

# The Houghton Star

"Prepare ye the way  
of the Lord."

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## Our Gymnasium

When the students left Houghton for the summer vacation last June, the basement of the gymnasium resembled a second-hand junk store. In fact the students who followed the safety first policy kept out of the place for fear that they would be caught in the spider's web.

However, during the summer rumors came to those in correspondence with Houghton residents which bespoke a great change in the character of the gymnasium. Showers, dressing rooms, a new heating system, and a swimming pool were the greatest of the improvements to be made.

When school opened last fall, some were disappointed in what had already been accomplished for everything seemed to be in a turmoil. But a large part of the summer's work was hidden; floors having been put in, covering the work of installing the new heating system.

The fall and early part of the winter saw the work rapidly nearing completion and when President Luckey announced from the rostrum that on Saturday, January 29, the gymnasium would be completed and ready for use including both dressing rooms, showers, and swimming pool, there was a general feeling of exultation and delight.

The new heating system is a great improvement.  
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## Dr. Bates of Cornell Speaks on Indians

Thursday, Jan. 20, word was passed through the halls that Dr. Bates of Cornell would speak on the American Indian in the chapel at 5:30 o'clock. This seemed like an unearthly hour for a public lecture, but I am sure every one present was well repaid.

Dr. Bates first brought to our minds, the fact that we were passing over the same ground that the Indians used to tramp and roam. Canadea is an Indian name meaning, "Where the Sun kissed the earth." It might be of interest to some who do not already know that the old Council House of the Seneca tribe, now standing in Letchworth Park, Portage, used to stand directly across the river from Houghton.

There always has been a question in the minds of some people just how the Indian got to America. Mr. Bates explained that according to a legend told by the Indians, they at one time, in search of a promised land, crossed the Bering Strait. A few of them settled in the north country and are known as the Eskimos, while others followed the trail, thus continuing their way to the central part of North America and the northern part of South America. Still others, who did not grow weary, pushed across the Rockies and finally settled in our own country, which they called the "Promised Land." The Indian word for "tired" is "loosing faith". Only the Indians who didn't loose faith reached New York State.

Mr. Bates told us that there were twenty-four Indian Camps located in Allegany County. In these villages every person has something to do. The idea that only the women worked is wrong. The white men drew their conclusions without knowing the facts. The white men always made their visits when the Indian men were out on hunting expeditions and thus did not see them at work.

The Indians taught their children never to criticize their neighbor unless they had walked a mile in his moccasins. Dr. Bates told that Copperhead, who was the last of the Seneca tribe and whose monument is now represented by the Boulder on our campus, was a typical example of the Indian character.

We wish to thank Dr. Bates for his interesting discussion of the Indian and we are eagerly anticipating another visit when he shall tell us more about the true Americans.

## Seniors Advance to Third Round in Class Championship Play

Freshmen, Sophomores and Seniors Survive First Round. Seniors Open Second Round With win Over Freshmen.

For the first since the year of '21-'22 a real class championship series is being played. Six boys' teams and six girls' teams representing the four college classes, the High School, and Theological Department were matched against each other with the following results in the boys' games, High School 26, Seniors 31; Juniors 18, Freshmen 30; "Theologs" 15, Sophomores 38.

The first game of the series played between the Seniors and High School proved to be the most exciting game of the first round of play, as the class score would indicate. The High School was making its first appearance of the season, and few conceded them a chance of winning. In the first half the fast Senior team with their characteristic speed and clever pass-work completely outplayed their opponents and brought the score at half time to 16-5. In the third quarter the tables were completely turned. Charlie Molyneaux in the role of running guard dribbled through the Senior defense and scored. Then Mix, usually a clever shot, began sinking the sphere from all angles. Before three quarter time was called the score had been tied at 21-21. However in the final period the veterans of many hard fought games pulled themselves together and came safely through to make the score 26-31.

Mix was high-scorer of the evening with sixteen points, Steese of the Seniors next with fourteen. Howland and Scott also featured for the Seniors, Roth and Molyneaux for the High School. The Seniors played with Scott as center, Howland and Donahue forwards, Steese and Clark guards; the High School with Guerin at center, Mix and Fero forwards, Roth and Molyneaux guards.

