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## Radio Here At Last.

After a long detainment during which some of us nearly gave up hope, the radio has arrived. Although we have not as yet had the privilege of listening to it, we are certain that it will reach our highest expectations. It is a three tube set, with a Western Electric power amplifier, which contains three more tubes. With it are also two storage batteries, a Western Electric loud speaker and a rectifier. It is encased in an attractive wooden box which can be locked to prevent any inquisitive student from tampering with it.

It will be set up ready for use, immediately at the close of the special revival services now in session here.

## Don't Forget Lecture Friday Night

According to announcement, the noted Japanese orator, Mr. Yutaka Minakuchi, will be in Houghton, Friday evening, January 25. He will lecture on the Far East situation, a problem the solution of which is confronting the whole world. Mr. Minakuchi is one of the ablest representatives of Christian Japanese in America today. We feel sure that it will be a source of inspiration to hear this man.

Following Mr. Minakuchi on our lecture course will be Mr. Denton Crowl, a journalist of much ability and a lecturer of the highest caliber.

Frequently one finds an eloquent orator who lacks forcefulness because of his inability to think matters through. On the other hand there are those possessed of rare ability as thinkers, but utterly lacking in the power to present the results of his thinking to an audience. Mr. Crowl is both orator and thinker. His discourse should prove to be a great aid to an understanding of some of the vital problems of the day.

Don't forget the date, February 4. Special attention is called to the change of date from February 5 to February 4.

Only the thinker grows in mental power.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

Our special services were opened Sunday morning. Rev. J. W. Cooper is forcefully presenting the gospel truths which are awakening hearts and bringing men not only to the church but to God. The prayers of all praying people are needed that these services may be an old-fashioned and wide-spreading revival of religion.

## Purple Girl's Squad Changed

Miss Mabel Armstrong will be unable to represent the Purple from the guard position this year and Capt. Ackerman has named Miss Doris Neal to assume the position. Judging from her playing of late, we consider her to be a very apt choice.

## Athletes Become Nervous

### Scholastic Standard A Requirement

In the Houghton College catalog for 1923-24, there appears a new ruling with regard to athletics. It reads thus, "In order to keep the scholarship as high as possible, no student may be a member of the representative teams of the two sides unless he has a general school average of 75 and not less than 65 in any one subject."

This is a fine rule and we commend the faculty upon having it inserted, although it seems that the general average is a little too high. Primarily we are in Houghton for the purpose of intellectual advancement and if we are not able to carry out this objective without athletics we must drop all except enough to exercise our bodies.

Be this as it may, however, the ruling looks at the present as though it would reduce the Purple and Gold basket-ball teams to a mere semblance of the personnel that it was expected would make them up at the beginning of the year. Many athletes seem to have been growing nervous of late and if the rule does nothing more it has induced many of them to spend hours poring over their books when they only thought of spending minutes in times gone by.

## Purple Youngsters Win Series

### Win Last Game by One Point

Last Friday evening saw the third and last game of the Purple--Gold Junior series won by the Purple, thus giving them the series with three games in succession. The final score was 23--24.

Although the game itself started at a slow pace, it livened in the last half to such a speed that the usually serious and sedate gallery lost its dignity for the first time this year to the extent that many were complaining of sore throats the next morning. It was close all the way through with the sides alternating for points, as Roth and Howland of the Gold, and Fox and Cronk of the Purple dropped the sphere through the iron hoop with surprising regularity.

Cronk, P., and Roth, G., undoubtedly played the most brilliant game of their careers, although Roth was at somewhat of a disadvantage, as he was out of his regular position when he guarded Cronk. The Purple team showed speed, skill, and strength of defense, in their forwards Fox and Cronk, and in their guards, Benson, Molyneaux, and Bennett. The Gold, however, while not lacking in speed and brilliancy in Roth and Howland, were unable to withstand the Purple attack from the other positions. Both aggregations lacked in shooting power.

## Basket-ball Classic Approaches

The Houghton Purple--Gold basket-ball classic draws nearer and nearer. So far only one team, that which will represent the Purple Girls, has been named officially. Every day the tension grows greater. Who will be named to represent the men's team is the question. The captains dare not make their final decisions until after the mid-year exams and players averages have been determined, and even then they will do it with regret. The Purple men's team will not be published officially until Friday upon which the first game begins.

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## Editorial

[Editor's Note---The next editorial on athletics will appear next week.]

### WE HEAR A GREAT

amount of conversation and read long articles about gift giving, about how we should give, what we should give, and every other conceivable detail that is concerned with the subject. They tell us that it matters not so much what the gift may be, if it is given in the right spirit; but somewhere we read something from the other side of the subject. The receiver of the gifts has some duties also. Procrastination in gift giving is one of its worst forms. Tell the giver that you received it and that it is just what you wanted. Don't put it off.

### THERE WAS A TIME

when we wrote a bunch of material about the saving of time. We used to say that a person had time for anything if he only thought so. We pointed out the fact that we waste enough time in a day to accomplish whatever might be asked of us. You have heard that old saying about going to the busy man if you want anything done. Yes, we used to preach all of this and there is something in it, too. However, we read the following story of late, which brings to the surface another phase of the subject.

A certain gentleman was talking to a French philosopher. By dint of a mad rush and much effort they had caught a certain express instead of a local. As the gentleman sank thankfully into a seat he said, "There, we've saved two minutes." "Yes," said the Frenchman, "And what will we do with them?"

