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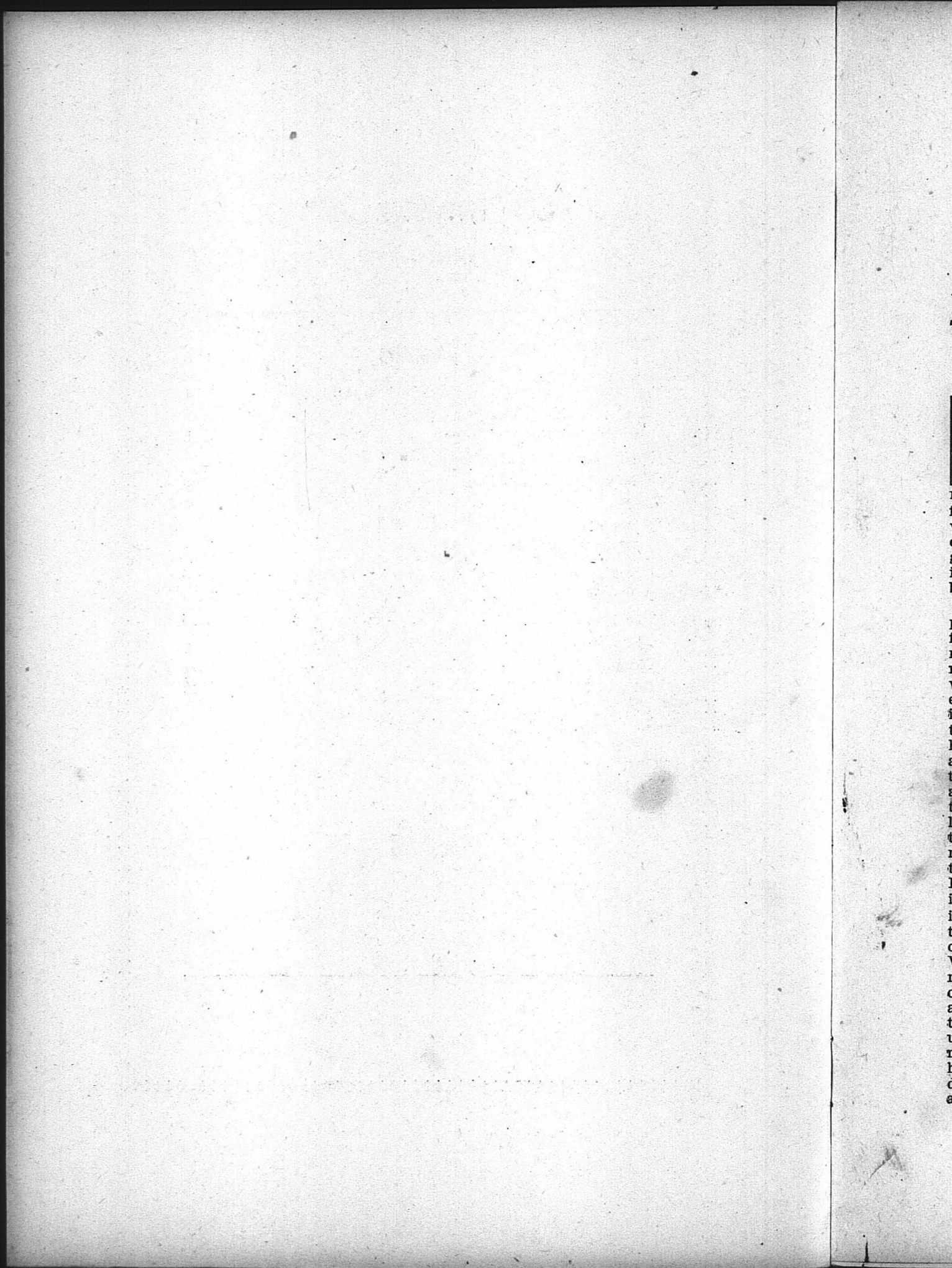
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Some Experiences of a Worker for the Gym.



It was a fine spring morning and all the students had not yet left Houghton for their respective homes when I, filled with enthusiasm for the new building, took my departure for a campaign to secure that which is called the source of all evil but without which we cannot get along very well namely MONEY, in order that the gymnasium might become a reality.

I reached the first town on my pilgrimage shortly after noon. To find a place where one could get a meal was not very hard but the cold remains of the regular boarder's food was all that was to be had. While eating I made use of my hostess by inquiring as to where my prospectives lived, one lived one and one-half miles to the east, another two and one-half to the north and only two legs to carry me. With a smile and a song I plowed the dusty road till I reached my first victim and I looked, from my knees down, like the very road itself. A pleasant old man bid me come in and I began to tell my story of how fine a place Houghton was and what she was doing and what she would like to do if he would but help her, then, began the cross examination. You may talk of your Regents' examinations! Well! they are not in it with this man's. Not only did he question me on the school but he put me through a theological and church history test till I began to feel that it was no use I had made my first failure on my begging expedition but at last having passed the test I landed a ten dollar pledge with a promise of more and made a friend for Houghton

Seminary. I now had to retrace my steps but this time in mud six inches deep as we had a very heavy shower. The next six or seven people that I interviewed in that place had more places for their money than they had money. They needed a fire department and needed a number of other things, they informed me that they had their poor with them also. I shook the dust off my feet and made my departure for the next town at 9:00 p. m.