The Freshmen-Junior game of Friday evening, the twentieth, generally expected to be a nip-and-tuck battle, resulted in a score of 30-18 in favor of the Freshies. Both teams were handicapped by the loss of a player, Joe Horton being absent from the Junior line-up, and Wordne from the "Freshies." The "Freshies" lined up with Smith as center, Steese and Dennis at the forward positions, Shipman and Albino at guards; the Juniors played Austin and Fero at forward, Hussey at center, Bain and Neal at guard. Hussey sank a nice side shot to open the game and gain a lead which they held during most of the first half. In the last period however the Freshmen forged steadily ahead with Steese Albino and Dennis scoring heavily and bringing the final score 30-18 in the lower class men's favor. Steese and Albino were high lights for the victors, Fero and Hussey playing well for the losers.

## Seniors 33 - Freshmen 23

Monday evening found two of the winners of the first round matched against each other. The Seniors were generally favored to win over the Freshmen but the latter, on account of their victory over the Juniors Friday were expected to give the Seniors a real fight to win.

The Seniors took the lead, after two or three minutes of scoreless play, when Steese scored on a close-up shot. Dennis sank one from similar territory in the other basket to tie. Then the powerful offense of the Seniors asserted itself. Steese, Howland, Donahue and Scott accumulated a total of twenty points while the "Freshies" were scoring 6 on two field baskets and a foul point. At half time the

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## FRESHMEN GIRLS TAKE TWO GAMES

The first organized girls' class series that has ever been played in Houghton College is under way. Already the six competing teams have been reduced to two. In the first three games the High School eliminated the Juniors, the Freshmen won over the Seniors by a large score, and the Sophomores trounced the "Theologs," 8-3.

The initial game of the series was played between the High School and College Juniors. The peppy young High School team was out to win and would not be denied despite the fact that the rather inexperienced Junior team trailed only four or six points behind. The former displayed the most pep and enthusiasm of any team that has played. The shooting of their forwards, Dibble and English, was uncanny in its accuracy, and easily kept the team in the lead. Their passing however kept their score somewhat reduced. Ruth Crouch led the Junior girls in scoring. She together with the veteran forward "Fluffy" Albino and Ruby Moore was the backbone of the Junior team. The final score was 17-13.

The second game of the play, featuring the Freshmen and Seniors was the only game the outcome of which could be safely foretold. The Freshmen team was made up of stars; Beattie at center, Dyer and Davies at forward positions, with Loftis and Bacon at guards. This is probably the best scoring aggregation of the contending teams. The Seniors had only one veteran, "Ikey" Driscoll, premier Purple center. Dyer, Beattie, and Loftis scored twelve points in the first half while captain "Ikey" made good on two foul tries and one attempt for field goal. The "Freshies" continued the onslaught in the second half, and the score read 23-5 when Referee Baker ended the game.

## Theologues Eliminated by Sophomores

A smaller crowd than usual came out for the third game of the class basketball series. This was partly due to the usual Saturday exodus of students and partly to the short vacation between semesters.

The College Sophomore Class pushed ahead into their present position as one of the three classes best in basketball material and tactics. In the girls game the centers, Erma Anderson and Ione Driscoll came through with all the points made. Corrine Cole, regular Sophomore forward and consistent goal getter was not on the line-up.

The first part of the boy's game surprised us, and was certainly interesting enough. With Donahue in scoring position, the Theologs were able to lead the "Sophs" usually strong team much of the time. Their team work and endurance did not last during the last half however when they made only one goal, and the "Sophs" easily piled up a one-sided score. Fox was not playing but Dyer, though in a position new to him scored easily. Lane and he made 29 of the 38 points.

## Anna Houghton Daughters

The Anna Houghton daughters met on Friday afternoon January 21, with Mrs. P. E. Woolsey. Mrs. La Vay Fancher had charge of devotionals. After the business meeting several delightful and interesting original poems were given by Miss Rothermel, also a short talk on Eskimo Pies and Arctic Cakes. Mrs. Ernest Crocker and Mrs. Herman Baker assisted the hostess.

No man need stray from the right path while he has a conscience, the Bible, and the love of Christ in his heart.

## Gists From the Words of Rev. Pitt

II Pet. 1:19. It is possible to near, read, and enter into discussion of prophecy to our great good or harm. Two ways of hearing to our injury are by hearing that which is false, a denial of the coming of Christ, or what is coupled with that which is false. Much erroneous doctrine is spread abroad so that the only one upon whom we may infallibly depend is the Holy Spirit. "He will guide us into all truth" if we are submissive. It is a serious thing to hear. To study for the novelty is getting ahead of the Spirit. Novelty makes a poor soil for the truth of God. One may hear in a critical manner, but if we are going to make progress we must have believing minds. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred we go into error in religious things because we don't wait for the Spirit to speak first. We must have studious minds because the knowledge is vital. Half of those looking for Jesus will be left. We don't understand prophecy because we have not paused long enough at the front door. Always our manner at the front door manifests to the host our worthiness of his entertainment. God inspired the words because the prophecy was not understood by those who prophesied. The world tries to prove the fallibility of the Bible by this fact, but as a child most perfectly expresses family love so God's methods of presenting His word best teaches its truths. We, like Daniel, must bow in prayer and supplication and not merely say that God will guide.

