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## HOUGHTON COLLEGE

### 100% BUDGET

What would you do, if your whole future destiny depended upon accomplishing a certain end? Would you not pray earnestly for Divine assistance? Would you not seek the assistance of all who could assist?

Some do not seem to realize that Houghton College is facing the greatest crisis of her existence. The great question is: "Shall we with God's help meet the challenge and raise the \$20,000 necessary to retain the charter." Have we men and women, boys and girls who like Caleb and Joshua, will say, "Let us at once go up and possess it (the land); for we are well able to overcome it."

The students, as might be expected, are greatly interested in this matter which is really one of the most momentous ever brought to our consideration. It has been decided to divide the students, faculty members, and other interested persons into groups according to the conference that each one represents; then for each group to meet and consider how the members of that group can assist its conference in raising a full budget. The Allegany Conference met first, and yesterday twenty-five representatives of this splendid conference met to consider the problem of helping that conference to come in 100% strong. Next week the representatives of the Lockport Conference expect to meet, and so on for the other conferences.

Now, dear people, do you realize what is at stake? If you do, can you feel clear before God if you fail to do your part? It is true that on the average the budget is \$1.50 per member, but in the local church this should not be the basis of payment. The Bible method is "according to ability." For some this may mean less than \$1.50 while for others it will mend \$5.00 or \$10.00 for educational budget.

We are very sure, dear people, that two things at least should be done. In the first place you should know defin-

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## Library Concert

On Monday evening, March 3, the teachers and students of the departments of music and oratory, assisted by the orchestra will give the annual Library Concert which was postponed from February 22.

Those who have attended the splendid programs given in past years for the benefit of the library are anticipating this one with much pleasure.

## Fifth Games of Purple-Gold Series

# TONIGHT

## Dutch Hill Sunday School Increases In Interest and In Numbers.

When Kemp, Enty, and Woodhead entered the schoolhouse on Dutch Hill last Sunday afternoon they were greeted by 34 eager and enthusiastic faces. After they had all joined in singing, Kemp and Enty gave an especially good duet. This was followed by the discussion of the lesson. All seemed to be ready to do their part as they saw it and the lesson was studied in a manner that would put some of our bright Houghton students to shame.

Following the lesson, the students of the district school rendered a special song. The superintendent of the Sunday School then asked Woodhead to bring them a short message. During the whole discourse the people gave quiet and respectful attention.

After the service, the boys went to the home of the superintendent whose wife has been unable to attend church for a long time because of illness. The boys gave forth some most excellent music in song. The telephone receiver was taken down and the people of the whole hill soon were on the line enjoying the program.

There seemed to be the best of spirit in the whole community. What they need most is our prayers and encouragement by way of special music, and they will soon have to move into larger quarters.

## Gold Continue To Win

### Swamp Purple 50-33

The Gold quintette, exhibiting a brand of team work and pass work seldom seen in the Bedford gymnasium, came from behind last Saturday evening to again swamp the Purple to the tune of 50-33.

The Purple started with a run of baskets and a class of basket-ball in the first few minutes that seemed to spell utter defeat for the Gold--the score standing at about the end of the first quarter, 17-4 in favor of the Purple. Then, however, the Gold seemed to hit their stride, and with a clever exhibition of finely executed tip-off plays, began a run of baskets that lasted throughout the entire game. By the end of the first half, they had pushed the score to a tie at 22-22.

During the last half, the Gold simply continued an exhibition of their short shooting and short passing game, although their tip-off plays were more often intercepted. Baker and Donahue have perfected their natural short-shot game to a high degree. Their long shots seldom count, but their accuracy from close range is almost never-failing. They have developed a wonderful combination of both offense and defense, combined with great accuracy in passes and in general team work.

An almost undefinable something is the matter with the Purple team. The individual members of the team look good, but as a team they do not seem to be able to show up.

The Purple began the fourth game that looked like a winner, with a string of baskets from the offense, but even when they had obtained what seemed like a promising lead, the defense appeared too weak to retain the lead; consequently the Gold were able to obtain basket after basket from their tip-off plays. The Purple offense is too strong for the defense; while the Gold, who are strong in both branches of the game, have a more equally balanced team.

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### Weekly Food for Thought

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 5: 39.

"The words that I speak unto you are spirit and they are life." John 6:63.

### Editorial

That Houghton is a College and Seminary with a background in tradition we all know. It would even be useless to stop here to recapitulate many of them. They have been broadcasted in print and elucidated upon from the rostrum until most of the student body either know them by heart or have been so steeped in them that they simply feel them as a great surrounding influence: an influence, if you please, which, at certain times, forbids following certain courses of action relative to their school, and which, at other times, demands sincere, quick, definite purposeful action.

