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Westminster Quartet

People often wonder where the lyceum companies get their titles. The name of the quartet to sing here November 4 is a case in point.

In colonial Boston on old Westminster street was a pond where nightly the frogs burst forth in clamor. The gay young blood of the neighborhood in order to work off excessive energy formed a choir and were wont to serenade their young ladies in the "wee small hours." The irreconcilables promptly dubbed them "Ye Westminster Froggies". This aroused the dignity of the lads and they began to take their play more seriously. As in all communities families move, and old Westminster street was no exception. The choir dwindled until only a quartet was left. This quartet soon became famous and for nearly fifteen years was the leading quartet in all New England. In casting about for a name the four young men who comprise the personal of the group to appear here shortly chanced across some old records which told the story of the old Westminster. They have taken the name and are seeking to emulate the record of their predecessor. They say themselves that they aren't as good as the old quartet but they are doing their best and hope some day to attain their mark of supremacy.

A New Feature

In the near future a series of interesting articles will begin which shall continue throughout the year. These will be contributed by one of the students, Cecil Russell, who has spent a year of very active and exciting service in Europe. Mr. Russell was an official runner in the 77th Division, Company F, 306th Infantry which was surpassed by only two other divisions in the time of actual service. His duty was to carry official messages and necessitated some very dangerous undertakings.

The Lorraine front, Vesle river, Oise-Aisne offensive, and Argonne recall to our minds critical periods of dreadful suspense and extensive action. To Mr. Russell these names are connected with many personal experiences which will be very interesting.

Anna Houghton Daughters Banquet

On October 24, the Anna Houghton Daughters entertained the men of the faculty and the married men students at a banquet in the annex to the Dormitory Dining-room. The room was prettily decorated with autumn leaves and orange crepe paper, and the two long tables were each lighted by six orange candles. The appetizing food was the more enjoyable because of the strains of music from the orchestra and at the close of the banquet Mr. Walter McMurtry delighted the company by rendering several Scottish songs. The remainder of the time was spent in a play-time together of which Mrs. Lennox had charge. After singing the "College Song" the party disbanded, feeling that the evening had been spent very pleasantly.

Much credit is due the social committee of the club for making this the first banquet of the organization a success. The Anna Houghton Daughters desire to extend their thanks to the orchestra for the pleasure they afforded.

The next regular meeting of the club will occur Friday P. M., November 7 at the home of Mrs. Bowen.

"BOULDER" Staff Completed

After the successful attempt to put out a real year book by the class of '25 there has been a growing anticipation for the second year book of Houghton College and Seminary. The combined Junior classes of all departments met last year and elected as follows: Editor-in-chief, Ernest Crocker; Assistant Editor, Ruth Rockwell; Business Manager, Frank Henshaw; and Circulation Manager, Lloyd Tingley. It was decided at that time that these elected officials should be given the power to appoint the remaining members of the staff.

Although somewhat handicapped by the illness of two of the officials, the elected officers met and appointed the following staff to help issue the best annual ever published in Houghton:

Literary Editor—Louise Gifford
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The Houghton Harmonizers

The Harmonizers are just beginning to show prospects of actual development. Practices have been held regularly and a definite stride has been reached which should result in a most attractive program.

The quartette has been organized and through extra practices and diligence, the new members have become familiar with their positions, and the success of the organization is assured. The officers elected were: Edward Williams, president; Mark Bedford, Secretary-Treasurer; and Walter McMurtry, Business Manager.

The orchestra, in order to insure a permanent organization, has adopted a constitution and by-laws, and established a regular practice. Owing to the fact that several of the former members are not in school this semester, it was necessary to pick new talent and train it to the standard of music which is being played by the school orchestra. However, in spite of this handicap, the orchestra is getting into shape for the coming season. The officers elected this year are: Joseph Kemp, President; Prof. Hazlett, Vice-president and leader; Alfred Kreckman, Secretary; Archibald King, Treasurer; and Frank Henshaw, Business Manager.

Both of these organizations met, as is the custom, and joined together for the coming season to form the Houghton Harmonizers. Professor Hazlett was elected President; Edward Williams, Secretary; and Walter McMurtry, Business Manager.

The Harmonizers made a unique record last year and the school awaits with pleasant anticipation for the development of its program for this school year.

Our high school folks evidently believe in making recitations as lively as possible. The other day in Geometry, one pupil mischievously lettered the triangles with the initials of two members of the class. Needless to say, the result was strikingly funny.

