

Freshmen Girls Win Class

Championship

High School Team Rallies in Last Half to Defeat Sophomores and Give Freshman Class Title.

Before one of the largest crowds of the season, the High School girls after being held scoreless in the first half came to life in a fast and furious close of the championship series and defeated the strong Sophomore team 17-8.

Both teams entered the fray with their regular line-up: Ackerman and Folger guarding, Clark center, Dibble and English at forward for High School; Long and Mattoon at guard, representing the "Sophs." During the whole of the first half the Sophomores remained in charge of the game. Time and again Anderson took the ball down the floor and repeatedly she and the Sophomore forwards failed to locate the basket. At length Mattoon sank one to begin the scoring. Anderson followed a short time after with a field goal and two fouls to conclude the scoring of the half. With the score 6 to 0 in their favor the Sophomores seemed certain of winning.

In the second half it was as if a new team were representing the High School. These new representatives played as if they were holding the lead instead of the poor end of a 6-0 score. Along with this they seemed to be obsessed with the idea that they could not miss the iron hoop. English, Dibble, and Clark scored it seemed at will, English evading her guard to sink the ball four times in rapid succession. Dibble scored two field goals. A basket by "Flo" Long was the extent of the Sophomore scoring. Thus the game ended 17-8 and likewise the girls Class Series with the Freshmen first, High School second, and Sophomores third.

The players who are represent the championship Freshman team are; Loftis (captain), Beattie, Dyer, Davies, Ackerman, Brown, and Bacon.

College Sophs Qualify For Finals

The fifth game of the inter-class series was played Saturday evening between the Freshmen and Sophomore boys' teams, the game being held over from Friday evening to celebrate the completion of the gymnasium. To lend added significance to the occasion the members of the Advisory Board, also President Leedy of Marion College were present. Just before the opening of the game several snappy yells, led by our excellent cheer-leader, "Cad" Christy, were given for the honored visitors and for our own beloved president, through whose efforts we are able to enjoy the benefits of a splendidly equipped gymnasium.

The playing of the two teams at the opening of the game gave evidence of the extra excitement under the stress of which the players were laboring. At length after three or four scoreless minutes "Cy" Steese was fouled twice and made good on two throws from the fifteen foot line. Dyer then tied the score and made the first of his eleven baskets which eclipses any other scoring record made this year. He registered five times in the first half, Lane twice and Fox once. Albro made one for the "Freshies" to make the score at the half 16-4.

In the second half the Sophomores continued to increase their lead although the "Freshies" flashed their usual second half rally which netted them eleven points. Dyer, switched from guard to forward in the fourth quarter, sank six field goals in the last half.

By winning the game, the score of which was 34-15, the Sophomores qualified to meet the Seniors to decide the class championship Friday evening.

Line-up of the Freshmen and Sophomore teams were: Freshmen—Steese F., Albro F., Dennis C., Shipman G., and Hodgins G.; Sophomores—Miller F., Fox F., Lane C., Dyer G., Kemp G., and Kingsbury G.

Revival

A series of special evangelistic services will be held in the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Houghton, commencing February 9, and continuing over February 20. There will be services each afternoon and evening including the afternoon of the first day, all of which services will be in charge of the evangelist, Rev. C. V. Fairbairn, unless otherwise announced.

Brother Fairbairn is a man who has given the best years of his youth and young manhood to preparation for and labors in the ministry of the Word of God, and is unusually well qualified to bring the message of the Word to our congregations in Houghton. To those who knew him in his ministry of last winter, he will need no commendation.

The ministry of song during these services will be in charge of our brother and fellow laborer, Professor Herman Baker, of the Music Department of Houghton College.

We believe that these men are well chosen for their respective positions, and we are sure that they are men whom God has used and whose ministries he has blessed in the past; and we are equally sure that the plans in detail for the carrying on of these services are as good as the church has known how to make. Nevertheless we offer this announcement that both men and plans, may become the subjects of your earnest prayers, for men and plans however well chosen, and vigorously employed can never produce an actual revival. These are but the instruments which we offer humbly. The revival is THE GIFT OF GOD. There may be many religious awakenings which are described as revivals, but which are actually but the working of man-made schemes, the expression of purely human ideals. The true revival is not so; but is in a very wonderful sense the result of the operation and control of the Holy Spirit in all the ministries of that occasion. The community which has a revival is for the time in a very peculiar and definite way within the grasp of omnipotent power, and subject to the control of the infinite intelligence of God in the manifestation of his grace. In answer to prayer HE WORKS. He can even set aside his workmen, and yet carry on His work. May the Holy Spirit 'help the infirmities' of our prayer life, till in "those groanings which cannot be uttered" we shall pray as God purposes, concerning our Revival. See, Romans 8:26,27, Ephesians 1:17, 18, 19.

