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ENCOURAGING SIGNS

We are beginning what we believe will be the best year in Houghton's history. Every year should be better than the preceding one, for we have all its victories to build upon and its mistakes to avoid. We believe too, that the members of our church are discovering their privilege of upholding the hands of our President Luckey and his faculty by prayer. And surely God has already answered.

There are many who left last year who have not returned. Some of their places can never be taken, but others have been provided to carry on their work. Miss Kelly, our dean of women, left to teach in a high school near Jamestown. Miss Eddy, our vocal teacher was not able to return. Professor LaVay Fancher is taking an advanced course in Chicago University, but we are hoping that he will be back with us in a year or two. Miss Alice Buffington has taken the place as dean of women. She accepted because she felt the call of God upon her for this work. Everyone that knows her, believes that she will be a safe guide and helper to the students. Miss Zehr, from Cornell is taking the vocal work. We also expect help from her in the athletic line. She is earnest about her work and will put across whatever she attempts to do. Professor Lee is the science instructor. He has spent several years in Houghton in the past and is thus able to fit in well. Professor Wright is the new head of our theological department. He is fresh from the active ministry and is pushing things for God.

The student body is some larger than last year, and the percentage of active christians is very large. Many, who have received calls to definite service, have also felt the call for preparing and have come to Houghton. And we are thankful that they are not sitting back waiting to get acquainted, but are taking their places in the ranks, ready to push the battle.

In everything that is endeavoured, there is the desire to succeed and thus, either directly or indirectly, honor God.

It is a wonderful thing, that, no matter what we do, whether we work, or whether we play, we may do it with a might and strength that comes from an adjusted relationship with God. We are expecting that at the end of the year, every student will be more nearly a perfect man or woman.

M. W.

MRS. L. H. FANCHER DIES

The community at large were made very sad because of the homegoing of Mrs. L. H. Fancher, who passed away Sept. 4th.

She had been in poor health for some time but not until a few days previous to her death did we realize that the end was near.

She was sixty-four years of age and had been a devoted Christian and a loyal Wesleyan Methodist since childhood. Her life was truly a benediction to her large circle of friends. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband, Lucius H., and five children, Ralph D., of Cattaraugus. La Vay of Chicago, Bessie, Le Roy and Marietta, of Houghton.

The funeral was held at the house, and conducted by Rev. J. R. Pitt, who was assisted by Rev. Markell, of East Leon, a former pastor.

God loves every soul that upon this earth doth live.

He loves us all, and Oh! it gives Such joy and peace to clearly know, That God in Heaven loved us so, That he gave for each and everyone His only loved, begotten Son.

STUDENTS RECEPTION

New Students are Warmly Welcomed

The students of Houghton Seminary and people of the community met on Friday evening, September 16th, to welcome and get acquainted with those students who are for the first time attending our Seminary.

As they entered the Seminary rooms, which had been decorated for the occasion, each was given a card and told to mix with the crowd, get the signature of those whom they did not know, and get acquainted. It worked. Formality had not a shadow of a chance, and everyone made acquaintance with whom they wished as naturally as water flows downhill. When as much time as could be spared for this had passed, Miss Helen Davison in behalf of the old students, gave an address of welcome to the new ones. Mr. Matthew Gosbee responded.

In indication of what the school held in store, and for our entertainment, Miss Culp, Miss Paddock and Miss Zehr favored us with orations and piano and vocal solos. President Luckey gave a welcome in behalf of the school, after which all sang our college song. Refreshments of ice cream and nabiscos were served.

We are sure that all of our new students feel that they truly are welcome in Houghton.

BARNETT - MILLER

Associations of school life culminated into a lasting companionship when Mr. Clarence H. Barnett and Miss Lucy Miller were married June 15th. The ceremony was performed at the Wesleyan Methodist Parsonage of Bradford, Pa., by Rev. I. A. Grise.

Mr. Barnett is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barnett of Houghton and has graduated from the Preparatory, Advanced and Theological departments of the Seminary. Mrs. Barnett is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Miller of Greenville, S. C., and has been a member of our Theological Department for the past two years. Both young people are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and feel called to the Lord's work. At present they are assisting Rev. John Bruce of Penn Run, Pa. The "Star" extends congratulations.

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Editorial

The strains of 'Come Back to Dear Old Houghton' which floated out upon the air when we were leaving school last June sounds better now than it ever did before. School has opened again with its many pleasures and associations which mean so much to every one of us. But along with the pleasure side of school life comes the responsibility and many duties.

Already the Star Staff is realizing this fact and is doing its best to get the school paper of our 'Alma Mater' started well on its way for another year and promises to do all within its power to give you a paper this year that is well worth while.

However nothing of any value has been achieved without co-operation, and co-operation we must have if the 'Houghton Star' is to really represent Houghton Seminary.

Our Alumni Editor will do his part in behalf of the Alumni, but if the Alumni do not co-operate with him please tell us how we can have an interesting Alumni Column. If you wish to know about your old friends, ask about them, and at the same time perhaps you can tell us about others.

Let us do our best to make the "Star" a real paper, one which will do justice to our school and honor God.

