, permitted us to use the kitchen on the ground for our feed.

We arose bright and early, in fact so early that the stars were still shining brightly. We repaired to the camp grounds where our worthy brother, Perry Tucker, had been for some time building fires and baking potatoes.

Then the one who had been appointed cook proceeded to fry hamburg and eggs, but too much must not be said about this; for did not our worthy president, when asked to give a speech on the future of the senior class say, "If you all feel like I do, the future will undoubtedly be a monument." After breakfast and the "speeches" were over we played games and did stunts. Our chaperon, Miss Tanner, could think of more things to do than most of our own number.

At ten thirty we decided that there were warmer places in Houghton than the camp ground and returned home. Every one seemed to feel well paid for the loss of sleep, and perhaps some time in the future, another breakfast would taste good.

The Senior Class pins came Saturday. It seems that all good things come to those who wait, and we certainly waited long enough for pins.

Leman Babbitt, wife, and daughter, Mary of Boston are visiting relatives in town.

### Houghton College Permanency Fund

The Permanency Fund is just started, and to date is over the \$5000 mark. Students, how does this make you feel?

But was there ever a greater incentive for doing one's best? Think of what it will mean to fail. Our very existence seems to be at stake. For twenty years we have been striving to reach this goal.

"Honored lives for thee have fallen,  
Hearts that broke and bled"  
Have been wrung thy cause to prosper  
And thy light to shed."

And now the charter is ours, shall we, the ones permitted to see this day, prove unworthy of the trust, and fail to make permanent the prize so dearly won?

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Students, we believe we can count on you, and with God's help, we will go over the top.

"Houghton dear, Houghton cheer, one and all;

Let us pray that we,  
All her sons, be firm and loyal  
Till eternity."

J. S. Luckey.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends in the community and school for their expressions and tokens of sympathy and for their kindly assistance during the sickness and death of our beloved father.

R. D. Fancher and family  
H. L. Fancher and family  
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Marietta E. Fancher

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**Editorial****The Houghton Pessimist Says:**

"Well, I'm here to tell you, that I'm glad I ain't got to give any Christmas presents this year. Nobody gave me any last year. I can send one to my rich uncle so maybe he won't forget me next year."

What's the use of an editorial? Few people could imagine. Why is it written? No one knows that. Does it fill any essential place in the present day periodical? Very seldom; as a rule the advertising manager might better utilize the space for advertisements. Where does it come from? The editor only knows and he won't tell. Who reads it? Those who have read all the rest of the paper including the notices of deaths, births, and the transfer of real estate, and are waiting for a train that is one hour late turn to the editorial. An editorial is a production, one of many ground out by some more or less clever individual, who may or may not be the editor, and who in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred knows less about the subject in hand than the reader himself.

One exchange editor puts it like this "Nobody ever reads them unless they have too, and nobody ever has to read an editorial so there you are. Therefore editorials are useless, at least they are a useless plague. "But no public-

ation can be a publication without an editorial; therefore for the simple reason that we want the paper to be a real publication, we are raving on at length and calling the result an editorial."

And that's about the way it goes. The editor feels that he is obligated to grind out an editorial each week whether he feels like it or not (usually he doesn't), and because of his position as editor he has the whip hand and can spring it on the unsuspecting and defenceless student body.

However, as has been herein explained, a publication is not a real publication without an editorial, so here goes.

Merry Christmas! You read it on the front page of the "Star," you hear it on every side, you begin to feel it now; and when you get home on that long expected Christmas vacation, it will begin to radiate all thru you, and warm you to the very bone with what we have inadequately termed Christmas spirit. And what is Christmas spirit? Every one talks about it, but few really stop to think just what it means. Some where we read about a man who was said to be "always animated with the spirit of Christmas--that hopes much from love, from the frank evidence of love for all men, and particularly for the faith, hope, and charity which persists in all men." What a compliment to be always animated with such a spirit, a spirit that might be called Christ spirit which originated with the birth, and was so fully exemplified in the works and triumphant death of Him whose birthday we are about to commemorate. Many feel the thrill of loving and giving unselfishly at Christmas time, but of few can it be said that they were always "animated with the spirit of Christmas."

