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Alumni Dinner Held During Week-end

One of the Home-Coming festivities was the Alumni dinner which was held at five o'clock, Saturday evening, December 2, in the new part of the college dining hall. The matron of the dormitory furnished a menu of very good things which were served efficiently and in good form. It was reported from those who sold the dinner tickets that about one hundred and thirty-five alumni and old students were partakers of this banquet.

Mrs. Zola Fancher, as Chairman of the Home-Coming committee, was official hostess for the dinner. Because of the fact that the dinner was followed immediately by an extensive program in the college auditorium, only a few numbers were planned for entertainment at the dinner. Toasts were given by Mr. Whitney Shea, an Alumnus of the class of 1933, who teaches at Sardinia, N.Y., and by Mr. Clair Carey, of the class of 1926, who teaches at Punxsutawney, Pa. Miss Edith Stearns who graduated in the year 1932 and who teaches music in the high school at Panama, New York, sang one of Stephen Foster's delightful songs and sang it delightfully, too. President Luckey was the last on this dinner program, giving his report to the Alumni of the progress and advancement of the college since the Home-Coming of 1932. The program was brought to a close by the singing of the Alma Mater led by Prof. Bain. The atmosphere of enjoyment which was evident during the dinner was a pleasant fore-runner of the more extensive evening's entertainment of jollity and good fellowship.

Dr. Paine Speaks on 'Christian Track-Meet'

With reference to Paul's words to the Hebrews, in the first two verses of chapter twelve, Dr. Paine likened the Christian life to a race, or a "track-meet", in a chapel talk given Tuesday morning.

In the first place the race is run before many people, probably the most of whom are home folks.

When one is training, the sins and weights must be laid aside. The sins are things that damage one's body and the weights are cumbrances to one's progress. Oftentimes those who are not training for the race feel sorry for those who are training because there seem to be so many things that he has to give up. The trainer counts the reward too great to feel sorry for himself.

At the time of the race, the runner should put his whole self into it and run to win. In the race there are certain rules to follow because there is always more than one runner. The runner should "keep in the clear" and not be "boxed in."

The Christian life is nearest like a cross-country run because one must "run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

'Messiah' Presented Friday, Dec. 15

The second Annual performance of the famous oratorio, "The Messiah", in Houghton College will occur next Friday evening, December 15. A feature of this year's presentation by the Oratorio Society is the accompaniment of the choruses by the College Orchestra. This group under the leadership of Professor Bain is expected to give a very good rendition.

This week the soloists are hard at work putting the finishing touches on their parts. All the solo parts are being done by voice students from the music department. It is anticipated that their work will be well worth hearing.

Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate the Christmas Season by hearing this musical story of the birth of Christ.

Seniors Take Play-Off Lead in Contest

In what proved to be the worst basketball game of the season so far as good playing is concerned, the Seniors were victorious by one basket. The game was a rough and tumble affair therefore being productive of very loose playing on the part of both teams and resulting in many personal fouls. The latter was so evident in fact, that the Sophs had four men thrown out of the game and were forced to play the last few minutes with only three men when "Tony" York arrived on the scene to help out his fellow classmates.

The Sophs took an early lead, for they were getting the tip and making some almost unbelievable shots. "Will" Farnsworth called time out and exhorted his men to go to work, and it worked, for they responded and brought the score up to almost a tie. "Rich" Farnsworth got a bad blow from Burns at about this time and had to retire in favor of Houghton who checked Capt. Bill in good shape and the Sophs were still ahead at the half 23-21.

In the third quarter, the only quarter in which the Seniors out-scored the Sophs the upperclassmen took the lead, for Morrison was put out on fouls and it was easy for Orrell to get the tip, as a result the Seniors executed some of their neat forward plays. Things looked rather rosy about now for the Seniors for not only did Morrison go but also Wilson was put out, then Benjamin, and finally Capt. "Steve" Anderson. The Sophs weren't beaten yet, however, for it was great how those three men kept the ball away from that Senior team so that they were unable to run up any lead at all. With a few minutes to play Em York was recruited and sent in to bolster up the Soph outfit by jumping center against his big brother. The Seniors led by four points with only a few seconds to play when the invincible "Hotie" got the ball and tried one of

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158 Alumni and Old Students Attend Home-Coming

1932 Class Has Best Representation

Native Houghtonites seem to think that the Home-Coming just past is the best that Houghton College has ever had. More Alumni and old students seem to have come home, and to have brought with them more interest and enthusiasm than usual. That those who couldn't come may have some knowledge of what they missed, the alumni editor of this week thought it would be good to publish the names of those present. Doubtless many names are omitted but all are included who signed the alumni register and as many others as could be remembered. If anyone has been left out, send in your name and the class to which you belonged and it will be inserted in the next issue.

It will be noticed that the class of 1932 had the largest representation with twenty-five present, and the class of 1925 the smallest, with five. But of course, it should be remembered that two members of '25 are in Africa, one in Philadelphia, two away down on the Hudson, one in Kentucky, and one in parts unknown, probably in the far west. In eight years, a class of twenty can become rather widely scattered.