J. R. Pitt, Pastor.

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Who's Who in Houghton

We are glad to announce that Prof. Claude A. Ries successfully passed his examinations for his master's degree on Jan. 22 and has been elected to the Theta Xi Beta Fraternity for scholarship in the university. This is Prof. Ries' third year as professor of Hebrew and Biblical literature in Houghton College.

Professor Douglas, our popular Ornithology teacher, has been offered a position as ornithology instructor in a summer camp school for the coming summer, by the State College of Pennsylvania.

This College will conduct an intensive nature study camp for teachers and will run two camps for three weeks each. Among the special lecturers secured for one week in each camp is Anna Bostwick Comstock, noted natural history artist and author.

The resident staff will include besides the director, a camp mother and nurse, two field naturalists, Dr. C. H. Otis as field botanist, a field zoologist, an ornithologist, an expert on lichens, mosses, hepatics, fungi and ferns, an expert on trees and shrubs, and an expert on camp cooking.

The camp is situated in the mountains of
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Sophomore Party

Friday, January 28

Listen my children and you shall hear

Of the best old party held this year.

The Sophomores met in the dining-hall

(Oh, no! they didn't have a dance or ball!)

And games they played until nearly nine,

Then off they started down the line

They finally stopped at Foxie's place

And on sandwiches began a race.

The party it seemed was a s'prize for "Deac"

And the suddenness of it left him quite

weak.

But he did ample justice to the birthday

cake

(Tho maybe all night he lay awake!)

Carpenter found the wedding-ring

While Evan got the dime that will riches

bring.

At last Miss Fancher got her brood to start,

Though they seemed reluctant to part.

The class all voted that birthdays were fun,

But too bad the year holds only one.

Pete Has Unexpected Company For Dinner

Rachel—Well, Paul today is your birthday, isn't it?

Pete—Yes, but I don't think very many know it.

Once again Pete was mistaken for, after being detained in physics lab until 5:30 o'clock and then enticed to the Post Office by Christy, he arrived home to find the hall overflowing with Seniors, who were gathered to help him celebrate the evening of his birthday.

Upon his entrance, the Seniors, who were crowded into the rear of the hall, burst forth with that well known shout—

Rah! Rah! Rah!

Rah! Rah! Rah!

Rah! Rah! Rah!

Pete! Pete! Pete!—ending by wishing him a happy birthday in unison.

After Pete collected his scattered thoughts and regained his equilibrium, dinner was served made up of the following menu:

First Course

Cock Tail

Waters

Second Course

Scalloped Potatoes

Ham

Cabbage Salad

Pickles

Third Course

Ice Cream

Cake

Coffee

Between the courses the following program

was given:

Reading "Defense" Ruth Warburton

Piano Duet Katherine Jennings

Bertha Williams

Vocal Solo Charles Howland

"I Miss You"

Reading Loyd Tingley

"Selecting Wall Paper"

As a final number Clinton Donahue made a speech which was very fitting for the occasion and presented the guest of honor with a beautiful brief case.

After dinner "Jenkins" took the floor and houted "Hands Up!" Needless to say he was promptly obeyed by the large majority.

When "Jenkins" subsided the members of the class tried their eye at shooting beans, Pete and Iky acting as captains (of the opposing sides).

If one could have heard the shouts when Ikey's side won the victory, they would have thought themselves at the most exciting basketball game of the season.

The evening was concluded by singing the "Alma Mater" and a rousing cheer for Mr. and Mrs. Steese, our host and hostess.

W. M. Church Announcements

Sunday School 10:00 a. m.

Class Meeting 11:00 a. m.

Morning Preaching Service 11:30 a. m.

Subject: "Have ye received the Holy

Ghost since ye believe. Acts 19:2.