There is a constant spiritual influence that radiates from it to the influence of those who are doing things. It matters not of what intellectual affiliations a man may be, or what creed or doctrine he may choose, if he has about him that halo of a Christmas spirit, that spirit which is pervasive, which is vital past the power of death to inviolate; and the influence of which cannot be confined or measured, he will be a power for good.

Oh it's a great world to live in after all, folks. We suppose that you

thought that we felt a little pessimistic when we started in on this editorial, and your thoughts were exactly right; we did. However, when we got to thinking about the Christmas spirit and all that it meant, we could not feel that way long.

"It is better to give than to receive."

**The Houghton Optimist Says:**

"I shall bring all the joy into the world that I possibly can this Christmas. I don't care about getting anything myself, but I do like to make people happy."

**STAR NOTICES**

The Star will not be published during the weeks beginning Monday, Dec. 24, or Monday, Dec. 31, on account of the Christmas recess.

When a man becomes satisfied with himself he will no longer flourish but will die of a dry rot, as it were. The Star staff is far from being satisfied, as we suppose many of our readers are, with the work accomplished by the Star this year. However, the difficulties attendant with the change in form of the paper are great. The lack of labor and certain machines and appliances in the press room, and the extraordinary amount of work that is being done there, makes it well nigh impossible to increase the size of the publication, or add some of the extra columns as suggested by our alumni and our exchanges. It is possible, however, that next year with added facilities that we will be able to place the Star on a plane that will be more nearly a par with the usual college paper.

We are thankful for a letter with suggestions from Mr. O. M. Walton one of our alumni, and if possible, we shall make use of them by incorporating an "Alumni Introduction" column in the Star.

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country and has also administered defeat to a picked team from Oxford University in England. When the president of the student body called for a rising vote to express the determination of the students to stand back of Prof. Hazlett, even if it meant trying out for the team, almost every one present arose.

Upon being convinced that the students will back him, Prof. Hazlett has begun work in earnest. A challenge is on its way to Chesbro, and three questions have been decided upon by the committee in charge of arrangements. These will be submitted to Chesbro as soon as word is received that the challenge has been accepted.

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The Misses Brooks and Benning sang a duet "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" which was a splendid selection well rendered. Mr. Hussey read an original Christmas story which was just one more of those extraordinary literary productions which have so often fallen from his pen.

We were next favored with a piano solo by Mr. Cronk who played with his usual skill.

Miss Tanner told us of "A Christmas in Africa," contrasting very vividly the mode of observing Christmas in Africa and here in the homeland. She brought in some very interesting details regarding the native customs, and also told us how some of our ways and manners were received by the African.

In conclusion the society sang that beautiful hymn "Holy Night." We then adjourned feeling well repaid for the time we had spent, and greatly inspired by the well-rendered program.

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Houghton Students, if ever your Alma Mater needed your help it is now. Houghton has been kind to every one of you, and to some of you she has meant the turning point in your lives. Like a tender mother she has ministered to you to give you a start in life; the time has now come when she greatly needs your help. Houghton Students, as far as human eye can see, the fate of Houghton College rests with you. How often have we sung the dear old college song. The echo of that beautiful melody lingers with us still.

### HOUGHTON COLLEGE SONG

When the eastern sun is sinking  
Toward the crimson west,  
Thoughts of thee, fond Alma Mater  
Fill our loyal breast.

Chorus:  
Houghton, Houghton, now and e'er  
May thy name be dear,  
Ever on through life to conquer,  
And our hearts to cheer.

Honored lives for thee have fallen,  
Hearts that broke and bled,  
Have been wrung thy cause to prosper  
And thy light to shed.

Other schools may claim their thousands  
We're a smaller band.  
But for God and righteousness, we  
Take a noble stand.

When o'er earth thy fame has risen  
Like the morning light,  
'Twill but rise the earth to gladden  
And dispel the night.

Last chorus:  
Houghton dear, Houghton cheer, one and  
all;  
Let us pray that we,  
All her sons be firm and loyal  
Till eternity.