My second day found me in high spirits as I had a town of some four thousand to canvass but my spirits dropped considerable by night as I had seen about fifty people and had less than ten dollars to show for it. I had left most of the bankers and gentlemen of leisure for the next day's canvass and a harvest they did give me, one man signed his check for twenty-five dollars and his pledge for seventy-five more while from other sources fifty dollars more came my way and before I left this town which I did in five days, I had two hundred and fifty dollars in cash and pledges.

So far so good, but other troubles began. In order to get to a two by four town three miles from a railway, to see the president of this road which is the happy owner of one engine, one day coach and one one-half baggage and day coach combined. I had to wait until this wonderful flyer got around and then Mr. President was away from home.

"Houghton!" never heard of it, "Where is it?" was some of the questions asked before I had gotten out of the county and yet, Houghton is so well known abroad that she attracts students from seven or more states beside her own.

At one place on interviewing the head of the department of education he said "Yes I know Houghton Seminary and the work she is do-

ing." I then informed him what our boys did last spring on the new building. This took him by surprise, he sat back in his chair and said "Since when have they boys?" Always had them and proud of them was the reply. "No not thirty years ago. By the way where is this Houghton Seminary you are talking about?" Having been informed as to its location I found he did not know OUR Houghton Seminary but the one in Clinton, N. Y.

Late one afternoon after having spent the day without material results, I retired to the village park to meditate over the past experiences and plan for the future, while waiting for my train. All of a sudden, I received a thump on the head. What is up now thought I, some one knowing I was after the long green about to hold me up! As quick as I could I jumped up and turned around and to my surprise I found, who do you think? One who would be up to just such a trick. Tremaine McDowell and Della Morris. Glad to see some Houghtonites, yes and more than that. These boys were on the same mission as myself and having heard of my whereabouts and having to go through this town to make connections, hunted me up and greeted me in this fashion. We compared notes, told each other our various experiences which were much alike, only that Mr. McDowell had been stranded without a cent to take him home. Three days later I again met Tremaine McDowell penniless which seemed to affect him so that he could not read his timetable straight, causing him to miss his train.

Rockefeller! No I am not he, you have the wrong fellow. This was a very common saying.

One old man who looked as if he wanted for nothing, on being approached, pleaded poverty, a usual cry, sickness and doctor bills went along with it this time, and I was about to turn and leave him when his eye caught sight of the little Sunday School pin on the lapel of my coat, he asked a question about it and slipped me a silver coin of the largest denomination, by the way he had a twin to my little pin.

After having spent about four weeks in Allegany and the adjoining counties, it was my privilege to visit the old students in the western part of Pennsylvania as far south

as Pittsburg. They surely did treat me royal and did not forget their old school, in a financial way.

I am sure that I appreciate Houghton and its good influences all the more for my being cast among the towns and villages with their rum dens and profanity. I also saw the great need of just such a place as Houghton to train and fit men and women to go out into the byways and remedy conditions.

E. S. Davidson, Theological.

Houghton in the Summer

Houghton, in the summer, would probably not appeal to many people, as the most ideal place for spending a vacation—nor does it hold much promise, for me, as a theme for a literary production. Indeed, a majority of the students would be panic stricken if an adverse fate should necessitate the spending of their summer in Houghton. It is quite natural, that, it should be considered a rather uninviting, lonely, place, when those, who take so prominent a part in its activities during the school months are gone. But the pessimist's anticipations are always worse than the actual realization and so, in this case, actual experience proved conditions much better than dismal forebodings had pictured them. At least, I can say with all veracity and regard for truth that my summer in Houghton was as pleasant as any I have yet spent.

There were in all perhaps fifteen or more young people, who were here during the whole vacation. We boys, for the most part, worked on surrounding farms, in order to secure the wherewithal to again attend school. As to the way in which the girls busied themselves, I am entirely incompetent to say. While engaged in the unscholarly occupation of making money, we also acquired some little wisdom. We found that the best cure for any affliction is a preventive one; in short that the best panacea for that most popular of disorders "the blues" is to keep so busy that there is no opportunity to succumb to its attacks. While writing about work, perhaps, it would interest some of the non-resident patrons of the Star to learn that, since commencement, nearly all the concrete blocks for the new gym-

nasium have been made and are ready to be laid.

But I do not wish to create the impression that we had nothing to occupy our attention but incessant manual work. We had at hand many means for diversion and recreation. The tennis court was quite popular and in great demand, (it usually is), and many great games were staged when it was all but dark. The less actively inclined people could enjoy a game of croquet in the shade or read the recent(?) stories from the Seminary library. Incidentally a fairly good ball team was scraped together and we had some exciting games with some neighboring villages. Although not always successful the practices and games were a diversion when other means failed to revive our drooping spirits. At other times the boys and girls gathered on the campus for a game of "three-deep" or some other old-fashioned but equally diverting sport. Finally the cool depths of the Genesee south of the Pennsylvania railroad depot did yeoman service as a bathing resort at the close of a hot, sultry day.

In Houghton we also have some well established institutions which I must hastily discuss with you. On the Fourth of July a basket picnic was held on the campground. A capable speaker was procured and the day was quietly spent in pleasing contrast to the usual noisy, blaring celebration. Later in the summer the Lockport Conference Campmeeting Association held its annual campmeeting at this place. This is a means of pleasure and practical good to every resident of Houghton.

