

WILLET ALBRO CAPTURES MANY FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

Hunter and Trapper of the North Woods

Willet Albro, a College Sophomore, and a resident of the village of Pike, has set snares and learned the ways of the muskrat since he was old enough to spring a trap. There is n't a single muskrat hole or trail in the vicinity of Pike that has not been investigated by this young woodsman. He knows the ways of the woods as any born naturalist.

Realizing the prospects for a good muskrat season, after an open winter thus far, young Albro decided that a week of trapping would net more pecuniary profit than the same week spent in school. Accordingly he journeyed home, and cleaned up about one hundred traps. The total number of muskrats taken during the week, was fifty-nine. One morning the trapper was surprised to find a mink in one of his traps—an animal which brought him twelve dollars on the fur market. The muskrat hides sell at an average of two dollars each. Thus we perceive that Albro's foresight as a trapper and trader was well rewarded. At least, he saw something that couldn't be observed in books.

Mr Albro says that the money was well earned, and we may indeed well agree with him, when we learn that he rolled out of bed about an hour before dawn every morning, to follow the trail of the traps. The highest number of hides taken in one day.

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JANE WILLIAMS NEIGHBOR TO GOV. FISHER

Pennsylvania's Ruler Great Friend of Williams Family

Though the students of Houghton College and Seminary cannot all be privileged to mingle with the elite yet there are several within our midst who have had this opportunity. Among this number, we find the name of Jane Williams, a member of the College Junior Class. Living upon the same street as does the present governor of Pennsylvania, Mr. Fisher, Jane has constantly come in to contact with the Fisher family. The Governor's home is located only four houses from where Jane resides. Her father is one of Mr. Fisher's most intimate friends. Undoubtedly Jane has frequently tantalized the Governor with her usual clever remarks and "winsome" manner.

Whether or not Jane has had anything to do with Gov. Fisher's political actions, could not be learned. However, it appears that she is a loyal supporter of the Fisher administration, for after informing the *Star* that there was a possibility of Governor Fisher campaigning for the office of United States Vice President, she said, "If he does run for Vice President, be sure to vote for him. He's a mighty fine fellow." That's from Jane. Take notice all ye voters!

SUCCESSFUL OPER- ATION PERFORMED

Julia Anderson Has Pin Re- moved From Throat

Once again tragedy lurked close to our institution, when Julia Anderson, a student in the Seminary Department, accidentally swallowed a "beauty pin" last Friday afternoon. Miss Anderson was donning her street apparel after her class in Physical Culture, and had unconsciously placed the pin in her mouth. Without warning the pin slipped down the esophagus and entered the windpipe.

Miss Anderson was taken almost immediately to Dr. Hardy's office at Rushford. However, lacking the proper instrument, Dr. Hardy was unable to extract the pin, and Julia was therefore taken to Cuba where an x-ray picture was taken. She was then rushed to Buffalo, where the pin was secured within a very few minutes. Because of the elapse of time, however, the "beauty pin" had moved further and further toward the lungs, and had Miss Anderson been forced to wait much longer, a much more serious operation would have been necessary. The operation was entirely local, the extracting instrument being placed in the patient's mouth and forced down her throat. With the exception of a sore throat, Julia has felt no ill effects from her accident.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT PURCHASES NEW PIANO

This is the season when presents are "all the go", but seldom it is that a present is larger than the recipient can handle alone. Moreover it has been stated in the past that valuable articles often come in small parcels. Today (Wed.) Prof. Lawless received a present which required the combined strength of eight of Houghton's huskiest to carry it to its appointed place. You immediately draw the conclusion that the article was neither small nor valuable but you are only half right. True the parcel was large, but it was valuable as well.

As you all know, Prof. Lawless is one of our Music Department; consequently we would expect that his present would be in the music line. The massive article was none other than an Ivers and Pond, oak finished upright piano. No wonder the workers grunted, strained, and puffed (and chugged) as they toiled up the High School steps to the Music Studio of Prof. Lawless.

It is quite certain that this new piano will be a valuable asset to the work of the Music Department. We hope that Mr. Lawless will invite us to his studio, that we may watch him as his nimble fingers "gambol over the keyboard" of this new Ivers and Pond.