I opine that mud-slinging never gets a person anywhere, because he really loses ground.

Basketball Games Claim Attention

Enty's Seminary five easily took a hard fall out of the newly-organized Frosh basket-ball aggregation last Friday evening by the score of 26—21.

The game, as is the rule with early season games, was a somewhat loosely played affair although in some instances there were flashes of unusual brilliancy. Enty's five had it over the yearlings from the first, and the only bid which the latter made for victory came in the middle of the second half when a run of several baskets resulted from the interchange of Fero and Moshier, forward and guard respectively.

The Sem. team was headed by the veteran, I. Enty, while "Si" Steese, F., "Wolf" Fox, M. Enty, G., and "Bananas" Rosbach, a newcomer this year, completed the all-star aggregation. Si Steese is regarded as the best coming forward in the school while the rangy Fox is close on his trail. Rosbach, who played center, is the only member of the team who had never played with his mates before. He is a fine and a promising recruit. Both Entys are known of old. I. Enty is one of the fastest floor guards in school, while his cousin "Bud" holds the same distinction as back guard is concerned. In all they were a formidable aggregation against whom the Frosh should feel lucky to have made as good a showing as they did.

Fero, G., Russell, F., and Hussey, Center were the members of the Frosh team who have been seen in action here before. Fero and Russell were far off-form due to lack of practice over a period of two or three years. Hussey, although he played a creditable game at center and was largely responsible for the Frosh rally in the second period, was also a little off. His last year's Purple-Gold brilliancy did not materialize. Moshier showed up well as a forward in the last half, caging several counters from directly under the basket. Chapman had his work cut out for him in guarding either of the Seminary forwards, but he did fairly well under the circumstances. His worst fault seems to be his inability to stick with his man.

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Food for Your Soul

Behold, Jehovah's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear. * * * And a Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith Jehovah. Isaiah 59:1, 2, 20

Editorial

In these chaotic times we are rather likely to overstress Carlyle's commandment, "Produce! Produce!" It is indeed true Aristotle has said, "the ultimate reality is self activity". The great philosophers, both pagan and Christian of all times have recognized this fact that "Life is for action". However as one has said aforetime, "To act is so easy, to think is so hard".

Perhaps it is not altogether true, but the great distinction between Christians and non-Christians seem to be in the fact that non-Christians fill their lives with unceasing activity in order to quiet that aching sense of uncertainty which really possesses their hearts. Whereas, on the other hand, Christians are constantly striving toward the attainment of a great ideal; that is, the winning of a world for Christ.

But even Christians so many times become so absorbed in the petty routine of life that they do not take sufficient time every day for reflection and meditation. They forget that perhaps

they could be better Christians if they would follow the words of the Holy Scriptures, "Ponder the paths of thy feet and let all thy ways be established." Even such a liberal philosopher, as many consider Samuel Taylor Coleridge to have been, was perfectly settled on this point. "An hour of solitude passed in sincere and earnest prayer, or the conflict with, and conquest over, a single passion, or 'subtle bosom sin', will teach us more of thought, will more effectually awaken the faculty, and form the habit of reflection, than a year's study in the schools without them."

Comment on Presidential Election

This November's political contest is the more interesting because of the third party's vigorous organization and radical platform. The advent of La Follette in the presidential limelight has created a decided stir in political circles. Many feel that this "progressive movement" is bound to meet with success as that under Roosevelt did. There is in every group of individuals who are designated as the "forward looking men". Here, we believe, is the field in which the election will be decided. Do they indorse LaFollette and his radical measures? Or do they find in another the embodiment of their ideals? In recent years Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt have commanded their vote. This year we believe the independent voter is seeing in Calvin Coolidge the man for our chief executive.

We predict a little less than half the total number of votes for Coolidge, the rest divided between Davis and LaFollette, with the latter slightly in the lead.

HOUGHTON LOCALS

Rev. J. C. Long was home for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Johnson of Pittsfield, Pa., spent the week with their daughter, Doris.

Alfred Kreckman, Wm. Schroder, Wilber Clark, and Irwin Enty sang at Freedom, Sunday evening.

Mary Steves, Marion Holister and David Rees conducted the services at Keller Hill, near Cuba, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ries and two sons of Arkon, Ohio, have been visiting Professor Ries over the week-end.