Now I have tried, vainly perhaps, but none the less earnestly to give you a faithful picture of Houghton as I found it during my one summer there, und jetzt ist meine Arbeit vollendet und Ich nehme von Ihnen meinen Abschied. Ralph Kaufman.

My First Impression of Houghton

"Can this, indeed, be Houghton, that ideal of all my meditation for so long!" Such were the thoughts that rushed wildly through my mind while on my way to the Seminary on the day of my arrival, a dreary rainy morning. A small lad trotted along by my side, carrying my suitcase.

Presently he asked timidly, "How do you like our town, Miss?"

"Can this, indeed, be Houghton, that place of such exquisite beauty!" Through my weary mind rushed the thoughts madder and madder each moment.

"Say, Miss, I just reckon you can pay me a dime extra, I never knew your grip was so heavy," continued the lad now more boldly.

Gradually, but surely that castle, which I had been building higher and still higher into the upper air, was crumbling. I tried to save it but it proved a hopeless task. Upon coming in sight of the Seminary building I attempted to form a contrast but I searched in vain for it. The last block had fallen in ruin. Reluctantly I paid the boy, and walked slowly up the steps of the Ladies' Hall but there I was met by the Dean who joyously exclaimed, "Miss Buell, I am so glad to welcome you as one of my girls," and with that, by a generous hug, she seemed to take me right into the recesses of her heart. Immediately it shed a different light upon the whole situation. After being escorted to my room, I proceeded to play a little game of solitaire. It was truly the hardest game of my life, but I won. I went to the window and while slowly raising the curtain, I quietly asked myself, "Are you quite sure you won the game—are you going to like Houghton?" I looked out upon the valley beneath, the quiet river, the sloping hillsides beyond. The rain had ceased and all nature seemed the brighter and the fresher for it. The sun was now crowding back the dark clouds and I could fancy I was seeing the silver lining of each cloud. Suddenly, while I stood thus, the inspiration flashed up before me, "This is not going to be just school; this is going to be home, too."

I knew, without a doubt, that my lofty air castle was destroyed and that there were not hands enough to rebuild it again, but in its place arose a cozy Ladies' Hall, if not quite so romantic by far more pleasant.

By a New Student.

Emerson

G. Tremaine McDowell

Outward appearances lend support to the theory that Emerson constructed his philosophy of life to suit his own character. His sincerity is so great, however, that it is unthinkable that such construction was conscious. But regardless of its formation Emerson's philosophy fits him to perfection. Its strengths are the characteristics which impressed his audiences and its weaknesses are also truly his.

The most dominant note in Emerson is inspirational—a call to activity and nobler living. The commercialism of his age was abhorant to him and he did his utmost to put it in its proper relative position. The optimism of his life and thought could not but create a like feeling in others. His high ideals, filling his life and constantly expressed, stimulated all who came in contact with them.

The first commandment, according to Emerson, is "Trust thyself. Obey thyself." There can be no doubt that there was a perfect parallel between Emerson's philosophy and life in regard to this point. His assurance was immense. He knew. "Let a man then know his worth and keep things under his feet. Trust thyself; every heart vibrates to that strain." His belief in the capacity and in the rights of the individual led him to urge upon his fellow-countrymen an appreciation of themselves and a trust in their own powers. But in his eagerness, he overstated his case, and his confidence becomes aggressive and his certitude aggravating.

Emerson proposed as the basis for this self-assurance, the divinity of man. He found God in every heart and in all Nature. Or rather, as he would say, he found Truth. This he also calls Intuition—"the source and essence of genius, of virtue, of life." Obey—in only the law of his own mind, he lived a pure and beautiful life. But few have his natural morality and the results of such freedom universally practised would be most disastrous. Herein is a fundamental weakness in Emersonian philosophy. A man in desperate need of the New Birth—as is every man—can hardly say, "No law can be sacred to me but that of my own nature."

The logical result of his extreme self reliance was an independence which bound while it set free. Emerson truly points out why so few men are really great. "It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude." But the wish, that we have "heard the last of conformity and consistency" and the exhortations, "Whoso would be a man must be a non-conformist" and "Never imitate" deprive us wholly of the fruit of the labor and experience of the past.

The Sage of Concord considered all forms of self improvement valuable but only in so far as they developed the intellect. Lowell speaks of his "never-sated hunger for self culture." Yet he considered knowledge not power but its source. For example, in his essay on History, he contends that its study is educative only, and that the mind is simply stimulated and trained for thought, not enriched and stored with wisdom by studying. Labor, too, is all for the development of the abstract powers of the mind, not for practical, material results. His whole view of culture is based on his advocacy of pure rather than practical intellect.

Emerson's belief of God's presence in man and his adherence to the best in life would seem to indicate that Emerson was religious but such was not really the case. His ideals were more ethical than religious. This involves an element which runs through all his writings. He was absolutely without emotion. His philosophy was based not on sympathy but upon intellect. He told the "American Scholar" to be "cold and true." He was ruled by the pride of mind, of intellect and therefore could not be religious. Matthew Arnold calls religion, "morality touched by emotion." Add to this the element of divinity, and the definition is acceptable. But Emerson knew not of emotion. He could discuss it coolly but he felt it never. As for the divine, "he understood it not as the power which makes for righteousness but mind, whose sole manifestation is not goodness or beauty but truth."