ATHENIAN SOCIETY

Some years ago the Athenian Society was formed separate from the Neosophic because it was thought that two smaller societies could do better work than one large one. This society has done some very splendid work in the past and it is the duty of the students who are here this year to help hold up its high standards.

We held our first meeting Monday evening, September the nineteenth, for the purpose of electing officers for this semester. Miss Rachel Davison, a very able girl and one who will endeavor to do her part to make the society what it ought to be, was elected President. Mr. Lennox, a young man who came to us from Taylor, was made Vice-President. Mr. Earl Tierney, a very enthusiastic young man, will be our Secretary and Miss Almeda Hall, our treasurer.

Mr. F. Wright, Dean of the Theological Department is a member of our program committee and we are anticipating some very interesting as well as helpful programs during the year.

We do not want the high standards of our society to fall below those of the preceding years. We invite all the new as well as the old students who are eligible to join our society to come and do so. The society will be just what we make it and we will get out of it just what we put into it. Let us all do our very best to make it a success and endeavor to raise rather than lower its standards.

NEOSOPHIC NOTES

The Neosophic Society met on Monday evening, Sept. 19, for its first meeting of this school year and for the purpose of electing officers.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Alice Buchholz, after which devotionals were conducted by Mr. Matthew Gosbee, one of our new students.

After having the minutes of the last meeting read and approved the new officers were elected, the results being as follows:

President:	Marjorie Ackerman.
Vice-President:	Alice Buchholz.
Secretary,	Howard Rollman.
Ass't Secretary:	Lynn Russell.
Treasurer:	Maude Grimes.
Sargent-at-Arms:	Floyd Banker.
Janitor:	George Morse.

Our allotted time having been consumed the meeting was adjourned to meet again next Monday evening, Sept. 27, to get down to business and to do its best to make this year a profitable one for the Neosophic Society.

J. B. M.

ALUMNI --- ATTENTION

Dear Alumni:-

The Star is beginning another year of work. We are all interested in knowing what kind of a paper the new staff will be able to give us. I wonder how many of us will have a right to criticise it.

I think perhaps as the years roll by, we forget how much labor it required to put out the Star when we were in the school. We forget how disgusted we used to be when the old students were asked to contribute to the paper and nearly all refused while some did not even deign to reply. Somehow when such a request comes to us now, it seems different. We're at the other end of the thing.

Another thing we forget is the hurt we felt when those who had neglected to do their bit for the Star, found it so easy to pick flaws. How indignant we used to be when we heard such complaints! But now--- we do the same thing without any compunction.

Let us stir up our memories a little and practice the Golden Rule. I'm sure we'll find that it works.

— An Old Student

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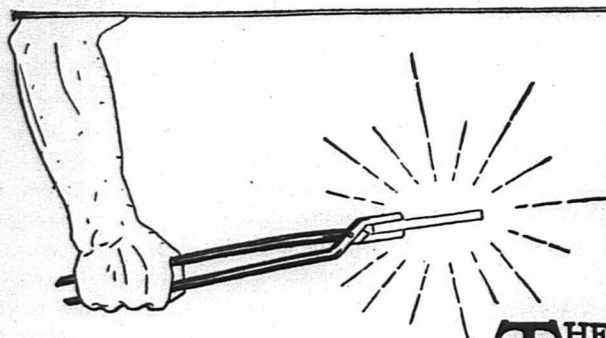
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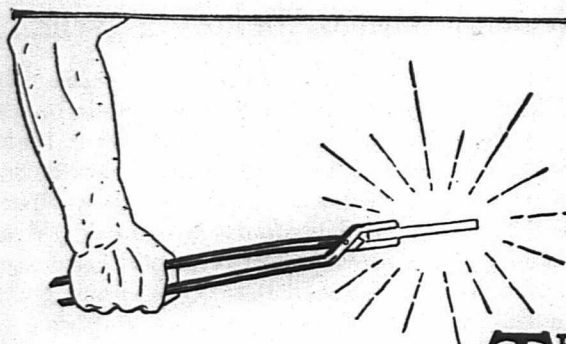
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Athletics

Athletics for this year have started off with a rush. The Boy's Association met very early to elect officers and to secure new members. Harry Kitterman, better known as, "The Big Boy," who is our new President has already proven himself worthy of our trust. We have not had so much of a chance to judge Mr. White, our Vice-President and "Fenny" Densmore, our Secretary and Treasurer, but we feel sure they will make efficient officers.

The dues for the semester have by force of circumstances, been raised to one lonely little dollar, and although this may seem somewhat high, we think that there are very few in school who do not receive at least two dollars worth of good from athletics and the B. A. A. during the year. Don't be a slacker; join now if you can possibly see your way clear to spare a dollar for a worthy cause. You must admit that the school would be pretty dead if no one joined. Spend a dollar, you won't miss it a year from now. Thirty have already joined, we need fifty.

Tennis is coming into the fore much more than usual this fall, and some really remarkable talent is developing. Prof. Lee and his illustrious brother-in-law, "Steesey" being among the best.