Because of an unexpected turn of events, recitations in Houghton College and Seminary, ceased Wednesday, Dec. 14, and will be resumed Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Up—"What's the difference between a hairdresser and a sculptor?"
Down—The hairdresser curls up and dies, and the sculptor makes faces and busts.



One of the many winter scenes near Houghton, characteristic of the Christmas season.

H. S. BOYS BOW TO FRESHMEN

In the fastest, best played, and most thrilling contest of the year, the High School team was forced to accept defeat 24-21, after a spirited come-back in the last three quarters, which lacked only two field goals of beating the best Frosh team that ever graced the local court. Twice during the hectic final half, the High School lads crept to within a point of tying the "Freshies", and once the former team gained a one point lead, while the gallery voiced their appreciation in a convincing manner. It was a fight which would have done justice to the championship contest itself.

The game began with the Frosh setting a furious pace, yet passing faultlessly and literally playing rings around their opponents. "Bananas" Rosbach came down, received a pass in quarter court, and neatly caged the first field goal of the game. Fero then sank a nice side-shot, and "Bananas" scored again—a spectacular, one-handed, overhead shot which swished through the net while the crowd gasped. Charles Molyneaux, whose defensive as well as offensive playing was one of the high spots of the game, gave the gallery another treat with a long thrust from center which needed much encouragement from the beckoning net below before

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ANOTHER SURPRISE FOR THE GALLERY

Theologs Beat Frosh

Both Frosh and Theo's went onto the court ready to fight. From the first tip-off the game was closely contested. Time after time the ball was started down the court toward the Theolog basket, only to be intercepted by the wary Frosh guards. Folger and G. Molyneaux. The Theolog guards, Cole and Davison so closely watched the Frosh star forwards, Matthews and Crocker, that "Gen" made only one field goal and "Bess" none.

The Theolog attempts to find the loop, seemed fruitless for a while but this was overbalanced by their splendid defensive work. The Rot sisters and Cole did the scoring for their team. Excitement ran high at the end of the 3rd quarter, when the score was 7-8 in favor of the Theologs. The Freshies fought their way down the floor repeatedly in the last quarter; but the Theologs always gained control of the "pill" and started it for their basket. Just after the whistle blew Matthews made a prett field goal that unfortunately didn't count, and the game was the Theolog's prize.

PURPLE--GOLD

Success or Failure

Recollections and Reminiscences by
"Dad" Tierney

Now fully seven years have passed since the organization of the Purple-Gold system of athletics in Houghton College and Seminary. I have endeavored to call back to your minds, in the first articles, some of the high spots in the history of this system. I have named a few of the men and women, who have, in one way or another, stamped their very personality, as it were, across the pages of Houghton's athletic history. Therefore, it now seems fitting that we should ask ourselves if the Purple-Gold system is a success or failure.

The system was first founded by the Boys' Athletic Association as a method, in the absence of inter-scholastic competition, which would adapt itself to the conditions that were then, and still are, prevalent in Houghton. The Purple-Gold plan, or one similar to it, is I believe the only method by which the school can achieve competition at once in the four major sports—base ball, basket ball, tennis, and track.

As I have told you in an earlier installment, the system has sustained only two major changes since its innovation, although there have been several minor ones. The first of these minor changes came when the Girls' A. A. decided to unite with the Boys' A. A., to form the so-called Houghton A. A., which is still in vogue. In the autumn of 1924, we learned that the faculty (by its own decision) would no longer allow its individual members to be classed as Purple or Gold supporters, as had been the custom for the first three years. These were both very excellent revisions. However, with the year

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

To each and every student and subscriber, the *Star* staff wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To the present student body, we extend our greetings; to the loyal alumni we want to say "Howdy". For all our friends we desire that this shall be the happiest Yuletide season of all. While enjoying your vacation, don't forget the *Houghton Star*, and if it is possible for you to gain new subscriptions, we shall be more than pleased. Again, Merry Christmas!