Class of 1925
Mark Bedford Keith Farner
Kenneth Gibbin Rachel Davison
Josephine Rickard

Class of 1926
Zola Fancher Alfred Johnson
Frederic Howland Chas. Howland
Clair Carey Fidelia Warburton
Genevieve Lilly Edith Lapham
Frank Henshaw

Class of 1927
Hazel Sartwell Crystal Rork
Doris Neal Smith Chas. Howland
Ruth Warburton Chamberlain
Bertha Williams Gerald Scott
Harlan Smith

Class of 1928
John Mann Alta Albro
Virgil Hussey Ralph Jones
Sara Gelsler Laurel Davies

Class of 1929
Robert Molyneaux Corinne Cole
Evan Molyneaux W. C. Bain
Erma Anderson Hollis Stevenson
Mildred Turner Ida Roth
Everett Dyer Lowell Fox
Edith Davis Frank Lane

Class of 1930
Bertha Rothermel Laura Ames
Hugh Thomas Alvin Densmore
Marjorie Donley Stevenson
Mildred Stevenson Fero
Willet Albro

Class of 1931
Mary Freeman Bain, Eddie Zuber
Lucille Crowell Lovina Mullen
Homer Fero Evelyn Davies
Robert Folger Charlie Moor
Helen Hurlbert Roberts
Esther Tomlinson Alfred Gross

Class of 1932
Vivian Gordan Thomas Armstrong
Cyril Little George Unamann
Paul Vogan Howard Lane
Lucy Joslyn Golda Farnsworth

Lillis Fancher Mable Norris
Ruth Kissinger Velma Harbeck
Louise Minnis Vena Clark
Mary Kathryn Thomas
Lawrence Strong Edith Stearns
Margaret Carter Elinor Carpenter
Herman Knowles Elizabeth Hill
Arthur France Lloyd McGowan
Elsie Congdon Frank
George Wolfe, Catherine McCarthy
Allena Owens Forrest Cummings

Class of 1933
Gracia Fero Mildred Hunn
Morella Wiltzie Helen Baker
Florence Clark Esther Burns
Mildred Stoddard Dietrich
Howard Dietrich Elmo Corsette
Francis Miller, Christine VanHoesen
Theodore Brink Whitney Shea
Chester Driver Albert Albro
Harry Gross Harold Flint
George Osgood Blanche Moor
Wesley Moon Stephen Todd
Genevieve Matthews, Roderick Ayer

Others— Graduates from Junior Classes, the School of Theology, the High School, or Students Attending Houghton but not Graduating:
J. Max Molyneaux, Betty Black Molyneaux, J. Robert Molyneaux, Mrs. J. Robert Molyneaux, Rev. Ralph Davy, Harold Webb, H. Erwin Enty, H. L. Fancher, Ruth Luckey, Chas. Pocock, Harriet Remington, John Wilcox, Alice Wilcox, E. D. Benjamin, Ruth Williams Howland, Rosaline Churchill, Rev. J. R. Jeffrey, Mrs. J. R. Jeffrey, Mr. W. S. Crandall, Mrs. F. A.

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What Is Houghton's Greatest Contribution

The newly elected president of the Houghton chapter asked that the banqueters on Saturday evening answer the question which appears as the caption of this article. Though only twelve of the hundred and twenty-five present answered, very likely the answers are typical of what the other hundred and thirteen thought. Since the number is not great it seems possible to publish them all:

1. Contribution: Sophomore English notebook. It changes boys and girls into Men and Women.
2. Houghton's greatest contribution to me is Hollis Champion Stevenson.
3. My husband.
4. Alumni who live up to the ideals she instilled.
5. I believe Houghton's greatest contribution to the world is a friendly, consecrated, inspirational faculty, a faculty with high ideals, who through their influence, will help to build a strong, God-fearing group of people to go out and be a blessing to the world.
6. A unique institution, upholding Christian standards and education before the youth of America.

Alumni Give Evening Program

On various occasions when Alumni have visited us during the past year, we've heard the query, "Why do they ask us back to be entertained by the A Cappella Choir or the Orchestra made up of individuals whom we do not know? Sure, we're proud of the development of the Music department; we know that the performance of the present musical organization is fine, but we can pay to hear a good concert without driving this distance. We return to Houghton to re-live those good old college days, to renew those friendships. Why not have all-Alumni programs?"

So "Remmie" was given the herculean task of gathering from the four corners of the earth the talent of yester-years for the program of Saturday evening. She can tell you how many with one accord began to make excuses, but we congratulate her on the success of her efforts. The enthusiasm and informality lent that home-like atmosphere which should characterize every Home-Coming. Those who recall the days when "Virg" Hussey charmed us with his oratory as champion of various student activities, know how fitting it was that he was chosen as announcer of the program.

The first number had no title but we venture to name it "Reminiscences" by Attorney Farner. We who were his contemporaries wondered when our time would come, as he recounted some of the incidents and persons connected with his "business" trips to adjacent towns. Judging from appearances, the depression has not limited the food supply of Houghton Alumni, for Farner, as Alumni representative, especially requested that in the various improvements and repairs, the chapel seats should not be cut down.

Faith tells us that "Scottie" hasn't practiced violin for a year and a half but "Scottie" never refuses, and rose to the occasion in two numbers which he played with Orrell York.

How many of you remember that first college musical group, organized by Professor Hazlett, which traveled under the name of "Houghton Harmonizers?" The representatives of this group, some from the first year of its organization, others from later years, numbered seventeen. They sang for us two of the old favorites, "Prayer Perfect" and "Heaven, Heaven," with Professor Bain as director. Perhaps you'd like to know the personnel of this group:

Ralph Jones, Virgil Hussey, Frank Henshaw, Homer Fero, Orrell York, Alfred Kreckman, John Mann, Wilfred Bain, Chas. Howland, Howard Lane, Mark Bedford, Hollis Stevenson, Professor Douglas, Whitney Shea, John Wilcox, Gerald Scott, Alton Cronk.