Young Peoples' Meeting 6:45 p. m.

Evening Preaching Service 7:30 p. m.

Subject: "Behold He cometh with the

clouds: and every eye shall see Him, and

they that pierced Him: and all the tribes

of the earth shall mourn over Him. Even

so, Amen."—Rev. 1:7.

Thursday Evening Prayer Service 7:30 p. m.

"Christian Perfection" and "Faith"

Revs. J. W. Leedy and F. S. Lee Presented Very Helpful Truth last Sunday.

Houghton was privileged to listen to Rev. J. W. Leedy last Sunday morning, as he presented a "Clinic in Christian Perfection." Mr. Leedy likened a soul coming to God to his own experience at the Mayo Brothers clinic at Rochester, Minn. At a medical clinic a man has to have patience to wait his turn, he must remove his clothes and wear only the garments provided, he must submit to the X-ray. Pres. Leedy said that in his own case, the doctor pronounced him without disease, and made no charge. In the Christian life we must wait upon God, we must not try to cover up any of our shortcomings but submit to his search, even to the innermost parts of our beings. When God says, "You are all right, it is an occasion for rejoicing. Furthermore, God never makes any charge. His clinic is free.

Rev. Leedy pointed out that Christian perfection is perfection in love. There are many different kinds of love:—love of anticipation, natural love, complacent love, and rational love. Natural love is that of a mother for her child, complacent love that of friend for friend, a love conditioned by the loveliness or lovableness of the recipient; rational love is that based not upon loveliness but upon worth. It transcends anything that we know in our natural love. It is that which caused God to reach down and save rebellious sinners. It is perfect love, a love which is determined that its object shall reach the goal of happiness, and which to this end is willing to go the lengths of sacrifice, even to the sacrifice of life.

In the evening Rev. F. S. Lee helped us to understand more clearly the way of faith. He based his sermon on Hebrews 11:1-16, using as his text Heb. 11:6: "For without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

He used as his theme, "How to Please God." The only way to please him is by faith, faith "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," and by which we may obtain a good report. Faith is necessary, because we cannot see God, and because only so can we become children of God, or understand his dealings, his mercy or his love. In the beginning of a child's education, he is told that a certain sign means one or two. He must believe it in order to make progress. The child of God must believe what God tells him in order, likewise, to make progress. "We do not always understand God's figuring, but it works out." Furthermore we may have to wait for the fulfillment of what he has promised, but we may be sure that nothing of his good word will fail, for "God almighty has all the resources of infinity behind him," and "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." "Faith is the acceptance of the testimony of God, and obedience to that testimony."

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EDITORIAL

Where is the individual who does not enjoy, as it were, a little breeze of relaxation as it gently makes its way through the mind, scattering for the time being at least, the cares and trials that fret us? But the gentle, so-called, refreshing breeze must not exhibit itself too often, else it will become conspicuous, and we shall be inclined to call the result which it produces, only idleness. Nor must this invigorating waft happen along at an inopportune time; for instance, when a professor is desirous of obtaining some fact or truth from your storehouse of knowledge, whatever may be the nature of that knowledge as to quality or extent.

Every normal individual has an innate desire for success, although the standards of success are different among different peoples. In China, one's success is measured by his ability to imitate that which has taken place in the past. On the other hand, America is looked upon as a progressive nation, and we, as her citizens, do not think of ourselves as being successful unless there are visible signs of progress. In view of this fact, idleness has no worthwhile part in the idea of progressiveness. To be idle is a harmful thing. Not only that, but it is not being fair to ourselves or to our fellowmen. I am minded just now of this statement: "Those who are happy regret the shortness of the day; those who are sad tire of the year's sloth. But those whose hearts are devoid of joy or sadness, just go on living, regardless of 'short' or 'long.'" Too many people "just go on living," and forget all about "paying for their share of the feast of life," to use the words of Rabbi Wise.

Since we are living in a world so full of needs, it is not for us to be idle, and I'm sure we do not care to have an epitaph reading thus:

"For he dreamed beneath the moon
 And he slept beneath the sun;
 And he lived a life of going to do;
 And he died with nothing done."

We picked up not long ago, a Lutheran catechism and leafed idly through it, reading here and there a passage, until we came to a brief bit of explanation of an old and loved phrase, "Thy kingdom come." Often indeed have we prayed that prayer, as indeed we pray too many prayers, without any thought of its meaning, though various expositions of it were more or less familiar to us.

