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## Forrestt R. Bennett

Houghton received a sad loss last Friday morning in the death of Mr. Forrestt Bennett of Fillmore. Heart failure was the cause given by the doctor.

For the past several weeks Mr. Bennett has been clerking for M. C. Cronk in the store. His friendliness and pleasing disposition were signs of a sterling character and were much appreciated by the students and townspeople of Houghton.

Mrs. Bennett is the teacher of the Lattice Bridge school and was formerly Miss Lelah Cronk.

The STAR extends its heartfelt sympathy to those who are left behind to mourn their loss.

## Anna Houghton Daughters

The last meeting of the Anna Houghton Daughters occurred on March 20 in the vocal studio. Miss Hildreth gave an interesting talk on modern music after which she sang, "My Rosary" and "Mah Lindy Lou". On Friday April 3, the society will meet in the high school physics laboratory.

## Boulder Staff Poor Weather Prophets

Friday was not the thirteenth, but one might have easily have imagined it to be. After a week of almost perfect spring weather, the day which had been chosen for taking the pictures for the Boulder, dawned (or rather did not dawn at all) with a gloomy outlook. However the weather is not made to order so the work began and progressed very well considering the obstacles. With long exposures the individual pictures were taken and a few groups. However most of the group pictures were left till Saturday morning. In spite of the circumstances the photographers seemed well satisfied especially with the individual pictures.

Student—"Here's a manuscript I found on 'angels'. What shall I do with it?"

Mrs. Baker—"Take it to Professor Wright's bible class. They are all in there".

## Athenian Society

Every Houghton student should know something about the traditions of his Alma Mater. Those who were at literary society last Monday night have become acquainted with at least some of them. Cecil Russell pictured the Houghton of a hundred and twenty-five years ago, the stages in its development and the Houghton of today together with these who have made her what she is.

A hundred and twenty-five years ago the red men roamed over these valleys and hills at will. Some fifty years later it was called Houghton Creek, because a man by the name of Luthur Houghton had moved there about 1817. What is now Main Street was Jockey Street, because of the prevalence of horse racing, and delightful midnight revels were doubtless held at the "tavern", the house which now faces the church.

The Houghton of today is the result of the efforts of Willard J. Houghton and Pres. Luckey. Mr. Houghton's ideal was a Bible school, a place where ministers of the gospel could get an education; Pres. Luckey's ideal is a standard college where young people can get a full rounded Christian education. Mr. Houghton gave his whole life for his ideal; Pres. Luckey left Harvard when a doctor's degree was only a year ahead—when a brilliant career was awaiting him—and he too is giving his life for his ideal.

## Prayer Our Only Hope

The students' prayer-meeting, Tuesday evening, was conducted by Miss Louise Gifford. The blessing began to shower down as Miss Richard started singing that inspired hymn, "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood", and was immediately joined by the entire group. The prayers, though short, were specific and to the point, allowing a great number to pray, among which were heard some new voices. Parts of the fifth chapter of Ephesians were read and very interestingly discussed. Following this was a lively testimony service which enables us to report, "Victory in the Camp."

## President Luckey Gives Illustrated Lecture on Holy Land

Saturday evening the chapel became a place of decided interest, attracting most of the students and a number of the townspeople to see the slides and hear President Luckey's talk about Palestine. The lecture had been arranged for by the Sunday School Board.

The illustrations dealt with the city of Jerusalem, especially the temple area and places associated with the life of Jesus Christ, also the outstanding features of the environs, the Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and scenes indicating the character and customs of the people. President Luckey made the views seem much more real because of his explanations based on experience. He was one of the party that attended the World's Sunday School Convention at Zurich, Switzerland in 1913. In connection with this, he made a tour through Palestine, an experience of in-measurable value to the person who sees in Jesus Christ the God-man who dwelt among and suffered for us.

## Sunday School? Yes

Should a Christian attend Sunday School? Yes.

Should others attend Sunday School? Yes.

Then should you attend Sunday School? Yes.

Are the teachers of the Sunday School classes all right? Yes.

Then, should you attend their classes? Yes.

Should you be on time? Yes.

Does being prompt influence you for the best? Yes.

Does laxness in punctuality cause laxness in other things? Yes.

Then, it will affect you in after life? Yes.

In viewing this reasoning will you be in your place and on time this Sunday and from now on? Yes.

Jazz in Oratory Class: "Well, I can't make any sense out of that."

Mrs. Lennox: "Of course not; because there's none in you!"

## President Southwick Comes Back

On the evening of Wednesday, March 25, Houghton College welcomed back to her lecture platform Henry Lawrence Southwick, president of Emerson College of Oratory, Boston.

Two years ago he gave a formal lecture here, but this time he favored us with a program of variously selected readings.

His first number was "Squeers' School" in "Nicholas Nickleby" by Charles Dickens, the great reformer, educator, and novelist of the nineteenth century. In this selection Pres. Southwick portrayed vividly the character of Squeers and his type of school.

He told the story of "The Minister's Housekeeper" in Harriet Beecher Stowe's book, "The Old Town Folk". In this romantic narrative he revealed his ability as a story-teller.