The Harmonizers used to give a varied program, Mark Bedford being the reader. We fancy that Mark has kept in practice, for, though it is nearly nine years since he has appeared

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Editorial

RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

Once more the children have been "back home"—at least a goodly number of them. With what beaming faces they came and in what variety—tall and short, old and young, plain and fancy, stout and slender, single and married, teachers, preachers, farmers, lawyers, business men and housewives, by train, by auto, on horseback and on foot. In every nook and corner was reflected the flood of pleasant memories that swept over them as they breathed again the campus air and thrilled with the spirit of collegial life.

The success of the Alumni Home-Coming this year was marked not only by the numbers of Alumni who returned, but also by the spirit of true devotion for the *Alma Mater* that was so clearly evidenced. Friend was glad to see friend, but at the same time realized that the common bond was that institution whose ideals and precepts had made possible those rich and lasting friendships.

The retrospect has its charms, for time with its kindly hand obscuring the unpleasant circumstances of the past, allows us to see that, in spite of human frailties and shortcomings, in spite of the obstacles that strew the pathway, a hand—God's hand has led us on and up. Our *Alma Mater* stands today in her present favored position, financially, scholastically, and spiritually, because we, her children, under God have played our part. It is not unprofitable to look back, retrace our course, living over again the happy moments of the past.

But what of the *Prospect*? In this respect once more the Alumni revealed the soundness of their training. It is not enough to relive the past nor even to consume one's time and thought upon the present. We must project our thinking into the future and plan for that "bigger and better" Houghton that will come as surely as it has already come in part, if we throughout the years can maintain our unbroken loyalty to her ideals and standards, taking with us into our various walks of life, as our worthy fellow-alumnus suggested on Sunday, "the Presence" whereby we shall be able to stand.

—P. E. W. '17

BOULDER SUBSCRIPTION

Probably the biggest problem before the student body at the present time is whether or not the *Boulder* subscription should be added to the student activity fee. We say it is before the student body because they have been asked to consider it, though of course, it will be decided finally by the faculty. We say it is the biggest problem because first of all the outcome is very important to future year books and staffs. Indirectly it is of importance to the school; first of all it will make a difference in the amount of the activity fee which the school must collect, and then a better yearbook is a good advertisement for the college. Sometime, perhaps in the near future, the impossibility of putting out a book will have to be faced.

Home-Coming Chapel

An Alumni chapel once a year is something to be anticipated and certainly this year's chapel service was very worth-while.

President Luckey introduced Rev. John Mann, pastor of the Methodist Church at Machias, N.Y., who acted as master of ceremonies. Mr. Mann in turn introduced each one who had a part on the program.

Miss Florence Clark, being in charge of the devotional exercises read the first sixteen verses of Ephesians, chapter four.

Miss Lucile Crowell sang in a pleasing manner, "How Beautiful Are The Feet" from Handel's "Messiah". Later in the program she sang "Sundown"—words written for Grainger's "Londonderry Air". This number was sung by request. It was quite a favorite when Miss Crowell was a student and one that she sang in her Senior Recital.

Miss Corinne Cole cleverly used the verses of the *Alma Mater* as a foundation for her talk. She has certain cherished memories of Houghton College: the beautiful location, spirit of welcome, the cooperation, and the ideals. She said it was the part of Houghton Alumni to help to Christ, the true Way, those outside who seem content to drift.

Rev. Mann then sang a solo, "Calvary Covers It All."

Mr. Lawrence Strong, who is teaching at Coldwater, N.Y., said that he might take as a subject for discussion "Manifest Destinies," "To Have and to Hold" or any one of several things. However, he told why the Alumni come back and what they bring when they come. He said that they do not come back full of wisdom, but they come back as common, ordinary people. They bring back a bit of life that they have gained since leaving. With cups to be filled they come back. When leaving Houghton, wealth of a certain kind was taken, and the world became richer according to the amount taken. Those whose lives have been moulded in Houghton are able to influence others outside, and if the right spirit of life was gained before leaving, old students and Alumni are glad to come back.

Miss Rothermel, former teacher of oratory, who is now studying at the Colgate Divinity School in Rochester gave a reading, "The Trinity."

To conclude the service the Houghton College String Quartet played two numbers.

Class of '32 Returns

"Hail, Houghton, *Alma Mater*; for we are proud of thee," is the greeting with which members of the Class of '32 arrived for the Home-Coming. Seven of the group played basket-ball on the Alumni teams Friday night, and others took active parts in the programs scheduled for later events.

Professor and Mrs. LeRoy Fancher extended a warm welcome to the Class Saturday noon when they opened their home for a luncheon which had been planned by a class committee. The get-together was one of real enthusiasm; cares vanished as all became engaged in animated conversation and laughter that prevailed during the disappearance of the delicious food. Professor Fancher took the roll-call, reports concerning absent members were heard, and the group was preparing to sing the class song when the climax of the party took place.

George Wolfe arose and announced the marriage of Elsie Congdor and Devello Frank. Devello's hair and the carpet suddenly turned "icy" white. The ceremony had been performed that morning at eight-thirty o'clock by the Reverend Osterhouse of the Baptist Church of West Buffalo. The bride and groom were attended by George Wolfe and Genevieve Matthews. "Red" and Elsie expect to make their home in Bliss, and they bear with them the sincere wishes of their classmates for success and happiness.

