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## Next Lecture---A Cartoonist

When Pitt Parker comes to Houghton, January 16, we shall "see things." Of all cartoonists, funny picture makers, and artists generally, no one has yet surpassed Parker in brilliant platform programs.

When he starts his piece of crayon on its lightning mission, his audience becomes enlightened. Catchy caricatures, comical clay creations, convincing color combinations, convulsive comment, and clever cartoons are dashed off in a manner which belongs only to this original Picturizing Philosopher. In an incredibly brief space of time, Parker will paint a landscape worthy of a frame and conspicuous exhibit.

The flow of his quaintly humorous remarks is frequently strengthened by bursts of inspired and inspiring eloquence, thereby giving to his programs all the elements of a fine worthwhile lecture, as well as of an entertainment.

## What a Well-known Authority Says

During the past twelve years I have not missed one of Mr. Parker's public performances, and I expect to attend many more. Some of them I did not enjoy, yet I knew he was trying his best to please. At such times I felt that I could do much better, and, later, I did. His attempts at humor have often impressed me very seriously, and the manner in which his audiences sometimes received his serious efforts struck me as funny. His clay modeling is done in proper shape and is never dry. His cartoons meet with my approval, and his colored landscapes are as fine as any that I make. Personally I am quite fond of Mr. Parker, and want him to have the pleasure of meeting you next Friday evening.

Very truly yours,  
Pitt Parker.

## NOTICE

The Anna Houghton Daughters will meet with Mrs. White and Mrs. Schroeder on January 16, at 3:30 p. m.

## Mother's Health Clubs

An invitation is extended to any woman of Houghton to attend the meetings of the Mother's Health Club now being organized at Fillmore. The meetings are to be held one afternoon each week, the time and place to be announced later. The object of these clubs is to instruct women in groups concerning the proper care of mothers and babies. A nurse from the Division of Maternity, Infancy and Child Hygiene will be sent from the State Department of Health to give talks and demonstrations at these meetings.

Anyone wishing more information concerning this Health Club may apply to Dr. Lyman, Health Officer of Fillmore, or to Mrs. Margaret J. Loftus or to Mrs. Curtis Crandall of Houghton.

## Houghton Harmonizers Make Great Hit

(From Silver Springs Signal)

The Houghton College orchestra, quartet and reader gave a most delightful entertainment on Dec. 10th. It was thought by many to be one of the finest ever heard in Silver Springs.

## Reduction in Lighting Rates

From a recent communication from the Genesee Valley Power Co., Inc., we find that a new lighting schedule, reduced on an average of 12% is to be effective February 1st. The 60 cent charge for use of the first kilowatt hour each month is discontinued and current will be available at as low as 5.7 cents per kw hr.

## Purple-Gold Series Schedule

Basketball enthusiasts have awaiting them in the next two months another big treat, even greater than last year without doubt. The new ruling provides for nine games to decide the championship unless the contest proves to be so one-sided that five games are captured soon by one team. This, however, is not very likely and we expect to see the whole nine games. The association has selected its officials except the referee and umpire. At present nothing definite has been decided with regard to these.

The schedule follows:

First Game	-	Jan. 23
Second Game	-	Jan. 26
Third Game	-	Jan. 30
Fourth Game	-	Jan. 31
Fifth Game	-	Feb. 4
Sixth Game	-	Feb. 6
Seventh Game	-	Feb. 7
Eighth Game	-	Feb. 13
Ninth Game	-	Feb. 14

## Progressive Party

Wednesday evening, December 17, the Junior College girls were royally entertained by the Junior fellows at a Progressive Party. This party was shrouded in mystery for the girls because all they had been told was to be at the College Book Store promptly at 5:15 p. m.

After the class had assembled they proceeded to the Russell home where an oyster supper was awaiting them. Then the escorts told the class not to be discouraged because they had a long journey before them.

From Russell's they took the most pleasant route to Mrs. Bowen's home which they entered after some difficulty. While there they were served with "Lolly Pops".

How they reached Houghton Hall as the next and final stopping place would be telling the best part of the evenings program so we will leave that for you to guess.

When they reached Houghton Hall they were served to doughnuts, coffee, ice cream, cake, wafers, and mints. Extemporaneous entertainment filled the occasion with merriment. The last part of the evening was spent in trying to solve one of those great enigmas, the cross-word puzzle.

## Resolutions for the New Year

**Whereas**—The Old Year has departed with his finished Book of Days  
Wherein were written failures, trials, heartaches not a few;

Now we're wondering if the New Year will be like unto the Old.