"Thy kingdom come—thy kingdom is already here; let it now come to us." Such, freely given, is the gist of the catechism's interpretation. Perhaps it is but a partial interpretation of the phrase; but, after all, are not most of our interpretations, as are our prophesies, "in part?" Probably no one knows all that is implied in that simple prayer; nevertheless, provisionally though it may be, we like to ponder over the new meaning thus given us of the prayer, and we like to pray it with that meaning, too. It seems but right that after the adoration of the Name should come the prayer that God the Father should come to us to reign as King of our lives; that he who is rightfully King of Kings and Lord of Lords should extend his sway over us. We do not believe it a prayer for those coming to Christ alone, though with a peculiar appropriateness it is theirs; rather would we pray it fervently, devoutly, no matter how complete we might believe our consecration to be, no matter how truly we might have submitted ourselves to the sway of the Father. Ever would we pray the prayer, "Thy kingdom come," though ever with a richer, fuller meaning.

"Thy kingdom come."

Greetings from Africa

Greatly to be welcomed are the visits which our missionaries pay to the students of Houghton on their return from or departure to the mission field. No less did we welcome Miss Florence Yorton who has just returned from a term of labor at Kabinkola, Sierra Leon West Africa.

Especially were we interested in the information which Miss Yorton gave us concerning some of the mission school boys. When we know that some of these boys are intending to give up their opportunities of gaining wealth and power in order that they may give their services for the use of the Lord in the mission station after they graduate, we ourselves feel inspired to give our services to God alone. When we know, also, that these boys are in danger of persecution, and even of being poisoned, if they take this course, we realize what a sacrifice they are making for the Lord Jesus. Shall we not then pray for them that they may be able to stand true to the Lord?

Stop! Look! Listen!

It seems incredible to me that so vast a number of old students and alumni, especially of last year, have not as yet sent in their subscriptions to the 1927 Boulder. Old students, have you already lost interest in Houghton? Do you not desire to keep pace with Houghton's activities? Have you forgotten your friends? Will you not pay the price of two dollars to catch another glimpse of college life? I cannot understand why you procrastinate. You may have decided to purchase a Boulder sometime later; but you must understand that in order to enlarge our annual, and fulfill our contract we must know NOW how many copies to figure on. If you are red-blooded, loyal friends of Houghton, accept this challenge and send your subscription to Merrill Linguist, immediately.

Virgil Hussey, Editor.

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Sparks From a Joke-smith's Anvil

A Fine Opportunity

"Now is the time to sell our house, dear."
 "Why?"

"The people next door are sick, their children are away, and the man on the other side who plays a saxophone is in Florida."

A Family Trait

"What wonderful black eyes you have."
 "Yes, they are hereditary."

"Mother, I presume?"

"No, father, he was a prizefighter."

Perfect Defense

Officer—"You are arrested for speeding. You were going forty miles per hour."

Little Girl—"Oh, but officer, I haven't been out an hour."

The men can admire the women for one thing. Their skirts don't bag at the knees.

Insomnia is not a contagious disease—unless the baby next door has it.

Respect for old age does not extend to eggs.

"It's beginning to rain. You'd better stay for dinner."

"Oh, no, it's not raining bad enough for that."

The passengers in the big car speeding toward the crossing began arguing whether or not they could beat the train.

"Don't get excited," said the driver, "I can easily make it."

"And I say you can't," shouted the front-seat passenger. "The train will beat us by twenty seconds."

"Gwan!" said the driver, who kept increasing his speed while the argument continued.

Finally a passenger in the rear seat who had nothing so far, spoke as he clutched the sides of the rushing car, "For my part I don't care a bit who wins this race, but I hope it won't be a tie."

Elsie Chind (soliloquizing in her room)—
 "My home is with the heathen and I am content to stay."

Ivah Benning (in blank amazement)—
 "And she lives with me! Well, I like that."

Answers found on English III Regents Papers
 The *Tale of Two Cities* was an Allegory.
 Silas Marner was written by Scott and was a Lyric poem.

The *Merchant of Venice* was a Lyric poem.
 Acres of Diamonds was written by Oliver Cromwell.