Letters were read from the following absent members: Walter and Ruth Alexis, Esther Brayley, Clifford Bristow, Vivian Bunnell, Elsie Doty Lyle Donnelly, Theos Cronk, Bernice Davie, and Fred Ebner.

The Class of '32 truly enjoyed coming home.

V. Harbeck

'25's Enjoy Get-together

Five members of the first college graduating class enjoyed a reunion after the program Saturday evening at the home of Miss Rachel Davison Old times, whereabouts and occupations of the absent fifteen, and present times and problems were the chief topics of conversation. The life of a class advisor in a city high school was amusingly (perhaps pathetically) set forth by Mr. Mark Bedford who teaches in Niagara Falls. The group learned also of a book on the use of instruments in mathematics in process of preparation by one of the number—Mr. Fred Bedford of Tarrytown.

Class of '26 Reunites

Though the members of the class of 1926 are actually scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, we are pleased to report that a majority of them were present for a reunion at the home of their classmate, Mrs. Zola Fancher, on Saturday afternoon of Home-Coming week.

The group exchanged reminiscences of the good old days, including the time spent in Auburn Prison (on Skip Day). An interesting letter was read from Harriet Burgie of Sayville, Long Island. One of the class had sent a letter but for fear it would not be properly interpreted, he came to read the letter himself.

'28 and '30 Meet

A few members of the class of '28 with two members of the class of '30 as guests, enjoyed a luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Tucker Saturday noon, December 2. We enjoyed the interesting letter from Rev. and Mrs. Clair King telling about their work in Monongahela, Pa. We had a very enjoyable time and closed our reunion by singing the class song. Classmates, we missed you. Don't you remember the happy times we had together as a class and at our large class reunions the first few years?

Be sure to plan to be with us next year.

Heard at Home-Coming: I do not know of one institution in the larger church of which I am a member whose management I trust as I trust the management of Houghton. —Rev. Ralph Davy, Ex. Sec. and Field Missionary of Metropolitan Area Presbytery.

Heard at Home-Coming: An Alumnus looking at Miss Davison's lovely apartment: "There's only one thing you lack, Rachel."

Star Profits by the Home-Coming

This caption may be something of a misnomer. Very likely it should have been: Alumni profit by Home-Coming. Alumni may question that when they consider the cost of traveling some hundred or four hundred miles. But the point is that twenty-one of them had money enough left after arriving to subscribe for the *STAR*. The profit will consist in their meeting old friends through the columns of their school paper every week instead of only once or twice a year. The *STAR* now has over four times as many outside subscriptions as it had last year at this time, and still many of the Alumni names do not appear in the subscription list. The alumni editors are wondering how many more are going to profit.

Disappointment

One of the big reasons for making one's way to the little college in the Genesee Country in December and in June is the pleasure one gives to his former classmates. During the recent gathering, such expressions as these might be heard: Oh, didn't John come? Where is Arthur? I'll send him my compliments, and he may not enjoy them either. If I could drive four hundred miles, he could make seventy. I'm so sorry not to see Alice. I expected to have a little visit with Laura. Only six of our class came, and I wrote to them all, too.

Echoes from hither and yon might throw a little light on the reasons why some of our pleasure was a little curtailed. The article in this issue entitled "Old Student Regrets Inability to Come Home," is on illuminating suggestion. Others include: "We have to take our glee club to Hornell where they are to sing over the radio." "It is too near Christmas, but if I just had money enough to charter an aeroplane, I would be there." "I should love to see the members of the class of '25 again, but I just can't get there now." —*et cetera, et cetera.* Perhaps we can all thrust these impediments all out of the way next time—or bring them along! (cf. the article referred to).

Heard at Home-Coming: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. —Eddie Zuber at the beginning of his inspirational sermon.

STUDENT RECITAL

Professor Kreckman presented four of his students in an afternoon music recital on Tuesday, Nov. 26th. The program was opened by Miss Grace Mersereau who played "Largo" by Handel. Miss Betty Ratcliffe followed and played "Waltz in E Flat" by Durante. The next selection was Chopin's C Sharp Minor Waltz played by Miss Gertrude Wolfer. Miss Gwendolyn Blauvelde concluded the program with Beethoven's Sonata. Opus N. 10.

The recital showed good technique and a measure of interpretation, even though the performer at times seemed to overshadow the work. The effort put forth by Prof. Kreckman and his students was worthy of a larger audience. It is hoped that not only more music students, but students from other departments as well will attend future recitals.

Evangelical Student

Many of us are counting the days until we shall be piling cars high with luggage and trekking out from Houghton by the various roads which have loved ones waiting at the end. The air is electric with anticipation and hearts beat high at the suggestion of Christmas with all its joyous associations. There will be cordial greetings and expressions of love coming from old friends and relatives. As we consider this, we realize a little more how much our friends and relatives influence us, and with what value we regard them.

It is they, after all, who do more to keep us pure and noble than we do ourselves. We should probably not strive half so hard to do and be our best if it were not for those who are eagerly watching, from the sidelines, our successes and failures. We have little urge within us to work merely for what benefit may come to us, but we are anxious to bring joy to those who love us and blessing to those whom we may serve in the future. This principle has a higher signification, too, for we who claim Christ as our Friend and Brother feel obligated to do our best that He may be pleased with us. We become ashamed when we fail to fulfill His expectations; and His disappointment becomes a rebuke more stinging than lashes. Then we throw ourselves more zealously into our work, and His smile of approval is even more glorious than the delight of our beaming fathers and fond mothers.