Self reliance, the divinity of man, individualism, self culture, lack of emotion—all the characteristics of Emerson's belief are laudable in

moderation but disastrous in excess. His worst is his best pushed too far. As the philosophy lacked restraint, so did the philosopher. Although his life was irreproachable, he irked under any discipline. He would set bounds to nothing. "Bland angel as he was, he very much wanted his own way." One quotation will be sufficient to illustrate. "Our moral nature is vitiated by any interference of our will." It is to be regretted that Emerson missed the unsurpassed value of good, hard discipline in developing the pure intellectual powers which he worshipped.

Despite the defects in his philosophy, Emerson has had the greatest influence over the thought of the American people of all American authors. His admirable life, his gracious and kindly manner and his forceful style gave him a remarkable power. To those who remember, as he himself insisted, that he is a stimulus, not a guide; to those who read with the understanding, discerning the wheat from the tares; to such Emerson is the greatest inspiration American literature affords.

Why I Came to Houghton

Claude Ries

As many of us have successfully climbed the hill of our high school journey and stand on the summit we view a still higher, loftier level. Yonder we see, towering into the heavens, a snow-capped mountain whose sides are smooth, trodden by the continual tramping of weary feet. We pause and we hear a gentle breeze or breath of an inviting tone. 'Tis the voice of knowledge calling us to a deeper yet higher sense of duty and privilege, urging us to make ready for the sterner realities of life.

Since much depends upon the association formed during this period of life we should cast our lot among the best that the time affords—namely in a Christian school. As one noted Englishman has said, "It is not the information we imbibe but the habits of thought, mind and life that we acquire in this formative period that counts toward real success." Houghton maintains a high Christian standard. She steers clear of all symptoms of higher criticism which is so prevalent in many of our institutions of learning. The bible is believed and taught in its fullness. The reason that her facul-

ty is composed of Christians and that her student body is also, invites others of the same mind there.

The product produced by Houghton has been of the best grade and of a high type. Her students have taken their stand shoulder to shoulder with men and women of the great colleges and universities of our land. The educational standard of the school must then be equal to that of the large schools of note.

How many poor boys have been deprived of a college education because of lack of funds! To a very limited extent can this be said of a boy who contemplates going to Houghton. All finances are kept at a minimum. No fraternities to bother with, no luxuricus spreads to draw on the account, and no temptations of the city. Yet he has plenty to eat, enough time to study and play.

Upon asking a new student why he came to Houghton I received this reply, "Because I was brought up that way." Whether that was so in my case or not the fact that I have adopted the Wesleyan doctrine by allegiance ought to be proof enough that I should think enough of her institutions to give them a trial at least. Houghton, by all appearances, is the place that Providence has placed me and am thankful for the opportunities of such a school.

In the West

Up in the morning early
Just at the break of day,
Straining the milk in the dairy
Turning the cows away.
Eating a simple breakfast
Of graham gems, bacon and eggs,
Racing on fleetest horses
And drying their foaming legs.
Running the plow till noontide
Singing the while with vim,
Showing my younger brother
That I still can outdo him.
Setting the table for dinner,
All sitting down to eat,
Watermelon, chicken and gravy,
Kansas grub can't be beat.
Sewing till three in the P. M.
Then plowing on till dark,
Milking till ten or eleven
At least till the coyotes bark.
Going to bed at twelve
Sleeping sound till four,
Although we've plenty of money
Still we are working for more.

By a Student.

EDITORIAL

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Another school year has begun and Houghton is again teeming with the animation of student life. The quiet which was drawn like a mantle over the little village during the summer, has been cast aside, and the life and activity which are characteristic of

student life, have again been taken on in its stead. As we scan the faces of the students we find that there are many with whom we were accustomed to associate last year, who are not here, and in their places we see many new faces.

As we think of the many friendships that were formed during the past year, some of them friendships that will be of inestimable value throughout life, we welcome all the old students back. Then, as in our fancy, we try to fathom possibilities of this year, we extend a most hearty welcome to all those who have come among us for the first time this year.

But the possibilities of the year are not confined within one small area. Were the prospective friendships which we may form during this year, the only field open before us, some with a more retiring nature, would find it a far too narrow and limited circle in which to move. But climb the mountain and from its very summit, look out over the vast fields of opportunity and possibility which lie stretched before us. Did you ever behold a more beautiful vision than this? There are the opportunities for the development of our intellects, the primary cause of our being here, the wonderful opportunity for the development of our spiritual life, and the innumerable opportunities of helping our fellow men daily, in the little affairs of every day life. In brief, we have the greatest opportunity to develop every detail of our lives, so that if we avail ourselves of these opportunities, at the end of the year we shall realize that it has been a most successful year.

As we look back over the past and note the growth of the Star during the few years of its publication, we are impressed with its development. We can but observe that each year, with its growth and development which it has brought to the

school, has brought a corresponding improvement in the *Star*, till we can but wonder if we shall be able to play our parts well and make this year's issues of the Houghton *Star* the very best ones that have ever been put out. If the words, "You can be what you will be," are true, then there is no doubt but that we shall be able to accomplish this, not by any genius or gift of remarkable ability which we may possess, but by the hard, persistent labor which we shall put into every issue.