Rev. David Anderson returned home Monday evening from Allentown, Pa., where he has been conducting revival services.

That Pheasant Hunt

The lure of the woods and marshes had a decided effect upon the mighty nimrods of Houghton College during the pheasant season. The surrounding country was full of the youthful aspirants whose successes were attributed to luck, and whose failures were blamed upon extremely excited nerve centers, wobbly trigger fingers, and blurred visions.

Many are the stories of adventure brought back from the wilds to the stately college halls. Some are exceedingly humorous, while others portray the finest details of noble character. Keeping in mind the above statement, consider the following narrative:

Mr. Edward Williams (better known as Eddie) was one of the aforesaid hunters in quest of the elusive bird. However as pheasants seemed unduly scarce in the neighborhood Ed. selected, he forgot the purpose of his wanderings and fixed his attention upon a wary hare which was fleeing in the underbrush. Undoubtedly thinking of some of his noble kingly ancestors who have accomplished so much to advance the general turmoil of this world, Edward slowly but triumphantly brought his gun to bear. Laborously closing his left blinker, Ed. carefully glanced along the blue steel barrel. But alas! the extent of the crime he was about to commit suddenly loomed before him like the noted rock of Gibraltar, and he could not carry out his plans. However, for the purpose of deceiving his companions, he discharged one barrel of his fire arm, the shot and shell tearing up the ground a few feet behind the fortunate bunny and throwing a few handfuls of dirt and pebbles harmlessly over his glossy back. The gun was then discharged a second time with the same extraordinary effect. By this time friend hare had reached the safety and seclusion of the nearby bushes. Who would have thought that Eddie possessed such a tender heart?

A few other hunter's tales were also reported. Ken. Gibbin is said to have been always tangled up in some disgusting weeds at the time when a pheasant arose, and thus excused himself for his failure in bringing the bird down. Sometimes a tree would also place itself unconveniently in his way.

"Chuck" Howland was designated as the hero of the first day since he successfully downed the first bird of the season after having blown the pheasant's many-colored tail completely off. It is said that the bird walked straight toward his doom, probably expecting aid from the determined hunter.

In all, about four pheasants were captured by the students the first day. The result of the second day cannot be stated since this issue of the Star will go to press too soon for the reports to be printed. It is said that more birds were seen this year than were sighted during any other previous season.

Library Notes

Prof. R. Hazlett at the head of the Library Committee is surely the right man in the right place. He has purchased supplies of books for his English classes, to their decided benefit and that of the library; to their benefit because of the reasonableness of the price and to the library's benefit because he has turned all company discounts to purchase of new books. He has, in this way, purchased and donated fifty-five splendid new books on literature. We appreciate Professor Hazlett's unselfish interest and efforts in building up this department. These, with the forty books on literature belonging to our late Prof. Smith and purchased by the Library Committee, make a valuable accession.

We are indebted to Professor Douglas for two new books for the science department, also for the "Bird Lore Magazine."

Several Latin and chemistry books have been received from Principal P. S. Bowen.

A beautifully bound volume entitled "Entire Bible on Holiness" was recently given us by Rev. David Anderson.

Thirty valuable German, French, and Greek classics were received last week. Source unknown. These books are much appreciated by the Professors of these departments as very useful in their work.

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Last year 250 copies of the annual were sold, many orders being received too late to be filled. The staff this year expects to sell at least 300 copies. To make the BOULDER a success is a responsibility which falls primarily upon the Juniors, but secondarily upon every student in Houghton. If you are asked to contribute toward its success, be there with the goods and we are sure that we, all working together, can get out a book of which we may justly be proud.

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The college pin or ring is a very pleasing arrangement of the college seal set in onyx or black enamel surrounded by a border of sterling, yellow gold, or white gold. A number of students are very much elated with one style of college pin or ring. You will probably see more after we have received one of these pins.

In one Bible recitation, Evan, noticing that Miss McKinney had not yet arrived, remarked,

"What can we do without Faith?"
Professor Whitaker replied, "It's pretty hard to get along without in one's religious experience."

LAUGH

Build yourself a strong box,
Fashion each part with care;
Fit it with hasp and padlock,
Put all your troubles there;
Hide therein all your failures,
And each bitter cup you quaff;
Lock all your heartaches within it,
Then—sit on the lid and laugh.
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Exchange Notes

The schools are well under way for this year now. Most of the papers have reported increased enrollment and in many cases extensive additions have been made to faculty, equipment, and building.