Let us exert every effort to work and live in such a way that when we stand before our friends and loved ones, they may find nothing in us of which they cannot be proud; and that when we look full into the face of our Christ, He may be well pleased.

FRIENDS

(In the Manner of Joyce Kilmer)
I think that God will never send
A gift so precious as a friend—
A friend who always understands
And fills each need as it demands;
Whose loyalty will stand the test,
When skies are bright or overcast:
Who sees the faults that merit blame
But keeps on loving just the same;
Who does far more than creeds could
do

To make us good, to make us true
Earth's gifts a sweet enjoyment lend.
But only God can give a friend.

—Rosalie Carter

WHY I AM A CHURCH MEMBER

BECAUSE, if nobody belonged to the church, there would be no church; if the church left town so would I. Who would live in a churchless town?
Therefore count me in.

BECAUSE, I share in the privilege of the church. I enjoy its services; I imbibe its atmosphere; I reap largely of its results in uplifted life and character, better morals, a cleaner city.
Therefore count me in.

BECAUSE, while I may not agree with all the religious ideas all of its members possess, I do believe in its great fundamental teachings.
Therefore count me in.

BECAUSE, whatever may or may not be true of the character of its members, I believe all of them are trying to be better. So am I.
Therefore count me in.

ELECTION OF ALUMNI OFFICERS

During the Alumni dinner held on Saturday evening, December 2, ballots were passed around to the Alumni and Old Students for the election of the officers who should be in charge of the Home-Coming of 1934. The elections were as follows:

President, Miss Josephine Rickard Houghton, New York.

Vice President, Mr. Howard E. Bain, Wyoming, New York.

Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Lena Stevenson, Houghton, N.Y.

Home-Coming Reporter, Prof. P. E. Woolsey, Houghton, N.Y.

Athletic Director for boys, Mr. Albert Fero, Pike, N.Y.

Athletic Director for girls, Miss Gracia Fero, Sandy Lake, Pa.

It was also voted by the Alumni at this time that Home-Coming for 1934 should be held over Thanksgiving week-end, Nov. 30-Dec. 2.

It will certainly be difficult for any group to plan a Home-Coming to surpass the one just held at Houghton College, but we do know that if such a thing is possible, this new committee will do it. So here's to the Home-Coming of 1934.

Old Student Regrets

Inability to Come

140 Campbell Street
Akron, Ohio.
Dec. 1, 1933.

Dear Alumni,

It would be my great delight to be present at the Home-Coming of the Houghton College Alumni. It is not possible to realize this privilege, however, and with this message best wishes are extended to all old friends and members. I am a busy mother of three daughters and one son.

The memories of Houghton days are ever a bright spot of the past.

Very sincerely,
Mabel Steese Gilliland

19-12 in Favor of Purple Alumnae

The basketball game on Friday evening between the purple and gold alumnae was nothing remarkable as to technique, but it produced considerable fun for the players if not for the spectators. The score was very close until the second half was well under way when the purple began to score. They continued to be successful and finished the game seven points ahead of their opponents.

The players were: Velma Harbeck, Edith Davis, Alta Albro, Esther Tomlinson, Gracia Fero, and Genevieve Matthews (gold); and Alpha Babcock, Ruth Kissinger, Louise Minnis, Roma Lapham, Elinor Carpenter and Josephine Rickard (Purple.)

Pertinent Theme Developed In Prayer Meeting

Tuesday evening's prayer service ran true to form with the same inspiration that has fallen upon many of our devotional activities. After a song service led by Arlene Dusch, Kenneth Wright spoke to some length on preparation for the Second Coming. He said, in part: According to all reports we are living in a very chaotic state as to social, political and economic affairs, all of which definitely point to future events. In accordance with Biblical prophecies, things point to the near coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we should, at all times prepare for the coming. Many do not think about it sufficiently to be fully prepared, and it is our duty as

Christians to help others in winning their way to Christ. He alone can show us the part we should follow. Mr. Wright closed his remarks by reading from I Thessalonians 5: "Let us... put on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation."

Prayer was requested for those who could not say, "Even so, come Lord Jesus," and many responded in prayer. After a short praise service the meeting closed with the singing of a hymn and benediction.

FRIDAY CHAPEL

As a preface to the events of Home-Coming week end, Rev. John Wilcox, pastor at Coldwater, N. Y., spoke in chapel Friday morning. He read Psalm 65 and used as the basis of his talk "Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness," because the Thanksgiving season was so lately at hand. He noted in his talk that all nature responds to the goodness of God: the animals, the trees, and men.

Mr. Wilcox said that he was glad to be able to come back and speak in chapel now because a newer generation of students had come in and they did not grab their sides when he arose to speak, as did those of years ago. However, it might be added that the students aren't so slow about catching on when a ludicrous speaker begins to talk.

Class of '27 Reunion

Saturday at the call of their president, Mr. Paul Steese, the class of '27 met in the dormitory dining hall for an informal luncheon. Only seven members of the class and one guest were present, but later in the day at least three other members of the group were on campus. Events of little moment to the average reader of the STAR but of utmost importance to the '27ers were hashed over. Absent members of the class were discussed and questions were asked as to just why several individuals were not present. All things considered, it was a successful get-together.