But in order that you may more fully appreciate the labors of the various members of the Staff, we will give you a more personal introduction to them. Our business manager, Mr. Lewis came to us last year from the Green Mountains and has proven himself a real business manager. Active in all the departments of school life, thoroughly interested in whatever he undertakes, we feel certain that Mr. Lewis will most successfully direct his part of this work, while he will be assisted by Mr. Davidson, whom we believe will prove to be a most efficient assistant.

The assistant editor surely needs no introduction to you, for Mr. Barnette has been a member of the staff longer than any other present member, except our Alumni Editor, Miss Hester, and it is to his experience and counsel that much of the success of our work this year, will be indebted.

So, with each of the assistants, we believe that we have as the editor of each department, the one who is best fitted for that respective office, and that each one will bring you each month the very best that the various departments have to offer. We are each doing our very best to make each issue of the *Star*, both interesting and instructive to all the readers, and we desire that each of the readers will do all in his sphere toward making this a successful year for Houghton Seminary.

From the Manager

The drum beat, the bugle call, the noise of shot and shell are noises that are prevalent in time of war, in Europe at the present time. The flight in price of the commodities of life, here at home also receive our attention, but, if you have not hitherto noticed the fact, the *Stars* still shine and "The Houghton *Star*" has also to present itself to friends for nine more issues; Vol. VII has commenced its eventful career.

Every loyal student of the past, present and future, needs the "*Star*" in order to know what real literary merit, what poetic natures and what born essayists are registered at Houghton Seminary this year. There are many things that will prove interesting to all, before the year closes; and in order to know of the bursts of wisdom, real honor and loyal sentiment that is invisible in certain classes of people, except when revealed by their writings, you should renew your subscription to the "*Star*." What? Can it be possible that there is a loyal lover of Houghton Seminary who is not a subscriber?

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ORGANIZATIONS

Gertrude Graves '16, Editor

The Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association

The first meeting of the year of the Inter-collegiate Prohibition Association was held in the chapel of Houghton Seminary Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 30. The meeting was called to order by President W. F. Lewis, at 3:30 o'clock. The meeting was interesting, inspiring, and invigorating from start to finish. A hymn was sung with spirit, and Mr. Glen McKinley offered a touching prayer. After a few matters of business had been transacted President W. F. Lewis gave an address of welcome to new members. His speech was a winner from the word go. He reviewed the past of the Houghton I. P. A., pointing out that much good had been done both in the school and outside, by this organization. Especially was the work done at election time last autumn mentioned. The Association had speakers out every evening, quartets and other music accompanying them, holding rousing meetings in schoolhouses and churches in the town, and as a result of the work thus done, and of that done by other persons Caneadea went no-license by the largest majority in many years, if not in all time. A hearty welcome was extended to all members who would get busy and do their best to co-operate with the officers of the organization to make this year's work the best yet! By the spirit manifested by those present, over forty, by-the-way, it was evident that every one means business!

Miss Edna Hester spoke briefly upon the "Prohibition League for Girls." Her remarks were well chosen, and very interesting. It was made plain that the young ladies have a part in this great work of overcoming the giant liquor evil. They can study, and in other ways keep

posted upon what is being done along lines of reform, and thus prepare themselves for the time when they shall have the right of franchise. And that time is coming sooner than many think. The girls, as well as the men should count it a privilege to belong to such a nationwide organization as is the Inter-collegiate Prohibition Association. Not only do the study and business parts of the society make it right that the young women should belong; but the social side of the league MUST have them to make that part a success.

Miss Ruth Worboise favored the assembly with one of her charming piano solos, and this met with much applause.

Miss Florence Kelly spoke on the oratorical contest. In the past Houghton has won many honors in oratory, and this year it is hoped that she will not be behind what she has done in past years. It is always an interesting event. The contest this year will take place sometime in February. Those interested should watch the STAR for further notice. Preparation for this event should begin as early as November. Among other requirements for this contest, the oration must contain not more than 1500 words; must be outlined and the outline handed in a specified time before the contest. The complete oration must be typewritten and a copy handed to each of the three judges. The work will be judged according to two general points,—composition, and delivery. Each of these points will have three judges. Prizes of \$10 and \$5 respectively for first and second best in the contest will be given. But the contestants should not go into this thing for the prizes. The benefit which comes to the participants and the work which will be done in furthering the temperance cause are

the objects for which all participants should strive. Further information concerning this can be had from officers of the association.

Dean Frazier was to have appeared upon the program, but was unavoidably prevented at the last minute, to the disappointment of all.

At the conclusion of the program those present adjourned into the vocal studio, where delightful refreshments were served, and a pleasant social time was enjoyed.

The outlook for this year promises that the Houghton I. P. A. will do great things for the cause. May this be so!!!

Reported by Eugene S. Bardwell.

The Mission Study Class

The first weekly meeting of the Mission Study Class met in the Theological room Thursday, October 1, at 4 p. m. There is a class of fourteen, nine of whom attended the first meeting. We have been very fortunate in securing for our teacher Bro. Whitaker, who is a very able teacher and shows great interest in the work. The class has not yet been completely organized but a committee was appointed for the purpose of selecting the remaining officers.