Or if each day will bring us an experience strange and new.

**Resolved**—That if he brings us tears, not smiles as we had hoped,  
We bear our troubles bravely, and not let our tears o'erflow

Into other lives around us that already may be bowed  
With a weight of crushing sorrow such as we may never know.

**Resolved**—That we take the Old Year's failures, trials, disappointments—all,

And bury them 'neath purpose strong, away beyond recall.

When we see a weaker comrade wandering down the lower road,

That we call a cheery greeting—it may save him from a fall.

**Resolved**—That we learn to play the "glad game." That we go  
with seeing eyes,

Joying in the sunset glories, and the dawn, and fall of rain,

That with harmony of earth we keep our lives in tune;

That we listen for the joy notes, and then send them forth again.

[Helen P. Metzger.

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### Food for Your Soul

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.—Matt. 5:19.

### Editorial

If you are willing, even in any slight degree, to admit the existence of a Supreme Being, an overseeing God, you must also admit his infinite supremacy or rather superiority to us. To but momentarily and lightly meditate upon the greatness of such an Infinite Being, especially as regards his intelligence, at once places the very highest intelligence this world has to offer but a little above the very lowest forms of intelligent human beings which exist here. Regarded in that light, any system of divine philosophy or religion which such an infinite God could possibly reveal to us, must needs be entirely universal in all of its applications to the problems of our finite society and life. Does any system of philosophy or of religion meet this end in the way that genuine Christianity does?

### A Good New Year Poem

Phoebe Carey

True worth is in being—not seeming:  
In doing each day that goes by  
Some little good—not in dreaming  
Of great things to do by and by.

For whatever men say in their blindness

And in spite of the fancies of youth,  
There is nothing so kingly as kindness  
And nothing so royal as truth.

We get back our mete as we measure,  
We cannot go wrong and feel right,  
Nor can we give pain and feel pleasure  
For justice avenges each slight.

The air for the wing of the swallow,  
The bush for the robin and wren,  
But always the road that is narrow  
and straight

For the children of men.

We cannot make bargains for blisses,  
Nor catch them like fishes in nets;  
And sometimes the thing our life  
misses

Helps more than the things which it  
gets.

For good lieth not in pursuing  
Nor gaining of great or small;  
But just in the doing—and doing  
As we would be done by, that's all.

### Library Notes

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a complimentary copy from Sherwood Eddy, author, of his new book, *The Abolition of War*. Mr. Eddy saw the fighting in the British, French, and American lines during the Great War, and his keen observations enter into this masterly argument presented under three heads: war is wrong in its method; war is wrong in its results; war is unchristian.

New magazines and periodicals added to our reading table are: *Musical Courier*, *Physical Review*, and *Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering Magazine*, also the *Musical Observer*, and *Metronome Orchestra Monthly* which are contributed by the Houghton orchestra.

### Something a Little Different!

By this time most of us are acquainted with the fact that Houghton College has an organization known as the Houghton Harmonizers; doubtless the majority of us hold membership in the Houghton Athletic Association and many are active (or inactive) members of a literary society. How many of you are members of the Y. M. W. B., or know for what those four letters stand? How many have ever attended the Mission Study class? For the past, we will shoulder at least a share of the blame if you do not know very much about these two organizations. However, for the future, we promise that you shall be better in-

formed. Under the leadership of God, we intend to make the remainder of our school year count along missionary lines.

Next Tuesday at chapel you will have the opportunity of hearing a missionary speak who has lived in our midst for the past few years. Mrs. Mary L. Clarke is general superintendent of the Y. M. W. B. and has put in several terms of faithful service on the African field. Sister Clarke is a woman capable of meeting college men and women on their own level. Not only this, but she has a holy zeal for the work to which she is so devoted and a vision that sees beyond many of our horizons.

The service Tuesday evening will be our monthly Y. M. W. B. meeting carried on largely by young people. Perhaps Brother George Clarke, also a returned missionary in our midst, will give us a brief account of the Y. M. W. B.

You will see that Tuesday, January 13, is to be Missionary Day. Be sure not to miss it.

### Do Dreams Come True?

This was the vacation dream of one of our dignified college students:

At the close of a happy two weeks stay with friends he returned to college, and, as was his custom, attended church services Sunday morning. He was given a seat next to a bobbed-hair damsel whom he did not know—or thought he did not until he offered her his singing book and looked in the face of Josephine Richard. Josephine with bobbed hair! Of course he couldn't sing. Trying to recover his equanimity he observed two girls in the seat ahead each supporting an up-to-the-minute boy's shingle bob. Evidently they were new students, but, just there they turned their faces and—the impossible had happened! Helen and Rachel had succumbed to the lure of fads! The shock received was so great he awoke, and lo! it was a dream.