SERVICE HELD IN FREWSBURG

Sunday evening a quartet made up of Richard Farwell, Alvin Barker, Malcolm Cronk, and Willard Smith journeyed to Frewsburg to hold a Sunday evening service in the United Brethren church there. After congregational singing led by Mr. Donelson, the quartet sang several numbers and gave personal testimonies.

The sermon of the evening was presented by Malcolm, the theme of which was contained in the words, "live looking," which were taken from Titus 2:11-14. He directed his talk more especially to the young people, stressing the importance of living a spirit-filled life and of looking forward to the Lord's coming.

The service was attended by a goodly number of young people of the community. Mr. Cronk held the interest of his audience throughout the message, and gave truths to his listeners which might be of great importance.

Service Held In Friendship

On Sunday evening, December 3, a group of young men from the college conducted an evangelistic service under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. in the Methodist Church at Friendship. This was a union service of the Methodist and Congregational churches.

The service was opened by an organ prelude followed by a few remarks from the Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Allegany County, who then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Harold Boon, who in turn introduced the members of his party.

Mr. Boon asked each one of the group to tell where he was born the first time, where he was born the second time, and what he hoped to do when he had finished at Houghton. This was both interesting and inspiring to the congregation to hear these young men give their glowing testimonies for the Master. The group was composed of Messrs. Liddick, Foster, Shea, Eyer, Einfeldt, and Boon.

The quartet (Eyer, Foster, Liddick and Shea) rendered two numbers and William Foster, Alton Shea and Mr. Liddick presented an instrumental number.

Mr. Boon preached an excellent sermon in which Jesus Christ was exalted and personalities forgotten. At the close of the service opportunity was given for souls to seek the Lord Jesus Christ. Conviction was evident, and hearts hungry, but souls were timid.

Pray for these consecrated young people as they go out to spread the "good tidings" for they are doing a splendid piece of work.

—W.A.A.

Church Services

Sunday Morning Service

The Sunday morning hour of worship was spent in the College chapel where a large group of Alumni, townspeople and members of the college gathered to hear Rev. Ralph Davy preach from God's Word. Mr. Davy, who lives at Morris Plains, N. J., is the Executive Secretary and Field Secretary of the Metropolitan Area Presbytery. He said that he might give many reminiscences but that he was there to preach a sermon. However, he related how the first organ was put in the Houghton church back in 1895.

Mr. Davy preached principally to the Alumni. He took his text from the seventh chapter of Judges, which gives the account of Gideon's victory over the Midianites.

Mr. Davy said that the chief difficulty to day is the moral lack in men's hearts. God should be so real that He can be felt at the other end of the promise. Gideon could see the Midianites but he couldn't see God. He went to the temple and there saw God and went forward to victory.

In this day when disaster is facing the world the Alumni of Houghton College should be crusaders by the letting the Light of Christ shine wherever they are and by standing for things eternal. With Christ in their hearts they may go forth to victory as did Gideon.

Sunday Evening Service

On Sunday evening Rev. Eddie Zuber, who graduated from Houghton College in 1931, preached a very inspiring sermon from Matthew 6:33. The presence of the Holy Spirit was very manifest during the service.

In Part Mr. Zuber said: People are seeking the things closest to their hearts in this day. As syncopation in music is placing the emphasis on the third note instead of the first, just so are people placing the emphasis on the wrong place. Christ said "seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things

shall be added unto you." Instead of taking God at His word, they are constantly worrying about what they are going to have to eat, drink, and wear. God wants to save and sanctify hearts as well as care for bodies but when people are so busy caring for their physical needs, He is denied the privilege of furnishing all their needs, both physical and spiritual.

SATURDAY EVE. PROGRAM

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peared on our platform, as we listened to his recital of "The Finger of God" we felt the power of its presentation.

No Alumni program would be complete without a duet by "Steve" and "Jonsey". Though Jones was suffering from a severe cold they sang to a most appreciative audience, "Garden of My Heart."

While we missed "Hank's" solo, he did appear among the Harmonizers and in a men's quartet with Jones, Stevenson, and Bain in the number, "Church in the Wildwood."

Another organization which grew and flourished under Ruth Zimmerman Steese's leadership, the College Girls' Glee Club, was not without its representatives, Lovina Mullen, Lucile Crowell, Edith Stearns, and Evelyn Davies, who recalled two of their favorite numbers, "Senorita" and "Because You're You." Edith also favored us with a delightful rendering of "He Shall Feed His Flock," which brought back to us the choruses in which she sang solo parts.

Among the more recent graduates, we think of Margaret Carter as one of our favorite pianists. She played "Valse in A Flat," by Chopin.

At Rennie's request Alton Cronk played "Brahm's Lullaby". We have since heard several remarks, "that was always my favorite." Also upon request, "Rennie" impersonated with consummate skill that little girl at the piano through her practice hour. She gave the same artistic interpretation in the encore, "I Ain't Gonna Cry No More."

As a fitting close we all sang together, "Auld Lang Syne."

What Is Houghton's Greatest Contribution

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7. Houghton's greatest contribution to me: Introducing me to my Lord and Saviour; Houghton's greatest mission—spreading the gospel. (The one who wrote this is now a leading member in one of our Wesleyan churches).

8. To me Houghton gave days of supreme happiness, the knowledge of how to think, the desire to pray, and someone to love for life.

9. The incentive for living as a real friend of humanity, interested in their welfare.

10. The development of a group of young people who have high ideals and who will be able to go out into the world and teach other young people the right way of living. Houghton aims to mould character of the loftiest type.