The next selection was a typical Adirondack scene from Rev. William Henry Harrison Murray. Here the artist was plainly evident in the reproduction of all the reality and intensity of the excitement of a hotly contested boat-race.

He then introduced two numbers which he classed as nonsense, of which the more ludicrous was "The Camel's Lament".

He then soared from the ridiculous to the sublime and gave us "The Cloud" by Percy Bysshe Shelley. Before rendering the poem he called our attention to the fact that the cloud is speaking and is not apostrophized. He then carried us into the ethereal atmosphere above the world of care.

After a story revealing the absurdity of some methods of reform, he gave us the crowning number of the evening from the forum scene in Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar". Here he showed himself capable of interpreting to us the works of the foremost figure in English literature.

During the entire program the artist was always in true character from the rough, tyrannical Squeers to the subtle attributes of the minister's housekeeper. One could not help but admire the power of his voice which showed great range, his clear enunciations in spite of fast speech, and appropriateness of his gestures.

Houghton may well hope for another visit from Pres. Southwick.

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## Food for Your Soul

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. —II Tim. 2: 1,2.

## Editorial

One of Houghton's well-loved professors used to frequently reiterate to his classes the proverb, "Solitude is the mother country of the strong." Thomas Carlyle advocated a similar sentiment in his doctrine of silence. From Sartor Resartus we quote, "Speech is of Time, Silence is of Eternity. 'Bees will not work except in darkness; Thought will not work except in silence.'"

John the Baptist lived in the wilderness far from the haunts of men, and the vastness of his spirit corresponded to the greatness around him. There was nothing petty nor mean about him. He lived in the grip of a great purpose and betook himself to the solitude that nothing might hinder its working. When he came forth he performed his mission with precision, strength of purpose, undaunted fearlessness.

The apostle Paul after receiving the divine call to service fled into Arabia that in the solitude he might readjust his conceptions, reform his doctrines

and think his way through by the Spirit's help to clear convictions of truth. Later in his busy life, the great apostle wrote his doctrinal epistles, but we can easily believe that the marvelous truths they unfolded had been pondered over years before in the Arabian solitudes.

Our Lord in his earthly life, after busy days of ministering to the thronging multitudes would spend his nights on some lone mountain in prayer and meditation with the Father. Great souls in all ages have realized the necessity of certain periods of isolation where they might free themselves from the pressure of the crowd and be alone with their thoughts. Only small souls cannot endure to be alone.

Houghton's lovely out of doors these spring days will call us to wander over fields and hills. Let us spend some time in solitude and meditation that our spirits may break the earthly fetters and partake more of the sublime.

## HOUGHTON LOCALS

Professor Hazlett is sick with the grippe.

Professor LaVay Fancher was in Rochester Monday.

Marietta Fancher is home from her school ill with the mumps.

Gladys Crandall of the Olean General Hospital is visiting at home.

Arthur Bernhoft has accepted the principalship at Scio for next year.

Carroll and Olive Daniels of Penn Yan, spent Saturday at Fred Daniels.

We are glad to have "Pete" and his pal with us again after a few days absence because of indulgence in too much cake.

Anyone having favorite tested recipes would confer a favor in passing them along to "Hank" and "Mac" who have established themselves in house-keeping quarters and are proving the merits (and otherwise) of Bachelor's Paradise.

Mrs. Gilbert Clocksene and daughter, Winnetta, returned home after spending several weeks with her father, Rev. A. D. Fero and family. Her husband, Gilbert, who is working in Akron, Ohio, is spending the week with his family.

News has been received here of the death of Mr. Warner B. Swift, husband of a former Houghton student, then Miss Gratia Bullock. Mr. Swift died in New York City, March 22, of scarlet fever and pneumonia. Burial was made at Forestville, N. Y. The STAR extends sincere sympathy to relatives and friends.

## Neosophic Society

The Neosophic program which was rendered Monday evening was a unique one. It was an impersonation of an ideal examining committee of the society. The ideal examining committee, namely, William Sallberg, Ethel Dentler, and Olive Benning proceeded to examine a dozen most anxious applicants for membership. Though the dignified committee was sufficient to awaken terror in the mind of the boldest one, they did not prove so cruel as appearances might have led one to think them. Most of the applicants proved to be very worthy of membership and were accordingly granted that privilege. One of them, Mr. Cronk, gave as references Caruso, Paderewski, Hartmann, and others of equal fame. The talent displayed by Miss McKinney, Mr. Smith, Miss Long, and others was considered very desirable for the society. We heartily extend our sympathy to the four unlucky ones who by vote of the exacting committee were excluded from membership.

In days of old  
When knights were bold,  
And sheet-iron trousers wore.  
They lived in peace  
For then a crease  
Would last five years or more.  
In those old days  
They had a craze  
For steel shirts, and they wore them  
And there was bliss  
Enough in this—  
The laundry never tore them.  
—London Tid-bit



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 Northern Tier of Allegany County.