### Town Basket-ball Teams Venture Out

During the vacation two boys' teams and one girls' team were organized in the village among the basket-ball fans, and a few trips were taken to near-by towns, none of which were very successful.

Both teams tried their luck at Pike but were trimmed by a narrow margin in what we consider very rough games. A trip to Belfast met with no better reward. The team that went to Fill-

more was more successful, winning with a score of 24-26.

Saturday night the girls' team accompanied the fellows to Rushford and very nearly emerged victors in one of the best girls' game we have seen. The score was 12-14. The Rushford men really outclassed the Houghton quintet due to quite a large extent to the small court and the lack of teamwork in the latter. Rushford certainly has a fine team, with the aggressive, co-operative manner of playing, which shows the results of some fine coaching.

### Returned Missionaries Visit Chapel

We are delighted in having our returned missionaries, Dr. Ruby Paine and Miss Flora Brecht, speak to us in the chapel service, on Friday before vacation. Miss Brecht is a former student of Houghton, so, needless to say, a warm welcome awaited her. She spoke to us on the subject "The Native Himself the Most Interesting Thing in Africa". Miss Brecht has been teaching in our girls' school and can truly say from experience that "the little bush school house is the greatest civilizing force in Africa".

Dr. Paine spoke on "Africa as the Land of Surprises". As she spoke we caught a glimpse of life at the Dispensary where the Doctor treats from one to thirty patients each morning, with complaints ranging from a baby with "snakes inside" or a youngster with a "chigger" in its toe, to a very difficult operation which only the Doctor's skilled hands can perform.

May the Lord bless our sisters as they return for a much needed rest and may they have many more years of fruitful service for Him.

### What God Hath Promised

God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower strewn pathways  
All our lives through,  
God hath not promised  
Sun without rain  
Joy without sorrow  
Peace without pain;  
But God hath promised  
Strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor  
Light for the way,  
Grace for the trials  
Help from above  
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### The Senior Christmas Party

The college senior Christmas party held in the annex of the Dorm, Dec. 17, was truly a merry one. Early in the evening the guests, Professor and Mrs. LaVay Fancher and the members of the senior class assembled and all were settled as a family group in the cozily-arranged end of the hall about the sparkling Christmas tree. Christmas decorations about the hall gave a festive and holiday atmosphere.

There were jokes, stories, and conversations of a more serious strain. Soon the call for refreshments came and the party enjoyed a delicious repast consisting of oyster soup, fruit salad, cake and nuts. Even the grim place-cards of uniquely arranged oyster crackers and toothpicks, representing the horrifying skull and cross-bones could not diminish the animation of the occasion.

After this enjoyable pastime, the Seniors turned their attention to the glowing Christmas tree, laden with gifts. Everyone received a present and each had the pleasure of opening his or her gift in the view of the remainder of the group. These gifts were of a varied nature; for there were twenty-five cent saxophones, soap, a baby rattle, a game for old maids, and other useful articles. Great merriment was aroused and after comparing presents with much gayety, the party disbanded, except for those who remained to arrange the dining hall in its usual order.

Those who attended this party imbibed much of a Christmas spirit and realized that the holiday season was really approaching and vacation would soon be here.

### Dr. Boardman Demonstrates in Chapel

Some very interesting demonstrations were given at chapel Tuesday December 16. Using an electric bell to show the principle of the coil in the electro-magnet and the vibrator to make and break the circuit in ringing

the bell, Professor Boardman stated the flux through the coil of wire, known as the primary coil, and a number of turns in another coil of wire, known as the secondary coil, determined the voltage or E. M. F. at the terminals of the secondary coil. Also that the vibrator on the new induction coil served to change the flux rapidly. He then showed a spark jumping a gap of six inches when using six volts only in the primary coil. The voltage between the terminals was about 1,000,000 volts.

He then attached Gaussier tubes showing the flow of electrons from the cathode and how these may be affected by a magnet, and how phosphorus material becomes fluorescent under cathode rays.

The last point Dr. Boardman demonstrated was that of lighting a Bunsen burner by use of electricity, even using an icicle as a conductor. He also lit the burner by the sparks from his finger when the current went through his body. It was indeed a fine demonstration.

### Neosophic Society

The Neosophic "surprise night" proved to be a night for extemporaneous speaking. In spite of the fact that a couple of members felt too shy to take part, the meeting was a very enjoyable one.