Eph. 5:18-20. If a man hasn't grace enough to be led to the experience of holiness, he hasn't grace enough to get it. Most Christians are below normal; i. e., they are not filled with the Spirit. This lack is due to the fact that they do not yield to God and let him take from their lives those things which hinder the full entrance of the Spirit; namely, social methods, personal relationships, self interests, inner propensities contrary to holiness, and any purpose of life which has not been consulted in the Spirit.

## "Be Filled with the Holy Ghost"

The Gospel in the individual life purposes to turn man right side up in his relation to the world and God. The Holy Ghost was given to meet a condition wherein man is reduced to the last stage of dependence and helplessness. Jesus did not make provision for any other standard of Christian life. Errors that have hindered the Church have risen within the Church through men not filled with the Holy Ghost. There is no other way of perpetuating Christian fellowship and making effective the ministries of the Church than through Spirit-filled men and women.

There is no way of manifesting the sons of God from those who are not. When He comes, He will come to receive His own, and then the sons of God shall be known. Our salvation is not complete until Jesus comes. The woes on the Church will only be revealed then.

The only bright ray in this age is the blessed Word of God. Acceptance of the Word in place of our ideas will bring us into the right relation. Substitute faith for your wrestlings.

This impartation of the Holy Spirit never happened incidentally. It always takes place upon definite information as to your privilege. Instantly you are held in account, if you are not yielded to the conditions of receiving you will not do the thing God intends you to do. You must comply definitely with His express conditions.

The Holy Spirit was recognized as the ruling mind of the early Church. As surely as we live, any departure or effort of a body of believers not definitely in the council of the Holy Spirit is outside the Saviour's plan. It will

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they are disclosed, surprise nobody so  
much as the benefactor.  
Robert Louis Stevenson

And the night shall be filled with  
music.

And the cares that infest the day,  
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs  
And as silently steal away.

—Longfellow

**Prize Essay**

The following is a second prize essay written  
by Paul Roy. The prize a radio set, was a-  
warded through the Churchill tabernacle by the  
Battendorf Electrical Company, Buffalo, N. Y.

**SERVICES AT THE CHURCHILL  
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November 7, 1926.

As I entered the tabernacle Sunday morn-  
ing, I was immediately impressed by the way  
in which I was welcomed. A kind lady told  
me to make myself at home and to go through  
the operating room of the broadcasting station  
if I cared to. She informed me of the prayer  
meeting which was held in the chapel at 10  
o'clock and invited me to attend. I attended  
the prayer meeting, and as I listened to the  
prayers, I thought of the great place prayer  
had in the religious life and in the success of  
the Tabernacle. In one of his sermons, Rev.  
Churchill made the following statement, "It  
was the prayers of the people that made this  
broadcasting station possible." Thus we see  
that the evangelist has great confidence in  
prayer.

The regular morning service consisted of a  
musical program given by the C. M. A. Quintet,  
Livingston silver band, and several songs  
by the congregation, followed by a sermon by  
Rev. Clinton Churchill. The music of the band  
was of very high class and certainly was ap-  
preciated. The harmony, spirit, and anima-  
tion which the quintet put into every one of  
its songs surely was pleasing. We shall never  
be able to comprehend the effect of their sing-  
ing upon the hearts of those that hear them,  
but we know that the quintet have led many  
souls to Christ by their singing. Those who  
heard the sweet voice of Master Emory of  
Hamilton, Ontario, will not soon forget him.  
His singing added a great deal to the effect-  
iveness of the services. The sermon by Rev.  
Churchill from the text, "What lack I yet?"  
was truly an inspiring one. He emphasized  
the profound truth that every individual needs  
the touch of Jesus to be satisfied in this life  
and in the life to come.

A specially arranged program was followed  
throughout the dedicatory service of the after-  
noon. Here again we were impressed by the  
talent of the band as a whole and in their in-  
dividual talent as shown by the solos. The  
quintet, Mr. and Mrs. Lacey and son Robert,  
and Master Emory again inspired us by their  
singing. The radio was dedicated "to the  
good of the world and to the glory of God,"  
and it surely will be a wonderful means of  
bringing the gospel into many homes.