COLLEGE CHORUS TO SING JAN. 10

Cantata Postponed

With the news of the extended vacation, came the disappointing thought to the minds of many of the students and college friends, that the Christmas cantata which was to be presented this week, Friday night, would have to be given up. It would, indeed, be more than a disappointment not to have the privilege of hearing this beautiful bit of Christmas music which the chorus, under Professor Baker's faithful guidance, have mastered through these weeks of practice. Thus, it was decided to postpone the concert until Tuesday night, January 10, 1928, giving us all an opportunity to hear one of the world's great masterpieces.

"The Coming of the King" written by Dudley Buck is one of the four outstanding compositions of American music. When Professor Baker wrote to a famous musical critic of the day asking his opinion of the Cantata that had been chosen, he received an answer placing "The Coming of the King" in a very high rank.

Professor Baker has worked hard in this accomplishment, and we know that on the night of January 10, we will realize his success.

The soloists of the cantata are: Miss Harriet Storms, soprano; Miss Faith McKinney, alto; Mr. Ralph Jones, tenor; Mr. Hollis Stevenson, baritone; and Mr. Wilfred Bain, bass. Miss Storms has sung for us many times, a due recognition of her worth. Miss McKinney has already found her place in the hearts of the music-loving people of Houghton, with her voice of unusual quality and charm. Ralph Jones has been the soloist for the Glee Club for the past year, and his popularity both at home, and in concerts outside has already given him his stamp of musical approval. Hollis Stevenson ranks equal with any member of the quartet, while Wilfred Bain is an unsurpassed bass singer.

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LOST, LOST IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Students Who Have Come and Gone

"Do you remember so-and-so?" is an oft-repeated question. Gazing at ancient snap-shot albums, recalls to mind many a face or name for the time forgotten.

There was a standing joke, once upon a time, about Miss Willie Mae Rogers investing in Bonds, and not government bonds either. And here's Bunny married—to somebody else. Ethel Mae Kelley, a regular little dorm scamp, used to pull off many a "spread" right under Miss Grange's nose. Where's Ethel? Somewhere in New York. Gratia Bullock and Pete Lapham enjoyed coasting and winter sports to the full. Gratia is Mrs. Swift; Pete married a Franklinville girl.

The Steese girls and the Coleman pair, were long residents. Ward Bowen changed Lelia's name, and Clyde Meredith carried off Carrie, but brought her back last year for a last glimpse of Houghton's halls. Ward's brother, Ira Bowen, is making fame and a name under Dr. Milliken.

Dot Peck and Ruth Luckey left

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Collegiate Sam Says:

Huh! the old axiom—"To obtain a keen edge, the sword must be ground"—may be right; but you want to be careful about turning the edge over. This may be applied to the education of some college men.

EDITORIAL

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Tradition and custom almost force me, at this particular time of the year, to consume at least a part of the editorial space with a few words concerning Christmas, that season of the year so dear to every American heart. I realize that this topic has been dealt with from a number of different angles in the past, and that it has become a somewhat worn-out subject of discussion. Yet, if the various phases of Christmas be carefully studied, it will be found that there are many ideas concerning the season which have not been fully explained. Therefore, I would bring to your attention today, something new, if possible; something which will interest you; something in close relation with Christmas and all that it means—human nature. Although the great sacrifice made by God Almighty in giving His only begotten Son to the world, should always be the foundation for our Christmas celebration, yet, in the last analysis, we are all too human to comprehend exactly what that sacrifice meant; we are too insignificant to understand the full meaning of Christ's birth. We rejoice in the fact itself, yet the thought is too magnanimous, too divine for our stilted comprehension. Therefore, while we do not forget the birth of Jesus, Christmas, resolves itself in the majority of cases, into a purely human celebration, with its reactions dealing primarily with the psychological portion of our make-up. As the Christmas period draws near, have you not noticed the quickening of spirit, the universal anticipation, and the cheerful attitude which it brings forth? People begin thinking of close-at-hand pleasures, of expected surprises, and of the thrills to be enjoyed in once more meeting father, mother, brother, and sister, in the place called "Home Sweet Home". Humanity seems all atingle for a time, constantly reaching out after the joy that should be theirs. The cities are full of shoppers, and the world whirls at a rapid pace until the holly has withered and the hemlock decorations begin falling to the floor, thus giving untold trouble to the housewives. Then the human race slips back into the same old rut, forgetting New Year resolutions, ready to live another year by the same pattern as the last. The people have been swung by an irresistible force, their actions have been determined by that powerful agent—human nature. It is human for us to "enjoy"; it is only right that we should. And on this point, we are all alike.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. Albert Clark, who has spent most of his life in this vicinity, died Monday evening.

