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## Purple or Gold - Which Are You Sides Are Divided

Little that is said in this space will receive attention, for those most interested will only see the columns below and in their joy or disappointment with the results of the division, will forget anything that might appear before. Therefore, we will only say this to the new fellows and girls, if you are disappointed on account of having preferred the other side, forget it; for after you have given your whole-hearted support to your side for a year or even one athletic series, you will indignantly deny that you ever preferred to be on the other side.

Following is the result of the division:

GOLD	PURPLE
Allen, Gordan	Ackerman, Pauline
Ames, Laura	Albro, Willett
Bliss, Jessie	Ayers, Aleda
Broughton, Lyman	Beattie, Pauline
Brown, Ellsworth	Berry, Raymond
Brown, Louisa	Brooks, Robert
Carnahan, Margaret	Burr, Kenneth
Churchill, Mary	Brown, Beulah
Clark, Lillis	Brownley, John
Calburn, Alfred	Chapman, Averill
Davies, Evelyn	Childes, Cleta
Davison, Walter	Conner, Cassius
Densmore, Alvin	Crippen, Vivienne
Donley, Marjorie	Dennis, Nelson
Eiss, Albert	Derby, Emily
Fairfield, Aletha	Dickey, Elizabeth
Ferguson, Duane	Doty, Arthur
Hartman, Bertha	Dyer, Martha
Henry, Wilma	Gearheart, Blanche
Holmes, George	Gleason, Wesley
Jopson, Gerald	Guerin, Chester
Lewis, Margaret	Jennings, Ralph
McKinney, Treva	Jimerson, Florence
Molyneaux, Donald	Macklem, Marian
Pinney, Lauren	Meade, Erma
Presley, Alice	Moulton, Allen
Rathbun, Shirley	Rathbun, Hendrick
Shellenberger, Ila	Roth, Albert
Smith, Servius	Rowell, Roberta
Stevenson, Mildred	Shipman, Joseph
Stevens, Jesse	Smith, Florence
Thomas, Hugh	Spencer, Ralph
Verbridge, Leona	Stevens, Vivian
Williams, Clinton	Webster, Jasmine
	Welker, Fred
	Worden, Leon
	York, Martha

Mrs. Arnold Pitt is recovering from a severe illness.

## Baseball Game

### Old Students Conquer New

Tuesday afternoon, in accordance with a long established custom, the old fellows trimmed the new in a loosely played game of baseball, although this year they experienced more difficulty than usual. Although the game was a poor exhibition of the national pastime, due of course to lack of practice, not ability; it revealed the fact that among the newcomers are some very promising athletes. To say the least, all nine appeared capable of distinguishing a baseball from a croquet ball, which after all is all "Scottie" required. Shipman, Allen, "Fergie" Jr. and Worden, these four in particular, look like genuine prospects for the Purple and Gold teams, which have lost heavily in the last two years.

Monday, the newcomers will be back for revenge and, 'tis rumored, they have a good chance of securing it. Therefore, be at the diamond at 3:30 sharp on Monday to see a game that bids fair to be a snappy one.

## The Travails of the Book Seller

Barnum said, "The American people like to be fooled". Well, maybe that's right in one sense of the word, but when one becomes fooled at the expense of nerve-racking, insanity-breeding experiences, the above offered statement loses much of its jovial appearance. At least such is the conclusion arrived at by those unfortunate individuals who for the moment lost the control of their cerebrum to such an extent that they were lured into the book-selling game last June.

All tingling with excitement, with visions of millions before their eyes, about thirty flowering young creatures rushed with open arms, ears, eyes, and mouths toward which seemed to them their golden opportunity, only to come back to school this fall tattered and torn beings, shorn of hope, forlorn of face, and much wiser in the ways of the world. Why? Because, although they themselves were fooled, they in turn didn't have the ability to deceive the general public. Oh! it was a great life if you didn't weaken; but the tragedy of the whole affair was that the entire company except two or three

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## Why Go to Sunday School?

You need what the Sunday School can give you. No individual has ever known too much about the Bible and you are no exception to the rule. You also need the inspiration which comes from the association with the spiritual leaders of the Sunday School. Furthermore, the Sunday-School-going habit will mean much to you in your later life.