We believe, however, that there are more of the students who ought to take an interest in this work. If we could but realize that it is not only a benefit to those who are intending to become missionaries, but it will prove a help to others as well. It broadens life's horizon by bringing into view new places, peoples and problems. I have been helped geographically, historically, and spiritually," was the testimony of a young woman who had gotten her first vision in the mission study class.

Everybody who is interested should come and join our class and those who are not interested come and get interested!

G. L. S.

Neosophic Society

The Neosophic Society began the year of 1914-15 with the enrollment of several new members. The first meeting opened with the necessary preliminaries after which it reverted to the time-honored custom of spending the evening when no program is prepared in parliamentary law drill. For the next meeting a spelling match was the principal part with

the result that all left the meeting with a considerably lowered opinion of their spelling abilities. Thus far the society has started out with an enthusiasm which prophesies a very interesting year even though its numbers are few. A Neo.

The Athenian

At the present writing, the Athenian Society has held but one meeting. The names of 14 young men and 13 young ladies were presented for admittance to membership. The chief object of the meeting was the election of officers. The following officers were elected by ballot: President, Glenn Barnett; vice-president, Mary Allen; secretary Vera Lawrence; treasurer, Harold Lee. Practice in public speaking and the attainment of knowledge on current and historic questions are the primary aims of our literary society. Everyone is welcome to attend and all new college people are especially urged to become members.

R. J. K.

The Ionian Literary Society

The first meeting of the Ionian Society was held September 19. An excellent program was given. The readings by Miss Coleman and Miss Reggal were given in an effective manner and were appreciated very much. A vocal solo was rendered by Miss Thurston and a piano solo by Miss Sanders. After the program a business meeting was held. Names for new members were presented and other business was taken up. There was a large attendance and the outlook is good for a large society. Every Prep. girl should belong to this society and make it the best in the school.

M. H.

Athletics

Carroll Daniels '17, Editor

We are glad to have most of old athletes back, besides a fine collection of new ones. We welcome you one and all to pay your fifty cents to Mr. Barnett and become members of the Athletic Association.

At present the only athletic news worth reporting is the two games, Allies versus Varsity. The Varsity won the first game by a score of 6 to 4. The second game was characterized by one main feature namely, that being errors. The Allies forces gained a lead of 7 points in the first two innings. The Varsity settled down to work in the third, and the game was very exciting from then on. The ninth inning opened with a score of 11 to 11 but in the last of the ninth the Allies secured the winning run.

The work of both teams thus far has been characterized by individual playing rather than team work. Ballard, the Varsity star, made the first home run of the season by a clean drive over center. Lapham, star twirler for the Allies, holds the record for strike-outs.

Many tales of prowess of Houghton's noble sons might be told if space permitted but they must be omitted until another time.

The lineup is at present as follows:

Varsity		Allies
Babbit	c	Dezell
Ballard	p	Lapham
Daniels	1st	Becker
Calhoon	2nd	Barrett
Kaufman C	s s	Horth
Kaufman D	3d	Kaufman B
Barnett	1 f	Kaufman A
Pero	c f	Russell
		Morris
Woods	r f	Lee

Note 1. It might be well to explain that the Allies are the combined forces of preparatory department and the freshman college class.

Note 2. Owing to the likeness of their initials we are obliged to designate the Kaufman brothers by some other means. The following is the key to their names as recorded in the lineup:

- A—William Kaufman.
- B—Robert Kaufman
- C—Wilfred Kaufman
- D—Ralph Kaufman

Exchanges

Lelia June Coleman '18, Editor

With this, the beginning of another school year, the Houghton "Star" again makes its appearance. This year it must profit by its ever widening experiences, and shine forth with greater brilliancy than ever before.

We look to our exchanges, through their friendly criticisms, to help us in realizing our highest ambitions.

Four exchanges have come to us this month:

The College World, Adrian, Michigan—We are glad to receive you as a new exchange. The spirit of your paper is good. May you have the "biggest and best year Adrian College has had." Come again.

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ALUMNI

Edna Hester '16, Editor

I have been thinking about the students of Houghton and wondering where I might locate them. The student body here is ever changing. At least half of this year's enrollment are new. But where are all the old ones? That is the question that I shall endeavor to answer in this department of the Star. I believe one purpose of our paper is to keep our old students within speaking distance of each other. I ask the hearty co-operation of every person who has attended Houghton Seminary. Send a line about yourself and I shall appreciate it very much.

Our 1914 college graduates, Ward Bowen and Ray Hazlett are in Oberlin College. Mr. Bowen assists in geology and takes an active part in various phases of school life. He has fallen completely in love with the social life of Oberlin, especially with his duties as head of a table in the boarding hall. Mr. Hazlett is sure to win his way to the heart of his teachers by his learned and irrefutable answers in class work.

Shirley Babbitt, Mary Hubbard and Tremaine McDowell are taking their senior year in Ann Arbor, Mich.

James Elliott has taken unto himself a wife. He and Laura are happy in their home and school life at Ohio Wesleyan.

Several of last year's students are teaching district schools: Robert Presley, Jasper, N. Y.; Clark Warburton '14, Haskinsville, N. Y.; Flora Presley '14, Jasper, N. Y.; Lewis Silsbee '14, Haskinsville, N. Y.; Laura Little and Bess Rogers near Forksville, Pa.; and Esther Busch '14 in Humbolt, Iowa. Miss Busch believes she likes the east better than the west and consequently is somewhat homesick.