Mrs. George Washbon passed away Tuesday night, after suffering severe illness for several weeks. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of Mr. Clark and Mrs. Washbon.

Mrs. Remington is staying with her son, Mr. A. L. Remington, for an indefinite period.

Mrs. Cora Morgan from Addison and Mrs. J. P. Thomas from Buffalo,

were in town recently attending the funeral of their father, Mr. Albert Clark.

Mr. Roy Washbon arrived in town Wednesday morning to attend the funeral of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Crandall were in Wellsville on business one day this week.

Mrs. Bowen expects to visit her son, Ward, during the holidays.

Miss Rothermel will enjoy a trip to Florida during Christmas vacation.

Mr. Lester, Allegany County Y. M. C. A. Secretary, was in Houghton recently.

ALUMNI GOSSIP

Paul Fall '13

Paul Fall, who attended Houghton from 1910 to 1913, is now head of the Chemistry Department at Hiram College, Hiram, Ohio. It will be remembered that Mr. Fall took only his first three years of college work with us, and graduated from Oberlin. Later he attended Cornell University and the University of Chicago. While in our midst, Mr. Fall was regarded as one of the foremost college boosters, and took his place as a distinguished leader.

In his correspondence to us, Mr. Fall states that perhaps the Houghton experience which he remembers most vividly, was the lashing of the bitter cold wind into the dressing room in the "old Sem" on Tucker Hill—the school where "they tried to play basket-ball in a pantry". He writes, that to wade through a foot of snow, and then expose one's body to the raw winds that came through glassless windows into a heatless room, was an experience not to be forgotten. Contrast our present gymnasium with the one here described.

In August, 1925, Mr. Fall, together with his sister, and wife (formerly Dorothy Jennings) journeyed to Los Angeles on the American Chemical Society Special, which halted at Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak, Santa Fe, and the Grand Canyon. They had a wonderful three weeks' sojourn with his father's brother and sister in Los Angeles. On the way home, the party traveled to Seattle and Vancouver, and through the Canadian Rockies. One whole day was spent at Lake Louise, which Mr. Fall describes as the most beautiful spot he has ever seen.

Many of the old students will undoubtedly remember Mr. Fall, in company with Prof. LaVay Fancher and Ward Bowen, his favorite chums, as they roamed the campus and halls of Houghton College. He names President Luckey, Prof. H. C. Bedford, and Prof. H. R. Smith, as his favorite teachers. Who could find a greater trio?

Keith Farner '25

We were especially interested in receiving news from Keith Farner of the College class of '25, who is now attending the University of Buffalo where he is studying law. In addition to his school work, Keith is laboring as a law clerk.

It is apparently not very difficult for Keith to remember the many and frequent sessions which he has had with Dean Wright. He cites the particular instance when he and Seeley Austin attended a concert at Rushford, after they had been forbidden to do so. It seems that Prof. Wright mysteriously sprang up behind them while they were attempting to dodge him—probably an embarrassing situation for the boys, sooner or later. With Lloyd Tingley, Farner's old time crony, the latter has spent many a happy day in Houghton.

When asked, "What is the most interesting experience you have had since leaving Houghton," Mr. Farner replies, "No one experience stands out over the rest. The whole experience of professional school work, and taking up of a new line of work, is in itself an outstanding and memorable experience in life. Anything else in comparison is insignificant."

The Star wishes Keith the greatest of success.