The evening service was one of real bless-  
ing, and surely a great uplift to those who  
heard it. We were favored by selections from  
the quintet, Livingston band, Master Emory,  
Mr. Crimi, tenor soloist, and the Lacy trio.  
Because of lack of words, justice cannot be  
given to these musical artists. Following the  
musical program, Rev. Churchill brought the  
gospel message on the subject, "Life." The  
power and sacredness of this message sunk  
into the souls of the listeners, and when the  
altar call was given, many responded and ac-  
cepted Jesus as their personal Saviour.

**Good Sportsmanship in the Home**

2nd Prize High School Literary Contest  
On the outside of our homes we hear a  
great deal said concerning good sportsman-  
ship; on the inside the expression is seldom  
used. Is it because there it is not necessary, and  
does not exist? No, indeed; in the home good  
sportsmanship is even more essential than in  
society, for there live our most intimate selves.  
It has often been said that "Home is  
the place where we are ourselves." The masks  
which we wear for the outside world slip from  
us as we pass over the threshold to our own  
hearthstones. There we show what we really  
are. It is a common supposition that it does  
not matter what is said or done in the home,  
as long as the outside world keeps ignorant.  
But it does matter. Where we are most  
intimate, we should evince our best nature  
for our family's estimation of us is worth  
many times that of any outsider.

Of all members of the family mothers seem

to possess this quality of good sportsman-  
ship to the highest degree. It is shown in  
a multitude of ways every day; it is in the  
courage she inspires, the confidence she in-  
sures, the sympathy she lends, and the count-  
less sacrifices she makes. She proves herself  
the best sportsman in the world when she  
meets with disappointments. She smiles and  
endures them and tries again. When we fail  
miserably in some undertaking, it is her  
spirit that inspires us to further effort; when  
she knows we have not worked to the best of  
our ability, she lays a kindly hand upon our  
shoulder and says "You'll do better next  
time." Yes, mothers are the best sportsmen  
to be found anywhere in this wide vast uni-  
verse.

But the home should not be one-sided on  
the issue of good sportsmanship. We must  
do our bit, too. Nothing repays our mother's  
sacrifices more than a display of the same  
quality on our part. To her, one of the great-  
est compensations is a share in our joys and  
sorrows; it is only right that we should be  
fair with her, and when we are fair, we are  
good sportsmen.

The home is the sanctuary of our inner  
selves. There we lapse into our various  
moods, there we think our private thoughts,  
there we fight our individual battles. All  
trace of affection disappears. And there in  
the home, if there still remains one quality  
which keeps us clean, and sympathetic, in-  
spiring, and altruistic, that quality is good  
sportsmanship. And if it still remains when  
the mask is laid aside, then it exists when the  
disguise is resumed. If we are good sports-  
men in the home, we cannot help but be good  
sportsmen in society.

—Aleda Avers.

**OUR GYMNASIUM.**

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ment over the old, to which everyone who has  
been in the gym last year and this will readily  
testify. It is a real proof that, in the gymna-  
sium at least, steam heat is a vast improvement  
to hot air.

The room in which the swimming pool is  
placed is surely a delight to the eye. The  
pool itself is white enameled while the floor  
around the edge is painted a medium brown.  
The wall has white tiling half-way up while  
the remainder is calcimined a light green. A  
border of dark brown and trimmings in light  
brown complete the side walls. The ceiling is  
finished with regular metal ceiling painted a  
rich cream color.

The dressing rooms will be a joy to the  
athlete, for in each there are five showers.  
The new lockers have not arrived yet, but will  
soon be here and installed. Everything seems  
to promise that it will not be necessary any  
longer to dress in the College building and  
run to the gym in the cold before a game.

New stairways have been installed, one lead-  
ing from the girl's dressing room to the gym-  
the other leads from the boy's dressing room  
directly to the playing floor.

It would not be out of the way to say that no  
small measure of praise is due to President  
Luckey, who has superintended all the work  
in a masterly way. His countless trips back  
and forth between the college building and  
gymnasium have brought the result we all are  
happy about—the completion of the work of  
improvement. We all feel fine when such an  
accomplishment has been made as this, so let's  
all come Saturday night to the opening of the  
gym,—the gym as most of us have known it in  
the past plus all the improvements added since  
last June.

It is expected that a formal dedication of  
the gymnasium to its founder, Prof. H. C.  
Bedford, will take place next spring when a  
large number of the alumni will be able to be  
present.

Every young life that fronts the world is a  
power, and is here for a purpose. Take stock  
of yourself and of your possibilities, not only  
for some far off future, but for the here and  
now of daily life. No one will ever do much  
with the years to come who has not learned to  
do much with the days that are here.