11. Giving me the opportunity to get an education within the reach of my pocket-book in a place whose character was such that when I had finished, my parents did not have to apologize for their daughter's college-acquired habits, but found her ideals really higher, fuller, and more worthwhile than when she started.

12. The need today is a change in our moral thinking. This can come only through the channel of youth who are taught right. Houghton has this to offer.

Squirrel Food

Cracked by Two Nuts

We have often longed for a football team in Houghton. The other night we at least saw some good material on the basketball court.

The Seniors answered the Sophs complaint, that they had to play with three men, with the retort that the Seniors only used five men while the Sophs used eight.

One Senior has already applied for a job. We hear that George Press is making contact in Ohio as a yodeler. 'sfact. Ask him!

I like to hear the birds that sing,
And watch the clouds in evening flight.
I like to stroll the campus paths,
And hear the boys' timid (?) yells at night.

Plumber: I'm here to fix that old tub in the kitchen.
—: Mama, here's the doctor to see the cook.

I say, what makes your yacht jump so?
Oh, the poor thing! She's on a tack.

The first large floor will seat 1,000 persons; then there is a double gallery that will seat an additional number of people with upholstered seats. —Adv. of a Detroit Theatre.

They grinned when the waiter spoke to me in Greek, but the laughter changed to astonishment when I replied.
"I wanna roasts bifa san'wich, str-r-romberr-rny pie'n two cup shaw'fee," was the clear and simple statement that I made without hesitation.

Fuller: "I often wondered why the English were tea drinkers."
Hank: "Yes?"
Fuller: "But now I know. I drank some of their coffee."

He: "Mable thinks I'm a wit."
Hee: "Well, she's half right."

—: Do you believe in the transmigration of souls?
Fisher: No sir, I likes 'em fried the ordinary way.

Do I know Lord!— I've often shot at his country seat.

I'm wise to the ways of the traffic cop,
But not to the ways of Sue.
When her eyes say, "Go" and her lips say, "Stop"
What is a chap to do?

A doctor says kissing shortens life. Single life, perhaps.

Station Master: Were you trying to catch that train?
Houghtie (ruefully picking up belongings): I did catch it, but it got away again.

DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE

I know a little girl down in Ga.,
Who danced with a cute leaning ta.,
But her chat could affa.
No pleasure—she ba
Bey talking o' men way down in Ga.

Host (appearing on darkened veranda): Are you young folks enjoying yourselves?
(Absolute Silence)

Host (returning indoors): That's fine.

Dottie (in Zoo 1): Well, are there any poisonous rattlesnakes in New York?

Prof (ignoring interruption): Oh yes, I was talking to one of those fellows the other day.

Health Hint: Yes, girls, onions will keep chaps off your lips.
—Fiat Lux, Alfred

Seniors Take Play-off Lead in Contest

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his long shots which was a beauty and proved to be the last one of the game. Had he gotten the ball again the Sophs might have been on an even basis with the Seniors instead of two points behind when the gun ended the hectic battle.

Seniors,	7	14	12	10	43
Juniors,	10	13	8	10	41

BOX SCORE		SENIORS		SOPHS	
Mein,	9	Anderson,	15		
W. Farnsworth,	11	Benjamin,	15		
C. York,	17	Morrison,	2		
Burns,	2	Wilson,	2		
Pierce,	4	R. Farnsworth,	3		
		Curcio,	1		
		Houghton,	3		
			41		

158 Alumni and Old Students Attend Home-Coming

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Crandall, Royal S Woodhead, Nora Woodhead, Phoebe Lusk Shea, Elmer Hudson, Ruth Rockwell Hudson, Ruth Russell Gross, Vera Parker Arnold, Gladys Grange Ingersoll Margaret Babcock, Margaret Loftis Devello Frank, Eloise Lucas Flint Clifford Mix, Mrs George Osgood Robert McMahon, Margaret Williams Clark, Augusta Wilson, Kate Cole, Frederic Hauser, Eileen Lane, Kenneth Glasier, Pauline Fritz, Bessie Fritz, Faith McKinney Scott Belle Russell Lang, Mary Lane Clarke, Inez Van Dusen, Gertrude Preston Clocksin.

— H C —
Heard at Home-Coming: Louis XVI refused to do certain unworthy things because, he said, "I am the son of a king." We are sons and daughters of Houghton. —Clair Carey in his toast at the banquet.

High School Notes

LIGHT BEARERS

The service was opened with a song, praise, and prayer service led by Misses Lucile Scot and Margaret Wright.

Harold Webb brought the message of the afternoon. He said that he was very glad to be back in Houghton and the Home-Coming brought to his mind thoughts of the final "home coming," when all Christians would be gathered up. That Christians must work together and that our body being God's temple, must be cared for, are statements of his.

He closed by saying that all Christians have work where they are.

The English Four Class was discussing the drama *Macbeth*.

Jesse Snider: I believe that *Macbeth* would have become king, even if he had not committed the murder because it was prophesied.

Miss Wolfe: Are you a fatalist?
Jesse: No, I am a Wesleyan Methodist.

Some of the members of the English IV class reproduced a scene from *Macbeth* about a week ago.

Orrell York told his History C class that when the next war came along it might not be a bad idea to empty the prisons and asylums and thus rid the country of undesirable citizens.

Thanksgiving afternoon a group of young folks, namely Freda, Dorothy, and Gerald Beach, Bruce and Roy McCarty, Genevieve Rathbun Lindsley Crouch with Florence Smith gathered at the old rendezvous, the Scout Cabin. They sat about the fire popping corn, gnawing apples and playing games. They meandered back about 7 p.m.