There is no group of persons in Houghton more anxious to perpetuate these traditions than is the student body. Whatever any one may say, when we speak of the student body, we mean that of Houghton College and

Houghton Seminary combined.

As the greatest and most unique of all our traditions, the one to be the most guarded is our democracy. There are no organized cliques, no fraternities, no exclusive societies or associations of any kind, and we pride ourselves that every man and woman who enjoys the privilege of attending school here has exactly the same opportunities, provided he or she wishes to seize or make use of them. To carry this spirit of democracy still further, we are entirely and absolutely opposed to any class or society, or side spirit which will lead to anything except a friendly rivalry. We book no hazing, class or side rushes, or fights.

Almost a year ago, last May in fact, the laws of the state of New York, and the prayers of true Houghtonites brought into being that infant Houghton College. These laws decreed that Houghton College and Seminary must be placed under different faculties and in different buildings; that they must be legally apart, as it were. Necessary, well and good, a step in the right direction, all will assert. But did these same laws say that we could break all our social activities together, that we must sever our relation of friendship? No! Shall we have social activities apart? Yes! Shall we cultivate friendship in our own department? Yes! But shall we ever fail to do all in our power to foster, by inter-College and Seminary social events and friendships, the most cordial relationship? No?

Last year we saw the defeat of a movement to place the athletics of the school on a High School vs. College instead of a Purple vs. Gold basis. Such a division would have made for something besides friendship and friendly rivalry. Who is there so base, so lacking in school spirit, who would want to be the originator of a feeling that might end in utter collapse of our tradition of democracy. No one! Who would want to see their beloved school torn by internal rivalry, which might terminate, no one knows where? Not one of us, and all will do all in their power to block any such movement.

So be careful! We anticipate the criticism, "You are too pessimistic." Perhaps. But listen to the conversation, put your ear to school opinion

and your hand on its pulse. Lately we heard the following conversation:

College---"Well you may have the new building, but we have the traditions."

H. S.---"Yes, but your traditions were all made for you, but we have the honor and privilege of making our own."

A foolish argument! Vain talk! That is the basis of greater contentions. Friendly contention grows and grows, and as it does it changes its character into that hostile strife. Be careful of your talk and actions toward one another, and remember, if you think this pessimistic, that no law or laws ever regulated the mob or mob psychology---although they perhaps punish after it has done its work. It is your privilege, student body, to perpetuate Houghton's sacred spirit of democracy.

### There's Joy In It, Friends!

The blessing of the presence of the Holy Ghost was again felt in the students' prayer meeting Tuesday night. Every prayer seemed full of praise to the Lord, of conceeration and of intercession for the unsaved. The leader, Miss Viola Lewis, spoke of the encouragement found in Peter's victorious life following the failures of his early days of discipleship.

Some of the testimonies given were of special inspiration.

"I have been deep in sin and so I appreciate the power of Christ to save. There are some hard places, but when I conquer I feel good. There is no other place I would enjoy being in but Houghton. I'm glad I'm here.

"I see now how childish my sinful life was, seeking pleasure in the movies or dances nearly every night. Now I find when in need of something to do, I love to pray, and I find peace. My soul is on fire for God."

"There is a great satisfaction in this life. I find a peace I never knew before I always did like prayer meetings but not the shouting; now I really enjoy it. There are a few trials, but they don't amount to much. I mean to stand fast in the faith of Christ."

Surely He that is mighty hath done great things in Houghton. Praise His name!



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**No. 2**

"When we say that Jesus Christ was the divine Son of a divine Father, immediately we feel an obstacle in the path. How can man in his insignificant smallness pay tribute to a divine being? His life is the most unique, the most successful, the most perfect, the most wonderful of any life extant now or living in the voluminous pages of historical lore. He is the most unique because of his theanthropic personality, human and divine; the most successful, as his plans and laws will live thru the endless ages of eternity; the most perfect, as he is the ultimate

exponent of the truths which he promulgates; the most wonderful, for in one sermon he developed the fundamentals of a code of ethics which is the basis of all dealings between men and between God and man; the most beautiful, as he never failed, he could not fail in his authorship and expounding of the Golden Rule.

In short, he is all in all, the first and the last, the essence of faith, the disciple of hope, the ultimate in holiness, and the spirit of that love which God is.

**No. 3**

"Although he could concern himself with everything in the world but man, and live; nevertheless, to save me, he died."

**No. 4**

"What the Bible claims Jesus to be, He is, and has been, to me. I know Him to be my helper in time of trouble and my Savior during every joy and every trial I experience. He is the power of my salvation and the mighty rock to which I cling when the high tide of evil and temptation seeks to surround me. I know He is ever ready to forgive me and His patience is exceedingly great. He constantly cares for His own."