Moreover, the Sunday School needs you. Your very presence will be an encouragement to others. Also you can give assistance in the music and in the class discussions. Will you not endeavor to be in your place next Sunday morning for the opening song?

## Mission Study Class

The Mission Study Class, as its name suggests, is for the purpose of learning more about missions,—their needs, the workers etc. Last Saturday evening the class had its first meeting. Under the able leadership of Miss Hazel Sartwell we expect this year to be as successful as last.

The study of India comes first. We are very fortunate in having with us this year one who has had practical experience in the mission field. Miss Rothermel, our oratory instructress, spoke to an interested audience on her work in India. Her knowledge being first hand, and a sincere interest in her work showing thru her words, made the talk doubly inspiring. She gave us a sketch of the misery—mental, spiritual and physical conditions—that exists among the benighted souls in India.

The suffering that the natives endure all because of ignorance and superstition made our hearts ache as we listened. Miss Rothermel dubbed India "the land of pests"; and proceeded to tell us gruesome tales of her life there. Then in her charming manner, she showed us that although much hardship must be endured, the privilege of sowing seed for the Master outweighs all else.

Come out next week and hear another first class talk on India by our missionary boy, Arthur Doty.

Dr. and Mrs. Broughton of Castile visited their son Lyman, Tuesday.

## High School Reports

### Senior Class of '27

The senior class of Houghton Seminary held its first meeting September fifteenth to elect officers for 1926-27. The following officers were elected.

President—Alfred Kreckman  
Vice President—Donald Ferguson  
Secretary—Thelma Crandall  
Treasurer—Alice Folger  
Cheer Leader—Homer Fero

The class also elected Miss Helen Davison for its Class Mother. The meeting was adjourned with high hopes for this school year.

### Seminary Junior Class

The class of 1928 held its first meeting, September fourteenth, and elected the following officers:

President—Theos Cronk  
Vice President—Elizabeth Chamberlin  
Sec. and Treas.—Mary Perry  
Faculty Advisor—Miss Gillette

This class anticipates good things for the future.

## Thanks Be Unto God

"But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God", Phil. 4:6 was one of the verses chosen by the leader of the Tuesday evening prayer meeting. "This verse" the leader said, "shows that it is not enough to pray and beg for our needs, but we must mingle our petitions with praise."

The admonition was carried out in both the prayers and the testimonies that followed. Freedom and promptness characterized the whole service, while a deep sense of worship hovered over all.

Surely, God has some living witnesses of grace among Houghton's Student Body and Faculty. Many have and are proving that the power of the Blood is not out of date nor an imaginary mythological force; but salvation a real, vital experience of God's saving and keeping power. We invite you and intreat you, Unsaved Friends, to "taste and see that the Lord is good", and that the thoroughly saved young man and young woman are the most satisfied and happy of mortals. May God help each one of us who witnessed for Him at the prayer meeting to keep witnessing in our daily lives, so that He can use us to direct others to the Rest that we have found.

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**Editorial**

Again at the beginning of a new year, we are glad to be gathered at Houghton. Time has been going his rounds and once more the campus is full of activity. It has given us pleasure to again pick up the threads of old acquaintances and to meet and greet those with whom we hope to make these ties.

At present we know little of what our associations together and what our mutual influence may mean to one another. Just now, we recall how lives of former students have helped to mould our lives thus stimulating us to put forth the very best there is in each of us for the good of our Alma Mater, and helping us to shape our lives more as the Master would have them. Every person God has made is shedding his influence on someone. We may not realize it, but somewhere, someone has his eyes on us. Do we ask with Cain of old "Am I my brother's keeper?" To a large extent we are.

The old saying "the whole is equal to the sum of its parts" can be applied in our school. We wish this to be Houghton's best year in every way. We can help make this so by first saying to ourselves "What kind of a school would this school be, if every member were just like me?" and then putting our best into our work and play. As others have shed their influence on us so are we shedding our influence. The success of this school year depends on each of us individually.

**Athenian Society**

Due to the fact that this was the first meeting of the year, the program committee selected numbers which dealt primarily the Athenian Society. The program was rendered in an effort to acquaint the new students with the history and nature of the society. The program consisted of:

The Nature of the Athenian Society  
Ralph Jones

Purpose of the Athenian Society  
Clinton Donohue

Possibilities of the Athenian Society  
Merrill Linquest

Piano Solo—Mary Alice Sloan

History of the Athenian Society  
William Sallberg

Why I Want to be an Athenian  
Ellsworth Brown

Everett Dyer's talk on "Why I Am an Athenian" was conspicuous by its absence. A good program awaits you next Monday night. Don't miss it.