The *Ancient Mariner* was a Novel.

Customer on Sunday morning—"Give me change for a dime please."

Druggist—"Sure, and I hope that you enjoy the sermon."

The High School class in English was about to enter upon the study of Homer's *Odyssey*.

Mrs. Lang—"When was the *Odyssey* written?"

Donald M.—"It came out in 1905."

Raymond B. (peeking in his book)—"But the first edition was published in 1882."

Mrs. Lang—"In what language was it written?"

3rd bright pupil—"In the Iliad language."

4th bright pupil—"But Homer translated it into English."

Where there is life there is hope.

Small boy—"Who is that funny-acting guy up there that everybody is yelling at?"

Mother—"Sh! that's Christy, the cheer-leader."

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Mrs. Belle Corwin, Fillmore, N. Y.**Literature From Freshman Bible Class****IS THE WORLD GROWING BETTER
OR WORSE?**There is a natural tendency on the part of
certain pessimistic individuals to loudly pro-
claim the fact that the world, and especially
the younger generation, is "going to the dogs".
It is impossible to peruse any periodical, of
whatever sort, without having this fact brought
forceably to our attention; so I was not sur-
prised to read in the *Atlantic Monthly* an ar-
ticle in which the writer lamented the moral
breakdown of the youth of the land. He
cited instances of murder, robbery, and laxity
of religious fervor, to prove that this country
was rapidly approaching a state of anarchy,
and that it could not exist as a nation unless
desperate steps were taken to restrain the vouch-
erless criminals.I was not surprised to read such an article;
but I was somewhat surprised to find that it
explained conditions as they existed one hun-
dred years ago. I was also surprised that, in
spite of the hideous conditions of moral laxity
in the youth of that day, any vestige of civil-
ization was left on the face of the earth.It would seem that human nature changes
but little during the course of time. A certain
lawless element will continually break over the
bounds of restraint and convention; a certain
other element will deplore this fact and prophe-
cy a Sodom catastrophe. Meanwhile
civilization advances; there are more opportu-
nities for crime than formerly, of which many
take advantage. Likewise, there are more
chances for good deeds of which an encour-
agingly large number avail themselves.

Seely Austin

**IS THE WORLD GROWING BETTER
OR WORSE?**In the few short years that I have been pri-
vileged to live upon the earth, I have heard
several so-called big preachers who like to
please their audiences, try to prove that the
world is growing better. They cite instances
out of the last twenty centuries and they all
have stressed minor points and have given rare
exceptional examples of what they seem to
think our bad cases of crime or he like. What
I intend to prove is that the world is getting
worse and I will try to give every day examples
of crime and the like and other examples that
are of a general character and bearing upon
the subject.First, I am not arguing over the benefits of
modern inventions and conveniences, but
rather on the far more important question of
moral, physical, and spiritual welfare and con-
dition of the people of the world.Take the instance of one our cities, Chicago.
That city recently held a record of a murder a
day! Think of it! Did you ever hear of a
city boasting such a record in the past? Next,
did you ever hear that practically all of the
murderers of today are set free? Did you
know that there are at present 135,000 murder-
ers at liberty in the United States alone? Do
you still claim that the world is getting better?In 1914 there were 722 prisoners in the At-
lanta Penitentiary. In 1925 there were 3,225.
Do you think that this shows that the world is
getting better? I'll say it does not!Did you know that in the best sections of
the world that every sixth person is socially
diseased? Did you know that in other sections
of the world it is claimed that every fourth per-
son has a social disease? Did you know that
these social diseases kill 300,000 annually in
the United States alone?Then, again, in the matter of murderers, did
you know that for every thousand men or peo-
ple at large there is an unpunished murderer?
Did you know that we have more uncondemned
killers in the United States than we have cler-
gymen of all denominations? or male teachers
in our schools? or all our lawyers, judges, and
magistrates combined? and three times the
combined number of our editors, reporters, and
writers? and 52,000 more slayers at large than
we have policemen?Did you realize that two out of every three
children in the world are growing up totally
uninstructed in spiritual things? Did you real-
ize that this is due mainly to the lack of suchteaching in our own so-called Christian coun-
tries?Did you ever realize that out of every seven
marriages in this country one of them ends in
divorce? Did you know that in many coun-
tries marriage has practically ceased? Did
you know that divorces have increased in pro-
portion to our population 125 percent in thirty-
three years?In general, it is a fact that crime has in-
creased more than 400 percent since 1910.How do the people of today celebrate their
New Years and other like occasions? They
go out to immoral, mad dances, movies, and
the like till late at night. How different this
is with the way our grandfathers and grand-
mothers spent their New Year's eve! To them
it was a time of seriousness. What a declen-
sion a few years have seen! This is the way
the world is getting worse. It is getting worse
morally. It is getting worse physically. It is
getting worse spiritually. These are the things
that count. These are the things upon which
the activities of the whole world swing. Is it
not a fact that men are becoming weaker phys-
ically? What did the World War prove in
this line? Is it not a fact that the world is get-
ting worse spiritually? It sure is! False doc-
trines, fanaticisms, beliefs founded on error,
and the like are everywhere to be found. The
people everywhere are becoming indifferent to
the need of a personal Saviour. They are ut-
terly neglecting their soul's salvation. The
world is getting worse morally, too. What
about the modern round dance? and the late
hours? Is it not true that such things would
not be tolerated under different surroundings?
Then why allow them a part of the time?This, I believe, proves my point. It might
further be said that Jesus himself said that
toward the end-time the world would get worse
and worse. Every prophecy seems to be ful-
filled and it is drawing near the end-time. May
we no conclude from this alone that the world
is getting not better, but worse?