Thelma Hill '23

Thelma Hill, better known to Houghton folk as "Tommy", is now located at Lockport, N. Y., where she is assistant clerk in the County Judge's and Surrogate's office in that place. Many, even of those who are in school today, cannot forget "Tommy" and her sunny nature. When coupled with "Myrt" Mattoon (now "Myrt" Burt) one could not ask for a more cheerful pair. They were pals inseparable, friends to the last. Even in trouble, they clung to each

other as true friends should. And we can vividly imagine "Myrt's" sympathetic manner when "Tommy" returned from one of her frequent sessions before Pres. Luckey and Dean Hampe (McMillen)—interviews which Thelma terms as the most vivid of her Houghton experiences.

After leaving Houghton, where she graduated from the Seminary department in 1923, "Tommy" attended the Belfast Teacher's Training Class for one year, taught school for two years, and then took a course in Miss William's Business School at Lockport.

"Tommy" is always delighted to meet Houghton students, and among those whom she mentions as having seen are, Mr. and Mrs. John Bruce of Lockport, Clifford Bentley of Newfane, (a short distance from Thelma's town) and Arthur Northrup, who is preaching near Lockport. Good luck, "Tommy".

J. W. Elliott '14

J. W. Elliott, who graduated from the Seminary department in 1911, and took three years of college work here leaving in 1914, is only another of Houghton's sons who have gained fame in the world. As a missionary to South America, Mr. Elliott, will long be remembered. He has continued his education in Ohio Wesleyan, where he received the degree of A. B., and in Middlebury College, where he gained his master's degree. He has also attended Universidad del Cuzco of Peru.

While in Houghton, Mr. Elliott was proprietor of the College Book Store for some time. Perhaps "Bunny" can sympathize with him on this.

Editor's Note—The alumni questionnaire system is working fine. However, there are many whom we would like to hear from. Answer the questions! Answer the questions!

PEACE, GOOD WILL

Lynn Russell

What joyful news the shepherds heard
While tending sheep on Judah's hill;
What joy to hear each freighted word:
"Peace on the Earth", and then,
"Good Will."

How glorious a scene was this:
A starlit night, a sweet cool breeze,
A sudden light, a sense of bliss,
An angel's voice above the trees!

What thrill to see the star appear
And know the Christ of men was born.
To know the babe now lay so near,
Before the light of early morn.

What reverence the shepherd's felt
As quick they hastened to the inn,
To be the first that ever knelt
Before the Saviour of our sin.

What sacredness that scene conveys
It lives in heart and soul of man;
It fills the world with living praise,
As on that morn when it began.

To-day the spirit of that morn,
Has given man the same great thrill
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WHAT OTHERS THINK ABOUT THE 'STAR'

That our attempts at improving the *Star* this year have not been wholly in vain, is amply proved by the numerous comments which have reached the *Star* office. It is our firm belief that no undertaking can be called a success, unless that project is recognized to be at least a little superior to any similar accomplished task. Therefore, although the publishing of the present *Star* requires more work and thought than is generally imagined, we have done our best this year to make the paper one of which the school can be proud. A few of the comments are printed below.

"Enjoy the *Star* just great. More power to its staff."—Rev. J. S. Willett.

"Your paper this year is the 'best ever'. The alumni column is good. I also enjoy news of the students now in school."—Harriet Burgie.

"Good work *Star* Staff. Your paper is interesting."—Keith Farnier.

"Am sending a check for the *Houghton Star*. Don't know how I've gotten along without it. One of the old students sent me one today, and I'm not waiting any longer."—Ethel Dentler Reed.

"You are to be congratulated upon the *newsy* paper which you are publishing."—Prof. Herman Baker.

"Allow me to congratulate you upon this year's *Star*. The *Star* should be a *newspaper* rather than a literary organ."—Earl "Dad" Tierney.

"I want to congratulate you upon the enlarged head-lines."—Josephine Rickard.

"I like the way in which you group the articles on the front page in newspaper style."—Prof. Lavy Fancher.

"You tell the staff for me, that they are doing fine work. The *Star* is great. I appreciate the pep and spirit by which the *Star* properly represents the healthful, overflowing life of Houghton's busy students. The personal incidents and adventures of local students and alumni add much interest to the paper. And then the spice and humor of some

articles. Say, wasn't that breeze from Stanley Wright refreshing? The alumnus who didn't take a smile from that, needs an operation to remove the gall."—Cecil A. Russell.