**Anna Houghton Daughters**

The first meeting of the Anna Houghton Daughters for this school year was held Friday afternoon September 17, at the home of Mrs. Luckey with Mrs. Woolsey and Miss Rachel Davison assisting her as hostesses. Much of the time was spent in welcoming and becoming better acquainted with several new members who were present. We hope many more of those who have recently come to Houghton may be persuaded to join our circle. In our busy days this meeting together offers an opportunity for better acquaintance and friendly intercourse which we do not otherwise have and we trust the time thus spent will be both profitable and pleasant.

At this meeting committees to plan for the activities of the year were chosen. The next regular meeting will be held October 1, at the home of Miss Crystal Rork and Miss Frieda Gillette. All are cordially invited to be there.

**Locals**

Elinor James visited friends here Monday of this week.

Miss Pearl B. Hill of Morrisonville is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Mattoon.

Mrs. Joseph Newman just returned from a trip in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crocker spent the week-end with relatives at Swain, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Stebbins are moving into the Crawford house. Mr. Stebbins will continue his college work here.

David Pitt will be glad to deliver the Buffalo News to any person desiring that paper.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Cott, who has been seriously ill, is much better, but still serious.

Professor Hazlett who has been in town for a week, returned Wednesday to Oyster Bay, Long Island.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Williams of Buffalo spent Sunday with their daughters, Misses Margaret and Ruth Williams.

Virgil Hussey and Oliver Christy spent the week-end with Virg's folks, Mr. and Mrs. George Hussey, at Falconer.

No less than nineteen gentlemen of Houghton's younger social set called on Rev. and Mrs. Archibald King at Portageville Wednesday evening.

Doris Johnson, former student and alumnus of Houghton Seminary, is attending Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio.

On August 28, in the Jersey City Wesleyan Methodist church Stanley W. Orner and Miss Nellis H. Burrie were united in marriage by Rev. F. A. Butterfield. Mr. Orner was formerly a student at Houghton.

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Just as Isaiah saw the vision and consecrated his life to God, so have young people of to-day heard God's call for workers and answered, "Here am I, send me." Back in 1883-84 a group of such students banded themselves together having as their declaration, "We are willing and desirous, God permitting, to become foreign missionaries." They gave themselves the name "Student Volunteers" and took as a motto, "The evangelization of the world in this generation." The Student Volunteer Band is a fellowship rather than an organization and is controlled by college students. Its specific purpose is to increase knowledge of and interest in missions.

For a number of years there has been a Student Volunteer Band in Houghton College. A number of Student Volunteers from our school are now on the foreign field. Among these are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Banker, who are now in India.

Last year the Band held missionary meetings at Freedom and Holland. The Lord was with the members and encouraged them. This year they have organized and with Robert Hess as leader, Verna Crouch as secretary and a membership of twelve, they purpose to continue this extension work. With a band of young people in our midst who have set their faces steadfastly toward the mission field, surely we should feel the challenge of missions and take upon us some of the responsibility.

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**The Frivolous Side of School Life**

Alfred Kreckman (in dining room): "I am going up-stairs to get my finger fixed up. I hurt it."

Sophomore: "You'll have to get permission first."

Kreckman: "No, I should say not, I have a stand in with the president."

Joe Horton (psychology class): "Do glasses help one with color blindness?"

Prof. Wright: "Glasses never helped me any."

Jonsey: "That's the reason he can't see things as we do."

Visitor at Houghton: "And what do you people do with yourselves in the summer?"

Hotonite: "Oh, we talk and laugh about the people that stay here in the winter."

**Music Graduates of '26**

Harriet Storms is now teacher of the music department of Central College in North Carolina.

Hazel Lupton is doing office work in Akron, Ohio.

Alfred Kreckman is continuing his studies at Houghton while acting as assistant teacher in piano.

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**Travails of the Book Sellers**

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weakened so preceptibly that they broke—broke in spirit, and also broke for home, long before the summer had passed.