Joseph Shipman

Hills of HoughtonThe little hills of Houghton call to me,
Their mystic voices beckon me afar;
And on their sunny slopes I long to see
And hear a pine tree whisper to a star.
I would but hear them echo those sweet strains
That angels play in praise of Paradise;
They are the hills where dravds live, and lanes
For fairy feet unfold before the eyes.The little hills of Houghton call to me,
And bid my straying feet to turn toward
home;
And to return I know is best for me,
I care no more to rove and wildly roam.
I would that once again I climb those slopes,
And breathe the pure, rich scent of fragrant
pine;
I would but thrill again with new born hopes
Rejoicing in the freedom that were mine.

Lynn Russell, Jan. 8, 1927

Have You Heard ThatMrs. George Clarke is seriously ill with
pneumonia.President Leedy gave an interesting chapel
talk on Monday of this week.Miss Dora Stevens of Rochester spent the
week-end with her sister, Vivian Stevens.Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Meredith are the par-
ents of a boy, Robert Coleman, born February
second.Jane Williams and Martha York spent the
week-end with Beatrice Cooper at her home
in Sonyea.Mrs. William Kunz, and two children, o
Carey, N. D. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. M.
C. Cronk.**That's Different**Head Waiter—"I'm sorry, sir, but you must
have overlooked the sign 'Gentlemen are re-
quested not to smoke.'"
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The Five Man Defence

The tendency in the development of basketball technique during the past few years has been toward a slowing up of the game through the use of that defensive formation called "Five Man Defence" and by a slow cautious nibbling at the front line of the defence by the offensive team. However, this tendency reached its culmination in the year 1924-25 in the middle west where it originated and since that time teams in that section have harked back toward a more speedy aggressive type of ball, as exemplified in last week's article on the, "Lightening break". In the East, however, except for one or two notable exceptions it is still in general use and its true worth merits a close study by all coaches. It has developed a much more scientific trend in the game than the "Lightening Break".

Let me say right here, however, that the choice of offensive and defensive formations will be absolutely determined by the material which a coach has at hand. No one but the coach himself can say what will be the best method for him to follow, and that only after an intelligent study of his men.

The best team, however, should be trained to some extent in both methods of play. Perhaps it is wrong to compare "The Lightening Break" which is essentially an offensive formation, with "Five Man Defence", which is essentially a method of defence. One method will develop a game of absolutely different style and type than the other.