The situation is just this: We have secured the college charter, but for five years it is a provisional charter, and during that time we must meet the conditions laid down by the State, if the charter is made permanent at the close of this period. The state requires that we shall raise \$20,000 per year to maintain the college work. This must come from three sources:---1. the Church Budget; 2. the income from endowment; 3. the Old Student Body. From the first two we can expect from twelve to fourteen thousand dollars. The balance must come from you. If you fail, unless God has some other plan, the college must be given up.

But with God's help you are not going to fail, and this is the plan: We believe the old students; graduates and non-graduates, can be counted on to raise \$10,000 per year for five years making a total fund of \$50,000.00 which can very logically be called a

### PERMANENCY FUND

We have not space here to explain fully the fund, but you have probably received a letter and a leaflet that does fully explain it, also some blank pledges. If you have not, drop me a line and the return mail will bring this letter.

**Now Students,** we are counting on you, and the majority will not fail, but we want to make the record 100 per cent strong. **Remember,**

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## "The Size of a Man"

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man. The foundation of all social life should be sincerity. The aim of the true man is to raise the lower to that level which he has first realized for himself.

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Physical, educational, social, and financial: four measurements, all brought together in one harmonious relation by that one supreme task: "Do what you know you ought to do." As we obey we find our place in life, and as we continue to be sincere we are able to work in harmony with life and really measure up to the full size of a man.

Professor Tilroe won his way into the hearts of many of our Houghton people who also have caught a similar vision in life. We are certainly pleased to have a man like Professor Tilroe as one of our acquaintances as he is a man among men; one who sees his place in life and is not afraid to fill it.

## CHURCH NOTES

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Hours of Service

Sunday School	10:00 a. m.
Preaching	11:00 a. m.
Children's Meeting	3:00 p. m.
Young People's Meeting	6:45 p. m.
Preaching	7:30 p. m.
Prayer-meeting Thur. Eve.	7:30 p. m.

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Mark and Fred Bedford visited at Roy Chamberlain's in Caneadea Sunday.

C. J. Crandall returned home Friday evening from a business trip to Pittsburgh.

The Gleaners were entertained at Ethelyn Lupton's on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Charles Yanda and small son visited at C. J. Crandall's a few days the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lapham accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hill of Belfast to Hume Sunday afternoon.

Friday night the Fillmore High Basketball Team swamped Nunda in a slowly played game, which showed only occasional flashes of brilliancy. The Nunda team was completely out-classed. Fillmore, however, won through their individual star's, Brigham and Towell, rather than through teamwork. The score was 57--16.

**Jolly Juniors! Rah! Rah! Rah!**

(Left over from last week.)

The first event of the season--- how would you describe it? The College Juniors haven't been spending much time at trying to describe it that I know of, but I doubt not but what they have thought frequently of the pleasure it gave.

The event was a dinner at the Kinney House at Cuba. What the Juniors were served in the line of eatables, likely they won't be telling, for fear it would make others hungry. Suffice it to say the dinner was exquisite in every detail in both quality and service. The long table was decorated with purple and gold crepe paper and a large bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums which added materially to the pleasure of the meal. Yells and college songs filled the air, when the masticators (shall we call them?) were not too busily engaged otherwise. And of course afterwards when there was nothing else to do they listened to short, snappy toasts. Songs and yells voiced before the open hearth fire completed a most enjoyable evening.

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Dr. Boardman was born in Cold Springs, N. Y. in 1884. He came to Houghton to begin his high school work, and after eight years of work, he graduated from the college department in 1909.

Houghton was then in her infancy, as far as college recognition was concerned. The same year in which Dr. Boardman graduated, Oberlin College offered to take Houghton students on their merits toward the A. B. degree. The same year Boardman, along with the other ex-professors of Houghton, entered Oberlin College where a reputation and recognition was established that year which has made many schools call for Houghton students.

He then spent the next three years in the University of Nebraska. After his work there, Dr. Boardman entered the Stevens Institute of Technology where he was instructor in the Physics Department for several years.

From the Stevens Institute Dr. Boardman entered Cornell University to work for his Ph. D. degree. Here he spent two years. The last year was spent in research work for the great scientist, Emeritus Nickols. He received his Ph. D. degree from Cornell in 1923. At the beginning of this school year he joined the Houghton College faculty as head of the Physics Department. He is the first man with a Ph. D. degree to teach in a Wesleyan school.

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