You know what an awful line Christy usually has, how he can talk like a streak of chain lightning? Well, maybe you won't believe it but before his prospective book purchasers he became almost petrified. A slightly exaggerated mental picture of him might be described thus—face as white as ice cream, eyes big as saucers, hair straight instead of curly, forehead doing duty as a producer of ice-cold liquid, and knees wriggling like a house on fire.

He endured only about one-half hour of this horror, and then made tracks toward home, as did also his partner.

"Wolf" Fox, the fellow whose nerve seems indomitable on the basketball floor, said he could hardly eat or sleep while pursuing the pleasure-killing occupation of a bookseller.

Everett Dyer didn't make too much of the filthy lucre either, for he succeeded in getting only two recommendations, and then quit because of sheer fear that he would have to deliver. Unnecessary fear, Dyer! Dyer is also the author of an enlightening statement on the subject. He says, "Instead of perseverance and backbone, it takes gall and gab."

Even Prince Von Yetter who was one of the surprising successes in the business, admits that he liked it only because of the money which he gained thereby. He adds, however, "I would rather pitch hay on the farm any time."

Many are those who agree with Cecil Russell that ditch digging is preferable. In fact the whole group of once embryonic book-sellers brand the job as the most disgusting, sickening, nauseating thing they ever attempted.

"Rome was not built in a day, and it fell hard. But the book selling force were collected in a few hours, and oh, what a fall it took!"

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## Faculty Notables

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This year we are favored in having Mr. Herman Baker, a graduate of Northwestern School of Music, as professor of Vocal Music. For two years Mr. Baker was leader of the church choir of Marion College, Marion, Indiana, and for one year director of the College chorus and orchestra. During the past year, while pursuing his musical studies, he directed two church choirs in Evanston, Illinois. He has also had experience in teaching and supervision.

Mrs. Lang is teacher of English in the High School Department. To nearly all former students and readers of the STAR, she needs no introduction, having been a former student and teacher in Houghton. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a successful teacher of some experience.

The position of study room attendant is held by Mrs. Junia Hubbard, a former resident of Houghton. For several years she was matron of the Women's Hall at our sister college, Miltonvale. Her sweet spirit and motherly nature have already won the hearts of the students.

## A Vacation Event

Chautauqua Lake, the "resort ideal", is becoming a popular place for Houghton students to spend their summer vacations. In addition to about ten students who reside in Jamestown and vicinity, several more go there to rest up from their studies. Hence, the Houghton spirit is kept alive from June to September.

On July 22nd of this year occurred an event of such great importance that the results can still be seen on the highways and byways of our campus; namely, the first annual Houghton reunion on Chautauqua Lake. Although, the day dawned unpropitious, about twenty gathered at the home of Merrill Linquest and later sojourned to Allen Park for lunch. It rained slightly, but not enough to dampen the spirits of the picknickers. As part of the fun, each one learned what was to be his future connection with Houghton College.

About two o'clock the party proceeded to Lakewood, where they passed the time in bathing, boating, and playing games. At six o'clock a rousing campfire was built on the lake shore, and supper consisting of baked beans, potato salad, weiners, coffee, sandwiches, and cake disappeared in record time.

Five boats had been procured and these furnished the pleasure for the

evening. At an appointed hour all gathered before the dock at Beechwood, locked boats, and to the applause of those on shore, sang the Houghton College songs and good old gospel hymns which we love so well.

Among those in attendance from a distance were Prof. Wright, Alfred Kreckman, Florence Fish, Mary Williams, and Josephine Rickard.

All who attended will want to return next year, yet it is safe to say that if any two will never forget the event, those two are Merrill Linquest and Alfred Kreckman.

## Houghton Seminary's Oldest Literary Society

The Neosophic Society of Houghton Seminary held its first meeting Monday evening, September thirteenth, in the High School study hall. The following officers were elected.

President—Homer Fero

Vice President—Theos Cronk

Secretary—Esther Leasure

Asst. Secretary—Margaret Williams

Treasurer—Margaret Loftis

Sargeant-at-Arms—Erwin English

Programme Committee—Beatrice Cooper

After the elections, an extemporaneous program was given, which was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Bowen gave us a short but vivid description of the most interesting places she visited while on her vacation. After such a good beginning we are encouraged to believe that our society will indeed be worthy to be called the Oldest Literary Society of Houghton "Sem".

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