Alice Huntsman was called upon to speak of her trip homeward and she responded nicely. A piano solo "Love Dream" by Liszt was given by Alton Cronk. "New Year's Resolutions" was the burden of Elsie Higbee's talk and this was followed by a recitation by Theos Cronk.

Ruth Rockwell reminded us of our childhood days as she recited some good old nursery rhymes. The next talk was from Edna Roberts who told us that her trip back to Houghton wasn't any worse than a trip to the North Pole. Elsie Bacon told us how she spent Christmas Day. The critic for the evening was Miss Rork.

The entire program was a surprise, even to all who took part, including the devotional exercises which were lead by Wm. Sallberg.

The program next week is in charge of the physical geography class. A very interesting program is expected.

Clark Warburton who has just returned from India where he has been teaching for three years, and Fred Warburton who is attending Cornell University, spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Florence Warburton.

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We drilled strenuously seven days in the week. In bad weather, we were instructed and lectured indoors. Inspections were very frequent; barrack inspections, equipment inspections, company inspections, physical inspections, and numerous other inspections. And for the fellow who did not pass inspection there were floors to sweep and mop, kitchen work to do, the company area to police up, guard duty, and a dozen other unpleasant tasks—and it was very easy not to pass inspection. It was very disconcerting to a rookie to realize, as the inspecting officer approached, how one thing,—which had seemed so insignificant a thing before inspection—if it was not exactly right, would attract the attention of the officer. Among a hundred other things it was the only thing noticeable at all. It fairly got in the officer's way; it almost shouted aloud, "Look at me!"—and the officer couldn't help looking. Glaring at the wretched rookie, he ordered, "Give this man detail!" Woe to the man who frequently attracted the unfavor-

able attention of the commanding officer, platoon lieutenant, or platoon sergeant. That man was ever after conspicuous in all the activities of disagreeable drudgery that fell to the lot of his company or platoon.

Then there was the needle. It wouldn't have been so bad, if there had been a few of those surviving who had said, "Oh, that's nothing; you won't mind the needle!" But those who survived, from the time they first saw us entering camp, when we passed by, shouted insistently and insinuatingly, "Oh, the needle! Wait till you get that needle!" It was impressed upon us more than the fact that we were getting ready to meet the German army. We knew it was a soldiers' joke; nevertheless in our minds, the needle gradually assumed something of the proportions and aspect of the muzzle end of a German rifle with fixed bayonet. Then one day in lines of fifty men, we faced the physicians and medicals who maneuvered the weapon. It was very impressing to watch a man as his turn to approach the operators arrived. He rolled up his sleeve of one arm, received a smear of iodine, and advanced to the physician. This officer considered the stained portion as though deliberating where he could

get the instrument most effectively into the anatomy of the victim, pushing its pointed end in a little way, he paused—while some one in the line, not the individual being operated upon, fainted—then proceeded to shove the needle slowly in until, to the fellows next in line, it seemed like several inches, then with another movement, that suggested the slow working of a squirt gun, the arm was bloated with virus. Personally, I received a double portion: getting a vaccination for small-pox in addition to the shot that all received. When it was over we were marched off and given various arm exercises. The drill for the remainder of the day was lightened to some extent. This first shot with the needle was on March 1. We received another on March 15. We did not know what we were getting, but what we got on the eighth was high power stuff. We were all that night sick with fever and chills and, headache, and quite generally sick. On the following morning the barrack was like a ward in a hospital. Some of the men did not attempt to rise; some who did attempt it fainted; but others were able to take the regular drill.

In the midst of these strenuous days I was transferred to Headquarters Company, 304 Field Artillery, where the drilling was moderate, with none on Sutbay. Then, just as I was getting started in message-carrying, telegraphy, semaphore, and wigwag, the division suddenly awoke to the fact that it was due to cross the sea. The infantry companies sailed before the artillery. Immediately before leaving they were filled to full strength from other branches in the camp. I was one of those transferred, and on April 12 found myself located with Co. F, 306 Infantry.

(To be Continued)

**HOUGHTON LOCALS**

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Geo. Hussey has been very ill.

The Misses Ruth Luckey and Dorothy Peck passed the Yuletide recess at their respective homes.

Marietta Fancher who is teaching in Eastwood, New York, was in Houghton during the holidays.

The Moses family are the pleased possessors of a fine Neutrodyne Radio, a Christmas present from their daughter, Miss Belle Moses.

Miss Ruth Kellogg has returned to Sommerville, N. J. after spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kellogg.

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