Mary Kerr is with her uncle at Fargo, North Dakota.

Edith Hogg is a sophomore in Cornell University.

Marie Rogers has taken Miss Rena Lapham's place as postmistress at Burt, N. Y.

Our boys who were graduated from Oberlin last year are doing excellent work in High Schools.

C. Floyd Hester is teaching mathematics and directing the band in Mondovi, Wis.

Paul Fall teaches science and directs athletics in St. Charles, Ill. Mr. Fall's mother is with him so we have no fears for his welfare.

H. H. Hester is principal of the High School at Vermillion, O. His duties as goodman of the house and teacher are many.

LaVay Fancher is principal of the High School at Luzerne, N. Y.

F. H. Wright teaches and preaches at West Chazey, N. Y.

Campus

Wilford Kaufman '17, Editor

Faculty Notes

At the opening of this school year the new members of the Faculty need some introduction to our many readers of the Star. We are all familiar with President Luckey, Profs. Bedford, Smith, Frazier, Coleman, McDowell, Mrs. Bowen, Misses Hillpot and Thurston, but there are new members among us. Miss Regall comes as Oratory teacher; Miss Fitts as vocal instructor; Miss Russell, a former Houghton student teaches Latin and Mrs. Jennings is our patient Librarian.

We scarcely know where to place Prof. Fancher. During the summer vacation he transferred from the state of single Blessedness to the state of Matrimony, and since he has chosen a Houghton student for his helpmeet, we will place his name on the honor roll. In behalf of the Houghton Star we extend congratulations to Prof. and Mrs. Fancher.

We trust the new members of the Faculty may soon feel at home among us, that the various interests may be unified, and all may help make the teaching force of the school what it should be.

The great hills of Vermont furnished a rendezvous for Prof. Smith where he anxiously followed the well beaten path of the Deer and Bear with the faithful janitor as guide. But the only trophy the Prof. brought back to Houghton was the satisfaction of really climbing the Green Mountains and enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott.

Since the last issue of The Star Prof. Bedford says the most important event that has happened is the arrival of a little girl, Bernice Louise, at his home. Congratulations, Papa B.

Prof. Coleman enjoyed the western breezes in his Native State, Indiana, visiting with relatives and friends and working in the interest of the school.

Prof. Frazier spent his summer vacation studying at his old Alma Mater.

Mrs. Bowen visited relatives in Steuben County and enjoyed the pleasures of a summer in the country.

C. N. C.

COLLEGE LOCALS

It is with great pleasure that we welcome the new college students to our midst.

Miss Ethel Kelley is on the sick list.

Mr. Leo Raub has been somewhat of a cripple on account of a sprained ankle.

Miss Ruth Robertson, Miss Frances Wood, Mr. Robert Woods, Mr. Robert Chamberlain have been spending their week-ends at home.

The Rev. Mr. Graves of Olean called recently on his daughter, Miss Gertrude Graves. Mr. Raymond Graves spent Sunday with his sisters, Misses Gertrude and Marie Graves.

The College Geology Class have been taking a course in physical culture in the form of walks to Caneadea Gorge, trips to Portage, etc. It is a puzzle to many of the students what Professor Frazier's object is, in compelling the Geology students to load themselves with stones and rocks on their return trips. It is thought by some, that Professor's aim is to move the Gorge down near the Campus and thus afford the members of the weaker sex, a chance to study rock formation, without trying their physical strength. E. A. A.

Preparatory Notes

The Preparatory Department has changed much with the beginning of this school year. Many of our friends are not with us. Some have entered the College Freshman class. Among the former are: Carl Walquist, Glenn Talbot, Chris Smith, Glenn Sheldon, James Reddy, Mary Polahar, Homer Perrine, Charles Newton, Norris Luckey, Elvira Lawrence, Bertha Irvine, Eva Huntsman, Mildred Hussong, LaVern Hills, Rudel Bristol, Grace Benning, Ethel Arnold, Paul Southard, Florence Sellman, Mildred Jones, Clara Barber and Carl Aylor.

We especially miss those who would have graduated with the class of 1915: Loren Barber, Mary Kerr, Laura Little, Bess Rogers, Marie Rogers, Lee Rogers, Nellie Smith and Charlotte Stebbins.

However we are glad to welcome many new students. Among these we greet the following new seniors: James Colby, Ralph Tyler, Max Reed, and Pearl Schouten.

All seem to be getting well acquainted and enjoying one another's society. There have been a few functions in which the Preparatory students have taken part. All are looking forward to a pleasant year together.

M. E. F.

Music Notes

Our Music Department promises to be more successful than ever this year. The enrollment is as large as heretofore in both the Vocal and Instrumental Departments, and more are expected to be enrolled.

Miss Hillpot and Miss Fitts both spend one day each week at Fillmore teaching piano and voice.

We have a budding orchestra with

ten buds. We expect this to be a very fine branch of our music department.

You can always tell when Band night comes 'round by the ear-splitting sounds proceeding from the direction of the Seminary. However, we expect to enjoy many treats from the Band this year.

We are hoping to have a Girls' Glee Club this year.