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 newspaper notices giving the dates,  
 places, and hours of the clinics will be  
 printed and physicians will be supplied  
 with admission cards for patients they  
 may wish to refer. They will also be  
 provided with additional information  
 which will be of help in advising pa-  
 tients about attending the clinics.

 Laura Steese (selling tickets for de-  
 bate)—"Oh, Jazz, won't you buy me a  
 ticket?"

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or

**Only a Number in a World War**

 Somewhere out there in the night  
 awaited the 17th, 29th, and 216th Di-  
 visions of the regular German army,  
 and the 4th Prussian Guards—a stout  
 array for one American division, and  
 that one so new to war as we.

 Our French guides led us down into  
 the valley and away from the support  
 line at the railroad on the American  
 side of the Vesle. We proceeded silently,  
 with tense nerves and wildly beating  
 hearts, cowering a bit when the bul-  
 lets from the machine guns came close,  
 but going on to do the work for which  
 they there. A half mile beyond the river  
 the guides halted in the open field,  
 then, after a somewhat noisy parley,  
 led us into a near-by railroad cut. This  
 was the advance position of the front  
 line.

 Before us, and within rifle range, was  
 a high hill, occupied by the enemy.  
 By daylight they could look down on  
 and watch our every move. Some of  
 their machine guns were placed in the  
 valley before us and these, firing low,  
 swept the level flat from hill to hill.  
 The cut where we were, was from three  
 to five feet in depth. A short distance  
 in front of us was a line of long, low  
 buildings and a track on which  
 were a few box cars. We had not men  
 enough to guard our entire front and  
 still keep a supporting force, and we  
 could not expect assistance, in men,  
 from the support line across the river  
 and nearly a mile behind us. So about  
 two hundred yards of front, between  
 the second and fourth platoons was left

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to such care as could be given by outposts or one of our supporting platoons a little distance in the rear.

We were given orders to find holes or dig in. Very soon after our arrival a machine gunner opened fire on us from a nest about thirty paces in front of us. I could not see him, but he was later spied by one of our boys at an outpost nearer and to the side. He got him with a rifle. I was surprised that he had not opened on us when we came into position. Bullets came singing down the track from the right flank. Some of them struck among the scattered telegraph wires and went whining away to other parts of the field. The line of fire crossed me as I lay against the bank before digging in. One bullet struck something by my ear with a concussion as though it had exploded. I felt the effect in my ear for hours. I fancied that I heard another enter the ground on the opposite of my head. A fellow near me was shot through the month soon after this and I went with him to the first aid station at Company headquarters. This was two or three hundred yards across the open field and to the rear. Our last

French guide was returning by this route at this time and led the way. He demonstrated the manner of ducking for machine gun fire as it swept the field while we were going out.

I returned and began to dig in, planning a hole large enough to furnish good side protection in a standing fight. Soon after daybreak two runners strayed into our position, thinking that they were going toward the rear. I was surprised that they were permitted to advance without being fired upon, but concluded that there was a reason, and warned them of their danger in returning. They climbed out upon the bank and had scarcely straightened up before both were hit. They had given away our position and presently a considerable variety of high explosive stuff came crashing about us. It continued until the shock of the concussions and the nervous strain became decidedly uncomfortable. None of us were hit, though the shells fell both before and behind us. I think some were hit in the supporting platoon. In the meantime one of the wounded fellows on the bank crawled away and made his way out to the ambulance. The other came back to us after the shelling had ceased. He was suffering from thirst

had a flesh wound across his back and a bullet hole through the calf of his leg. We gave him a drink and helped him out to the ambulance that night.

I spent a considerable part of the day in completing my funk hole, and took a couple turns of guard duty. We ate very sparingly, for it was necessary to make our reserve rations last until we should be relieved some days in the future. The rations consisted of two one-pound cans of meat and four boxes of hardtack per man. This was what each carried when we started in, on the 11th of August. In most cases, I think, the meat consisted of one can of salmon and one can of corned beef. The boxes of hardtack were about 12x2x2 inches.

This second night I was asked to report to the post commandant for runner duty, and had the task of digging in over there. This I completed on the following day. It is worthy of notice that in the clear gravel strata at the bottom of this hole I found quantities of well preserved sea shells.

Carrying messages was most dangerous business on this level flat. The gunners, aiming low, gave particular attention to the railroad tracks and to such places as were most likely to be used in travel. They were decidedly nervous and sent up frequent flares, for which we had to duck in order to avoid observation, just as we did for their machine gun fire. At one place along the railroad there were several dead men in khaki uniform. They had been lying there several days in the hot August weather and were in a condition which will not bear describing. I was on one occasion forced to take cover in a hole beside them. The impression they made by the sense of smell was fully as strong as that of the sense of sight. Along another route toward battalion headquarters was a group of Frenchmen. The white bones of the face on one stood out in hideous contrast to their black background. Burying details were sent out from our company, but we could not spare many men for such work, and some, like these I have mentioned, were left to be cared for when there should be less risk and greater leisure.

On the second night a detail was sent out with the canteens of the company, to bring water from the support line. Good water was there, but at our position there was nothing but the water in the swamp behind us. The detail did not return. They had been gassed, and the canteens of the company were lost.

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