A new dormitory, up-to-date in every respect, is to be finished at Keuka Park in November. The cornerstone for a new administration building will be laid this month.

The entire college department at Greenville recently were out for a two days camping trip at Hillsboro Lake, some twenty miles distant from the school.

Rev. A. E. Wachtel of Jersey City has been secured to take the Presidency of Central College.

Neosophic Society

The goblins and jack-o'-lanterns did the Neosophic Society a special favor by coming out before Hallowe'en for an hour Monday night.

The business was short. Alice Huntsman was appointed permanent chorister and Alton Cronk permanent pianist.

Margaret Ackerman told how Hallowe'en began. This was followed by a Hallowe'en poem from Robert Burns, read by William Sallberg. This Scotch poem was especially enjoyed by Mr. Strapp. Madeline Waldherr sang, "I Come to Thee". "The Nine Little Goblins" was a hair-raising poem recited by Willard Smith. We were all moved to tears by the sad round, "Three Blind Mice" and "Brother John" both sung at the same time by Florence Fish, Mr. Strapp, Olive Benning, Mr. Coy, Ellen Strait, Vanus Rosbach and Alice Huntsman.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Grace Sherman.

Next Monday night we will have a spelling bee. Come and see how many words you can spell!

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Athenian Society

The Athenians are presenting some excellent programs this semester. Monday evening there was a goodly number out who were again well repaid for attending.

A short discussion of current events was given by Miss Lindquist. Her topic was the possible loan of two hundred millions of dollars to Germany. There is plenty of public opinion against this project because of the instability of the German financial system. However, many believe that Germany's financial troubles will be largely removed by

this. It is a fine opportunity for the further application of the golden rule internationally. Miss Storms then played the Sereñata by Moszkowski, a very lively and touching selection. Professor Douglas had a very interesting, descriptive talk for us on the plant life around Houghton. His is a skilled and very observing eye and he pointed out many facts of which we were not aware. A trio composed of Miss Steves, Miss Ruth Warburton and Miss Davidson sang "Star of the Twilight."

A discussion of the proper place of chemistry in practical life concluded the program, in which Professor Molyneux set forth some striking truths. Chemistry, although it is at the foundation of all the physical sciences, deals only with material things. It has positively no connection with the spiritual side of our lives and the excessive importance which it is given in the large universities is not proper.

Purple and Gold Elect Captains
Last Year's Captains Favorites
GOLD

The Gold side showed their appreciation of the last year's work of their captains by re-electing them for this year.

"Eddie" Williams, girls' basket-ball

coach as well as boy's captain, is the only four-point man in school. He is a regular athletic shark, excelling in basket-ball, tennis, track and field, and in fact in almost every sport. "Eddie" well deserves the honor, for he has aided his side in every way possible.

Laura Sttse, although some may think quiet and unassuming, surely has the "pep" when it comes to rousing out her girls. Her team was victorious in the basket-ball series last year, taking three games straight, though they were defeated in track and field. Already our "Cappy" has been at work and secured three new members for her basket-ball squad.

We are positive that our confidence in our captains has not been misplaced.

PURPLE

The Purple are getting an early start this year and are hot after the cup in every branch of sport.

Miss Agnes Lapham has been elected captain by the Purple girls. "Peg" is well-liked and will undoubtedly prove very capable in organizing and directing the athletic activities of the Purple girls.

The Purple fellows have again chosen Earl Tierney as captain. This makes the fourth year that "Dad" has had charge of the Purple men's sports, which proves that they recognize in him an efficient leader with keen, executive ability.

Basketball Games

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It will take one of the best picked teams in college to defeat the Seminary when they are represented by the same personnel which carried their colors last Friday evening.

In a preliminary game the College girls defeated Seminary girls to the tune of 2 to 3. The College was represented by an excellent defensive team. Laura Steese, Captain of the Gold side and member of the Gold basket ball team for four years, played center. "Lol" Baker and Edith Bork proved themselves to be two of the best guards in school. Miss Bork will fill up a weak spot in the Purple girls' defense if she comes through as is expected. Albro and Warburton held down the forward positions. The Seminary team, although beaten by one point showed itself to be as fast both on offensive and defensive as the College. The guards were Loftis and Higbee; E. Anderson, Gold center, played her accustomed position, while Lapham and Mattoon acted as basket cagers. All in all the game was a fast one for a season opener.

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