Sunday afternoons the musical young folks gather in the reception room for a "sing." This is a very enjoyable hour and we expect much from it during the year.

We are anticipating some good numbers this year from our violin quartette.

The Choral Class is doing fine work.

There is talk of having a Male Quartette. We hope it is more than a rumor.

R. F. R.

Theological

We are glad to have Grayce Steese with us again this year, who spent her summer at her home in Ohio. Guy E. Miller and Roy M. Allen, who spent their summer in their native state. Walter Lewis from Vermont and William Kaufmann of Ohio have also returned from their labors in their home states. Carl Hughes, who worked on a farm near Higgins the past summer and E. S. Davidson, who traveled for the interest of the school and the new building have also registered as members of the theological department.

It also gives us pleasure to welcome as new students, Louise Middleton of Ohio; Lois Besley of Olean, N. Y.; Amos Barker and Fenno Densmore from Michigan and Clarence J. White, pastor of the church at Higgins, N. Y.

The department is larger this year than it's been for some time past and we have every reason to expect good results from the present class.

E. S. D.

Miscellaneous

Again the hands of time have revolved upon the dial until September, 1914 has been reached. As usual during this month of the year a decided stir was noticeable in the village of Houghton. Every wheelbarrow livery in town was rushed

with orders for the transportation of trunks and baggage, from the depot to various destinations.

But my friend you need not be surprised at the rush, for this merely signifies the opening of another school year. Students, both new and old, have migrated from the north, east, south, and west and have come to "De Seminaye" to acquire "de higha colcah."

However we are glad to be in Houghton again and to take up the various activities connected with school life. According to previous custom the new students' reception was held the first Friday evening following the opening of school. At this reception the new students were welcomed to all the blessings and opportunities which Houghton Seminary affords, and also the rules and regulations contained in the students "song book." The new students were not only welcomed among us but they were made to feel at home because the spirit of "I'm at home and wish you were" was not at all prevalent at this occasion. Everybody got acquainted with everybody else and all spent a delightful evening.

Finis.

Odds and Ends

Bethel J. Babbitt, '16, Editor

Prof. Luckey (in col. physics) Now, boys—and girls, in which direction is the acceleration now, toward me or the dorm?

Students in chorus, "Toward the dorm."

Ralph (in Psychology) "This class is a joker."

K—"Only on test days."

Mr. "They aren't going to have these steps here any longer."

Miss (awful tones) "Why not?"

Mr. "Cause they are long enough."

Echoes from the Dining Room

Waiter, "What cereal do you wish?"

Mr. C, "Some chips, please."

Waiter. "The woods are too far off for this morning's breakfast."

Mr. C. (passing oatmeal cookies to his neighbor) "have some sausage?"

There was a young lady named Kent,
 And she to Ho'ton was sent
 She liked young LaVere
 Altho he was queer,
 So off down to Portage they went.
 Nuf Sed.

Mr. Kaufmann says he doesn't need a
 gym as long as he studies kinematics.

Prof. (in Psyc.) "We have, as a conse-
 quence, the terms foot, yard, fathom,
 hand, pace, and—"

Beverly. "Hair's breadth."

District Schoolma'am. "Who can
 give me a sentence containing the word
 cipher."

Youngster. "I cipher play."

Young ag. student. "I've read vol-
 umes and taken the course, but I can't
 make farming a go."

Hayseed. "You put the cultivation
 on yourself instead of the land.—Ex.

At the Ball Game

Tubby Coffer, a foul ball has whizzed
 by his head. "Gosh!"

Ump. "That's a foul ball."

Irate batsman. "Foul nothing. Show
 me the feathers."

Ump. "This is a picked team."

Prof. Fancher (in French I). "The
 indirect object is him, not them."

A. R. C. "Oh Louis."

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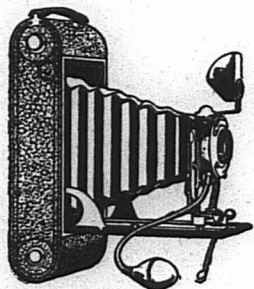
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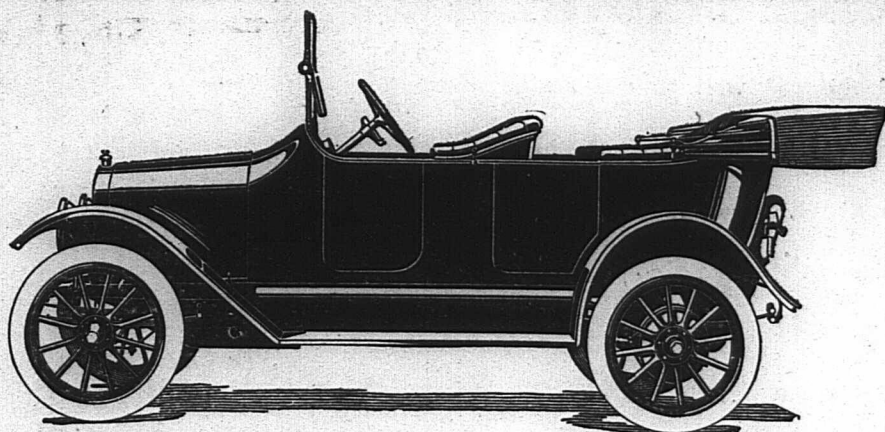
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