Although there are a few coaches who with certain teams have had great success with little or no set style of defence, we must remember that they worked with specific types of men, who were in pink of physical condition and who were by nature the type who find it hard to drop back to a defensive position. Coach Blood of Passaic High School, who lead his team thru an almost unbelievable string of consecutive victories extending over a period of several seasons, is a notable example. His system of play is explained in one sentence. "A good offence is the best defence". Witness Columbia Universities' team of last year for another exceptional example. (*American Boy Jan. '27*)

"Five Man Defence", first popularized by teams of the middle west is very easy to explain but very hard to execute unless the team has had the privilege of many weeks training. Naturally men will be prompt to stick to a more aggressive form of play. The ordinary player's mind is enveloped with one thought, "I must get that ball", nothing else seems to matter. The coach will find himself "hard put" to teach the individuals of his team that they are each an essential part of a five man machine, and that if one fails to accomplish his exact duty the efforts of the others may be futile.

There are several formations for the so called "Five Man Defence". There are the "Five Men in Line", the "L" type, and the other which is by far the most practical and which is consequently used the most extensively, the "Parallel Line", type. The last type works thus: Immediately when your opponents secure the ball under your basket (of course they will do this rarely if you pass the ball as you should) every man on your team drops back toward the other goal leaving the opponents in possession of the ball. The center takes a position just in the rear of the center circle with the forwards on either side of him but well out toward the sides of the playing court thus forming the front line of defence. The guards, who form a second and parallel line take their position a little back of the front line filling in the spaces left vacant between the center and his forwards. When the first member of the opposition breaks thru the defence, it is the business of the nearest guard to follow him while the second man will engage the thoughts of the other guard thus leaving the front line still intact. The other three men of the opposition, as they break thru, are followed closely by the forwards and the center respectively. If a member of the opposition leaves the zone of defence do not follow him. Let him go.

The success of the "Five Man Parallel Line Defence" depends upon the following four items.

1. The speed and concerted action with

which every member of the team breaks from offence to defence when the ball is lost.

2. The speed and quality of the work in covering every offensive player as he comes thru.
3. The amount of time spent in practice. Don't expect a team to acquire good defensive form with one or two short practices.
4. The rigidity with which every man adheres to that cardinal principle of guarding—NEVER allow your man to get between you and his basket.

Next week will appear an article on that little practiced but very valuable adjunct to a good individual basket-ball players skill. "The Pivot".

—"Dad" Tierney

Y. M. W. B.

The monthly meeting of the Y. M. W. B. took place Tuesday evening. After the opening hymn conducted by Wilfred Bain, the devotionals were led by Miss Benning. Her lesson was taken from Romans 10:11-21.

Mr. Van Wormer, the first speaker on the program, gave a very fitting talk on "What Equipment One Needs in Order to be a Missionary". He quoted J. Hudson Taylor in answering this question; "A life yielded to God, a restful trust in Him to supply your needs, a willingness to take a lowly place, adaptability toward circumstances, steadfastness in discouragement, love for prayer and study of the Word and some experience and blessing in the Lord's work at home." Briefly he mentioned the qualifications that are necessary for a successful missionary career, they are, first a definite call to some field for a life of service and not for the sake of the trip or some other attractions, second qualities of leadership, which are good sense, keen judgment, patience and sympathy; third a spirit of willing sacrifice so that one can endure hardships and still keep a happy spirit and lots of pluck; fourth a working use of the Bible, for the heathen need Christ more than our own civilization; fifth a rich personal experience in a life wholly yielded to God and filled with the Holy Spirit. To have a rich personal experience Mr. VanWormer emphasized the necessity of unceasing prayer, and also a zeal for the work and a deep divine love for souls. He closed his talk with a quotation from Robert E. Speer, "Good sense; solid, clear, unexcited action; quiet, steady will; these are the qualifications which with a deep, holy, devoted life make up the required man."

Miss Driscoll then gave a talk on "Why I Want to be a Missionary," in which she stated that she wanted to be in the place where there was the greatest need for her. She also told us something of her call to the African field.

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WHO'S WHO IN HOUGHTON

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Pennsylvania sixteen miles from the State College near the geographic and geological center of the state. A game refuge and bird sanctuary is within a mile and a half of the camp. Bear, beaver, deer, wild turkey, ravens and pileated woodpeckers are found in the region together with a number of rare plants.

Professor Douglas has been asked to name the salary he would expect as ornithologist and is contemplating the advisability of accepting the position.

In recognition of his ability in that field of work he was recommended by Dr. G. H. LaRue of the University of Michigan.

During some of the remaining issues of the STAR, we will attempt to publish a column under the above heading. The material for these write-ups will be from the personnel of our Faculty and Students.

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