The General Science class enjoyed an interesting trip to Wiscoy about a week ago. They were shown thru the power plant and then they gave the dam the once over.

The long-drawn-out contest in History C has finally been decided. The Reds won and are expecting a treat of some kind. A new contest girls against boys, has been started in the history class.

— H C —
Heard at Home-Coming: Every time we come back, we see at least one thing new.

Sports

The Army game fell against the Notre Dame misfits Saturday. The "misfits" found themselves, and justified the common opinion that nobody could stand against the Ramblers, if ever they found what the game was all about. When they did just that, in the third quarter, the grand army of our Republic didn't have a chance; the longer they played, the larger score the Irish green would have rolled up.

The season wasn't all defeat for Notre Dame. Four victories will undoubtedly be enough to keep "Hunk" Anderson at his post next year. And when the 1934 season slips around the eyes of the college world, and of nine universities very especially, will narrow suspiciously. The slogan will roll from one to the next, "Stop Notre Dame" and the answer, it is safe to venture, will come ruefully from each in turn, "Yes, try and stop her."

Duke's eclipse came in the third quarter of her game with Georgia Tech. Another instance of a near-great team running thru a schedule, only to buck into a tartar on the top step.

To the average fan, the biggest upset of a year of major surprises was the invitation of Columbia, to play Stanford in the Rose Bowl game. But when the three leaders of the nation can't play, or won't play among roses, the Indian has to take what he can get. Columbia has a smart veteran team this year, with plenty of shifty, hard hitting backs, and one of the best quarterbacks in the country, this year, in Cliff Montgomery. But against Stanford, they don't look to have more than a 5 to 3 chance.

Now that play is over, you can pick the national titlist. Some say Princeton is it; some say Michigan. The Tiger points to an undefeated, untied season with proper pride, as a suitable claim for whatever honor there is in it. Running over such such teams as Columbia, Dartmouth, Navy, and Yale, certainly ought to count for something.

But the Middle West sticks up as a man for the Wolverine. If a schedule of nine victories over opponents which "big time" are not any of them first class, how much more should not a series of seven victories and one tie count, in the Big Ten, the old power plant, "the toughest league of all?" In addition to those already named, Princeton has swamped Amherst, Williams, Washington and Lee, Brown, and Rutgers.

Michigan rooters puff out their chests and point to Chicago, their weakest opponent on the short end of a 28-0 score, but who in turn dropped Dartmouth 39-0, and who, in her turn held Princeton 0-6. The rest of schedule looks tough, and was tough. Michigan State, Cornell, Ohio State, Illinois, Iowa, Northwestern, and that tie with Minnesota. And again they point to records, which show that although Michigan could only tie the Gophers, still the team (Pitt) that beat Navy 34-6, bowed to Minnesota 7-3, while Princeton had a big scare with Navy, and only managed by good luck to win, despite the scoreboard, which said 13-0.

So Columbia has been chosen to journey to the Rose Bowl game to lock horns with the great Stanford eleven. The East is very enthusiastic (?) over the choice of Coach Tiny

Thornhill's stalwarts for they see a chance of capturing the great game for the East by the New York City eleven who have been beaten only once and that was by the superb Princeton aggregation. On the West Coast, however, Columbia didn't receive such a hearty welcome. The Californians favored a team from the Middle West or South. Here's hoping Columbia goes out there and makes things hot for all concerned

From the demonstration of basketball which we received at the expense of our Alumni last Friday evening we are forced to check up on ourselves to be sure that we are not over estimating the brand and ability of our present athletes. There surely have been some great and efficient basketball players who have raced back and forth in Bedford Gym in the years gone by. When we watched the playing of those Alumni fellows who have not been banded together for quite a time, we marvel at their ability to get together and organize themselves into a smoothly clicking aggregation in no time at all. This is quite a sure sign that while engaged in Houghton sports, these people have gained the spirit of team-work and good sportsmanship that sticks with them throughout their active sports life. On the other hand, while paying tribute to our predecessors, we are not offering any apologies for the present athletes, for we believe that we have some great sportsmen who will measure up and even stand higher than any of those who have gone before, for it must be remembered that many of these former Houghton stars are at present engaged in active play on town teams and even professional squads which keeps them in trim.

There has been much, maybe too much, said concerning the merits of the position taken by the Senior team in continuing to play with five men even after two and then three of the Soph regulars were ejected from Monday night's game. Some say it was poor sportsmanship not to reduce the Senior squad until play might be resumed on a man to man basis. We would like to defend the Senior Capt. in this matter by looking at the situation from what seems to be the fairest angle. Due to the fact that all of the players lost to the Sophs were ejected from play after committing four personal fouls and that each player is responsible for his own individual deportment while in the game, we believe that the Seniors were justified in playing with a full squad. When a player receives four fouls it is quite evident that his playing has not been what real good clean basketball calls for. It is true that the referee may call one raw one on the man, but at the same time it is very likely that just as many fouls have been committed and gone unseen by the referee. The Monday night game was barely short of a football contest, which is not what we want.

— H C —
Heard at Home-Coming: I am thrilled at seeing the old students back on the platform. —Harriet Remington.

— H C —
Heard at Home-Coming "What are you doing, Eddie?" "I am trying to do what the Lord wants me to."—Eddie Zuber (Mr. Exzuberant as he used occasionally to be called. And by the way, what he said shows the spirit of the true Houghtonite.)