Only one game of basket-ball has yet been played, this being between the old and new students. Although the new students demonstrated wonderful spirit and gameness, the oldsters had somewhat the edge upon them in practice, passwork and basket-shooting, starring Kitterman they won 24-9.

The new students evened up matters however in baseball by winning by a score of 5-10.

Committees have been appointed to take charge of the major sports of the school:

Enty--Steese--Schuman, Basket-ball.
Pocock--Tierney--Clinefelter, Base-ball.
Tierney--Rollman--Molyneaux, Tennis.

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It is not so much position;
Nor for fame that we should vie,
But to keep our eyes on Jesus,
And His name to glorify.

THE SENIORS OF '21

Daniel Castner, the worthy executive of our senior preparatory class of twenty-one is working near his home at Dover, New Jersey. His activities at present are in a store acting as clerk and general helper. He plans to continue his school work again in a year.

Ivah Benning attended summer school and is now doing the work of an efficient teacher near her home at Orchard Park, New York.

Eric Bascom is still holding his pastorate a few miles from Houghton and is attending the Seminary. His studies are mostly Theological.

Wilbur Clark attended summer school at Geneseo and occasionally made a brief but welcome visit at Houghton. Each day he is becoming more and more dignified as he stands in the schoolroom to impart cold facts in a winning way to his beloved students at his home at Venice Center, New York.

Mamie Churchill continues her long walks through the flowery fields on her way to the Seminary. Nature has completely won her. We are glad she is progressing well in her college work.

Ella Lane is so far from Houghton that we can scarcely hear her soft voice coming over the Catskill mountains from the cheerful school-room at Willow, N. Y.

Edwin Lapham goes deep into the fountain of his trade. He has gained much knowledge of the press since first we became acquainted with him. His work by day is in the printing-office at Albion, New York, and by night he carefully studies the art of most attractive letter writing so that he can rightly interpret his deep feeling emotions, to some of our present Houghton students.

Veva Parker also a graduate of our musical department is busy with her class of music and her home activities. Although she is so near us here, we seldom see her.

Alora Russell has that desirable characteristic which always speaks quality of life. Because, who could live in a community from childhood and there spend the first days as teacher without having that uncommon yet priceless quality of life. One who can win such a place in the hearts of the home community as to win the respect, goodwill and confidence of all can surely win her way in any place in the universe. Alora does faithfully

her teacher's duties in the home district of Caneadea, New York.

Pearl Russell has a deep longing to know things and through many rains and frosts she has come to school and here rapidly reached forth to higher goals. She continues her work in school at Houghton and is continually busy with her activities.

Stanley Lawrence is also attending the Seminary this year. Through the years of preparation, he has learned that Houghton is the place where we all like to go.

The Theological Class of nineteen twenty-one has divided, sub-divided, taken on new additions, and new outlooks.

John Wilcox divided his time during the summer so that we dare not say where he was. He bought a ticket for Syracuse and came back on the train with the Syracuse people but he says he spent most of the time this summer preaching with his father. John is a truthful boy so please don't doubt his word. He is now taking college work in the Seminary.

Clarence Barnett has obtained his new addition after many years of struggle and patience. Good things cost much. He and his helper, formerly Lucy Miller, are busy with ministerial work. They are now assisting with work at Penn Run, Pa. May the light of the Gospel burn its way into people's hearts wherever they go.

Mrs. Blossom Sumner's beautiful life is somewhere being noticed. We are unable to state where she is, but we expect that she and her godly companion are attending Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky. We miss them in Houghton.

Stanley Lawrence seems to require much attention as he is so hard to follow. One has said he was a senior twice in June, 1921, a college freshman during the summer while he was laboring on the road and railroad, a college sophomore now, and he expects to be a junior after January. Let him work away, it will do him no harm. Houghton never has harmed him much and there are many things to learn yet.

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Prof. Smith in Lit. Crit:— "Most of
the feeling between young people is mere
sentiment."

H. J. Lennox:— "I think I understand
you but explain yourself."

I rose with great alacrity
To offer her my seat;
'Twas a question, whether she or I
Should stand upon my feet.

It is reported that skirts are being
worn longer now - perhaps because they
are put on earlier in the morning and
taken off later at night.

"Better keep your head inside the car
window," advised the conductor.

"I'm of age," responded the Freshman.

"Then you can pay for any damage
done to the work on the bridges we cross."

"The 'orn of the 'unter is 'eard on the
'ill" sang the little street urchin. But
somehow his version of that line of
"Kathleen Mavourneen," jarred on the
nerves of the elderly gentleman.

"My little man," he said, kindly, "why
don't you put a few more aitches in your
song?"

Said the little man, politely, "Don't
yer know there ain't no 'h' in moosic.
It only goes up ter 'G'."

LONDON IDEAS

Miss Zehr to G. A. A:-- I'm learning
something every day. What comes next?

We wonder if Harry Kitterman and
Earl Lusk need directions as to the way
to Houghton because of the amount of
time which elapsed between their leaving
home and reaching school.

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Gosbee: "Shall we sing parts?"

Neu: "Sure let's."

Gosbee: "Then take your part outside."