### IT'S EASY TO FIND

fault with someone else. You can see a hundred faults in other people where you can find one in yourself. They stick out as plain on other people as the nose on your face. Before you take the time and opportunity to advertise them however, just stop and think a minute and as Edgar Guest has it:

When you draw a little closer,  
And your hands and shoulders touch  
You will find the traits you hated  
Really don't amount to much.

### HELLO THERE

old top! How many times a day do you open your mouth and let flow out a few words of good cheer in the way of salutation. We have noticed that it matters not how many times you speak to some of the students of Houghton College, the very next time you meet them they will pass you by with a face as long as from here to Fillmore. If some of you around here were to smile, it would certainly crack your face and you would be compelled to have several stitches taken in it. What is the matter with you? The next time that you meet a fellow-student on the streets, it matters not whether you have had a "knock down" to him or her, just open your mouth and let out that little dispenser of joy, "Hello".

W'en you see a man in woe,  
Walk right up and say, "Hullo"  
Say "Hullo!" an' "How d'ye do?"  
"How's the world a-using you?"  
Slap the fellow on his back;  
Bring your han' down with a whack!  
Waltz right up, and don't go slow;  
Grin an' shake and say "Hullo".

### SMILE!

Smile and the world smiles with you!  
Kick and you kick alone,  
For a cheerful grin will let you in,  
Where the kicker is never known.

---Exchange.

## STAR NOTICES

Alumni! Alumni! Don't forget to send in your contributions to the alumni column and your criticisms to STAR itself. Remember, however, that we cannot please everyone. We cannot print a paper just to suit you individually. We must try in a small measure to suit all our subscribers. If you don't like athletics, just remember that these very same athletics are just what more than half of our student body are interested in. Do not look for any great amount of articles and heavy material. The primary purpose of the STAR as now edited, is to print the news of the school, so the articles will be few. Next year, if the paper is supported as you are supporting it now, with more subscriptions than ever before in its history, we will perhaps be enabled to enlarge it to great enough proportions to print these articles. Just now, however, "It can't be done".

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### Hazlett's Prodigies at Work

The Houghton orchestra, of which we are expecting great things this year, as it is under the competent direction of Professor Ray Hazlett, is hard at work in preparation for the most comprehensive recital that has ever been achieved in Houghton College. The prodigies of Mr. Hazlett, the budding geniuses who are holding aloft the musical prestige of Houghton, are practicing from three to five hours each week and it is expected that they will reach the peak of excellence by the middle of March when the recital is to be given.

The program will consist not alone of renditions by the orchestra, but will be pleasingly interspersed with selections by the violin and mandolin quartettes, solos, and readings. The violin quartette is led by Mr. Hazlett himself while Scott, Davies, and King will act with him with the second, third, and fourth violin respectively. The mandolin four will be Kemp, Davies, Scott, and Burt, with Clark and McMurtry accompanying on the guitar and banjo. Mr. Alfred Kreckmam of Rochester will accompany both quartettes on the piano.



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A committee, consisting of Matthew Gosbee and A. C. King, was elected to search out the possibilities of Dutch Hill. They will try to make the acquaintance of some family who would back up the proposition of holding services in the schoolhouse. Other possible openings were discussed. Pray that

the right place may be found.

At the request of the 1924 graduates of the Theological Department, the annual banquet will be omitted this year. The money which would otherwise be spent for an unneeded and extravagant occasion will be sent to the Mission Board.

At the request of the STAR staff, the department elected a reporter. The members appreciate this opportunity to make the department a definite factor in the life of our institution. At the suggestion of Professor Wright, reports of good prayer meetings and other items will be sent to the Wesleyan Methodist. The whole church will thus be informed of our religious activities.

The theologs are on the map.

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### Musings of J. D. Whipple Upon His Return from Houghton

We just arrived from Houghton;

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 And do things up on time.

Christ-like things are all the go,  
 • For good things they are bent,  
 But great and small with one accord  
 Know how their life is spent.

They teach the pupils how to pray,  
 And trust their God complete.  
 The things that's taught in that  
 old town  
 Just simply can't be beat.

The atmosphere is simply great,  
 No nicotine is seen;  
 The language there is pure as gold,  
 There is nothing that's obscene.

The town out there is not so large,  
 But in it you will find  
 The people in all walks of life  
 Real religiously inclined.

If any one does go astray,  
 It simply is their fault;  
 The things they're taught will keep  
 them right,  
 If they but take the way.

They used us nice, they used us well:  
 We have no fault to find;  
 We're glad we have three children there  
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Not every man who reaches the top  
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Lester Chellis of Plattsburg, N. Y.,  
has entered the Seminary Department.

Rev. David Anderson returned home  
Tuesday from a hospital in Plattsburg  
where he recently underwent an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bennett of Swain,  
spent from Thursday until Sunday  
with the latter's sister, Mrs. Reuben  
Higbee and family.

Elmer and Howard Hudson were  
called home last Friday by the death  
of their mother. Their many friends  
in Houghton extend to them their  
sympathy. They returned to school  
Tuesday.

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**STAR Picks "All-Houghton"  
Junior Team**

The STAR names the "All-Houghton"  
Junior Team as follows:

Forward - Roth, G.  
Forward - Cronk, P.  
Forward - Fox, P.  
Center - Howland, G.  
Center - Bennett, P.  
Guard - Molyneaux, P.  
Guard - Mix, G.

We would suggest that some of these  
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Breathes there a man with soul so dead  
Who never to his shiek hath said:  
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