**No. 5****Our Christ**

I know not how that Beth'lems babe  
Could in the God-head be  
I only know the manger-child  
Has brought God's life to me.  
I know not how that Calv'ry's cross  
A world from sin could free  
I only know its matchless love  
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### High School Celebrates Birthday Of Principal

February 22, 1924 is not only the date when a great American statesman and the father of his country was born, but it also marks the time of the birth of one in our own midst who has always materially aided each student of Houghton Seminary in his climb up the ladder of life. The person of whom we speak is Mrs. P. S. Bowen, principal of the High School Department.

On Friday afternoon at 2:45, the periods having been shortened, the student body of Houghton High School assembled in the spacious study hall to enjoy a short program which had been prepared. The meeting commenced by the singing of the High School song led by the song leader, Mr. Mann. The vocal selection which followed and which was rendered by the Seminary male quartet, was so well liked that the boys were forced to respond to an encore. The quartet is made up of Mr. Douglass, Mr. Mann, Mr. Kreckman, and Mr. Morse.

Our Principal, Mrs. Bowen, announced the winner in the contest which the high school has been conducting in the effort to gain a motto for that department. Many mottoes were handed to the judges, and the selection of the winning phrase was no easy task. However, the honor fell upon Mr. Mann for his motto—"Build For Character."

Miss Waldherr then stepped forward and with a few appropriate words presented Mrs. Bowen with an excellent umbrella as a gift from the student body. After singing the college song and giving a stirring yell for our Principal, the meeting was dismissed. Each student wishes her the greatest of happiness in her coming years.

Ruth Rockwell is recovering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs John Mann is seriously ill, Mrs. Scouten is caring for her.

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Mrs. Wilson Robbins is ill.

Ruth Luckey of Warsaw spent the week-end with her parents.

William Daniels of Penn Yan visited his brother Fred recently.

Elmira Allen of Fillmore visited at C. W. Hill's the last of the week.

Jeanette Ingersoll of Fillmore was the guest of Elizabeth Thayer, recently.

Mrs. J. Benson and three children, Allen, Marion, and Irwin went to Elmira, Saturday.

Last Friday, a farewell surprise party was given Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meach by about fifty of their friends.

Helen Davison and Ernest Crocker left Friday morning for Schenectady to attend the State Sunday School Convention.

Mrs. Fred Daniels is entertaining her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jamison, and her brother, Mr. Orville Cooper from Michigan.

**Can You? Will You?**

Can you tell what has lately made the STAR over a million times what it was worth a month ago? It has con-

tained the never dying words of God.

Can you tell what those words were in last week's paper? Did you read them with the thoughtfulness and reverence that are due the words of "the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth?"

Will you promise Him that you will not only read them carefully, but also memorize the words that He gives you each week in the STAR? Jesus continually pointed out to his disciples that the blessedness--- yes, the necessity of letting His words abide in them. Will you "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom?"

**SURPRISE**

Who was surprised? Mrs. Bowen? Well I guess. For some mysterious reason, Miss Rork lured Mrs. Bowen up to the Science Lab on Thursday. Here they were greeted by a lusty yell from the Seniors. After the president had welcomed the guest of honor, a class song was sung. Three speeches were given on the Past, Present, and Future of the High School Principal and of the Senior Class. The birthday cake was cut, refreshments served and a good time enjoyed by all.

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itely just what the educational quota is for your charge, and just how much has been paid to date. In the second you should find out from God just what he would have you do in this matter. To supply the first information we are sending to each pastor, a statement showing the quota for his conference and the amount his conference has paid to date; also the quota for his charge and the amount paid to date. Every layman and laywoman should get this information from the pastors. The pastors should see to it that either in public or private this information reaches each member.

To obtain the second information we wish to appoint Thursday, March 13, as a day of prayer for Houghton College, and at some period during this day we wish to ask every Wesleyan in Houghton territory to pray definitely and specifically that God will show you just what he would have you do in this financial crisis.

Yours for the Master's Service,  
**J. S. Luckey**

**Basket-ball Statistics****Boys' Fourth Game**

Gold, 50; Purple, 33.

Field Baskets: Baker 7, points 15; Donahue 7, points 14; Hussey 5, points 10; Williams 5, points 11; C. Steese 5, points 13; Bentley 4, points 8.

Foul Shots: Gold, 2 out of 11; Purple, 5 out of 11.

**Totals**

Gold, 169; Purple, 136.

Field Baskets: Bentley 30, points 60; Baker 25, points 57; Donahue 25, points 53; C. Steese 6, points 17; E. Williams 11, points 28; Hussey 11, points 24.

Foul Shots: Gold, 19 out of 52; Purple, 14 out of 50.

Fouls called: Gold 33; Purple 37; total 70.

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