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## Comments of the Class Series

The three games of the first round of class play and the first game of the second now being history, two teams, the Seniors and Sophomores are still contenders for first place. The Seniors by virtue of their win Monday evening over the Freshmen can place no lower than second while the Freshmen can place no higher than second. A Freshmen victory over the "Sophs" Friday evening would end the series with the Seniors, "Freshies," and "Sophs" finishing in the order named. A Sophomore victory would place the "Freshies" in third place and require a Sophomore vs. Senior game to decide first place. The next game on Friday evening is bound to be a "hot one" and no basketball fan should miss it.

The Senior team is probably the fastest of the contending teams and has a powerful offense, every member of the team being capable of scoring consistently. The experience of three years of playing together with their fast offense renders them strong contenders for the school championship.

The Freshmen have the making of a winning aggregation but lack practice together.

The Sophomores may be said to be the best balanced team of the contenders due to the acquisition of Kingsbury who is fitting in well at back guard.

"Pete" Steese's playing two games has scored totaling twenty-nine points making him high point man.

Mix is individual high-scorer for one game thus far with sixteen points while the Sophomores have amassed the highest score in one game, thirty-eight.

## Alumni

The old students of Houghton Seminary remember Ray Russell, High School Class of 1916. After leaving school he studied law at a night school in Washington, D. C., later was an auditor in the government Income Tax Department and for the last two years has been part of the below mentioned company. Following is an announcement of the company:

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## The Home of Greatness

There is such depth to greatness

Its roots cannot be found;

There is such health in goodness

It's seen the earth around.

Its strength is gained from nature,

It springs from poverty,

Its wealth is not its feature;

It mocks adversity.

Its fragrance is inviting,

It brightens up the night,

Its beauty is delighting,

It's loved because it's right.

Oh! Greatness is a vision

And greatness a decision,

And oh! She beckons far!

For David was a shepherd,

And Saul a farmer's son,

And Jacob was a herder,

And John a fisherman.

And Lazarus the beggar

Was treated like a cur;

While Paul was but a tent

And Christ a carpenter!

—Lynn Russell

## Freshmen Win Again

When the High School and Freshmen girls met Monday evening, a close game with a high score was expected. As usual, expectations were not fulfilled. The "Freshies" were minus the services of Davis, their forward who had not returned to school. Thus their line-up was changed, Loftis playing forward and Brown, a newcomer, going in at guard. Dyer and Bacon were at their usual positions of forward and guard respectively. The High School used the same line-up that gave them their win in the first game with Clark at center, English and Dibble forwards, Folger and Akerman guards.

The first half of the game was probably the fastest work of the series, with the usual result, poor passing and erratic shooting. Dibble made the High Schools only goal this half, while team scored field baskets.

The last half was very similar to the first. The careless passing of the High School completely ruined their chances of winning. Loftis dribbled nearly the length of the floor to put the game safely in the winning column for the "Frosh". Dibble then made one to end the scoring and cause the final score to read 4-9. "Queen" Loftis was high point girl with three successful field shots and a foul. Dibble placed next with four. Folger played her usual aggressive game and it was her work and Brown's of the "Freshies" that held the scoring of the two teams so low.

The High School girls meet the "Sophs" Friday evening, the twenty-eighth.

"Take care of yourself" is good advice, but let it be your highest and best self to which you give your most thoughtful care.

Our Lord, in his crowded life on earth, was never too busy to answer any cry of need that came to him, and we may be sure that he will not be now. Through all the calls of the universe, our cry will reach Him.

Lives of great men all remind us,

We should do our very best;

And, departing, leave behind us

Notebooks that will help the rest.

—Ben Johnson alias James Hubert Ake

## SENIORS 33, FRESHMEN 23

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"Freshies" seemed hopelessly beaten.

The "Freshies" entered the last half with a changed lineup, Smith being at center and Dennis at forward with Albro, Steese and Worden guarding. Dennis and Albro got started and the crowd really became excited when the "Freshies" pulled up to within four field goals of the upper classmen. Odds were too heavy against them; their splendid rally fell short by 10 points and the "Frosh" were eliminated to the tune of 33-23. Despite their defeat, they will meet the "Sophs" Friday night.

## "BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST"

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profit nothing. The Church has no other resource than in the comfort of the Holy Ghost. The Gospel of the fullness of the Holy Ghost is given for the weakest of men. He wants you in your place in the power of the Spirit, otherwise you are not effective or the man for the place. The Holy Spirit is given that you may be able to stand.

Taken from Rev. J. R. Pitt

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