ARTHUR HARTMANN AUTHOR OF BOOK

How many of our number who use the library have lately noticed on the magazine table anything of special interest to our students and townspeople? If you have failed to notice that whereof we are speaking, we take this opportunity to bring to your attention the fact that a copy of "Arthur Hartmann's Introductory Method for Violin" has been donated to the library by Mr. Hartmann himself. In the author's own words: "It is meant to do away with long words, mysteries and 'secrets'. It is to tell children, in language that they will understand, just what the violin is and the simplest way to learn to play it." This noted violinist has his summer home in Houghton and many of the students are personally acquainted with him.

SNAPPY COMMENTS

The fact that the United States flag is never recognized in our chapel exercises, has been a source of wonder and surprise to many students. It would require only a small amount of time indeed to salute the flag at least once a week. Can't this custom be carried out?

Loyalty to Houghton and her principles, is adequately expressed by the support given to the Chorus and the Glee Club this year. There are several other student activities which are kept up almost wholly through loyalty to our school. Notably among these are the two publications, *The Boulder* and *The Star*.

It might be a good idea for the fellows (girls too, perhaps) to refrain from sitting on the College Book Store's counter. Bunny and Homer will soon be broke from purchasing glass for the show case. At any rate, keep your feet out of the candy!

There are several students who haven't paid their dollar for the *Star*. We're doing our best for you. Won't you help us a little?

The cheering at the basketball games, has been unusually good this year. Keep it up! That is the least you can do for your team.

A new rug for the chapel platform would add much to the appearance of the assembly hall. Can't we have one?

Regeneration Necessary to Holiness

Selected Notes on "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3.

Without being regenerated a man cannot enter the kingdom of grace here, and of glory hereafter. Jesus did not say, "may not," or "shall not," but "he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Without regeneration he cannot be a Christian. His carnal mind "is enmity against God." He is "to every good work reprobate." He cannot "sing with grace in his heart." He cannot "worship in spirit and in truth." "He that is in the flesh cannot please God."

Without regeneration he cannot enjoy gospel privileges. He is a stranger to the peace of God, knowing nothing of the joys of salvation, has no relish for the Word, cannot delight in communion with God, cannot enjoy the communion of the

saints; for things that are not natural cannot be delightful.

Without being regenerated he cannot enter heaven. He is defiled, and "there shall enter there nothing that defileth." He is unholy, and "without holiness he cannot see the Lord." Heaven and holiness mean happiness. Can you be well without health? Can you be saved without salvation? Can you enjoy heaven with hell in you? Can you enjoy the atmosphere of heaven and you unholy? Can he who hates the godly enjoy the company of none but saints? Can he who cannot keep three hours on one Sabbath Day holy enjoy the eternal sabbath? Can he whose tongue was given to cursing here enjoy the praising yonder? Can he who hated to think of God here enjoy his presence for ever? No! No! No! Hell is the sinners' "own place." There he will find his old companions, old habits, old customs, though there they will give no pleasure. He can never, never see heaven till he is born again.

Beloved, ask yourself a question. Can I dwell with the everlasting burnings? Can I endure the eternal darkness? Can I bear to be eternally separated from God? Is my present sinful, sensual life preferable to eternal joys? If not, then get a new heart I must. So must you. "I will not change my religion," you say. Has your religion changed you? If not, it is high time to change your religion, the false for the true. Be not deceived by appearances, forms, and name. True religion is not merely the business of lip or knee; it is the business of the whole heart. It consists in "righteousness, an peace, and joy, in the Holy Ghost. It is not by words, but by faith, and faith cometh by hearing; and hearing by the Word of God." Give heed to the Word. "Ye must be born again."

If you are a regenerated man, you SHALL see the kingdom. You are not an emperor, but you are a son of God. You are not the heir to a millionaire, but you are a joint heir with Christ. "He that hath wrought you for the selfsame thing is God."

O, be concerned to be regenerated. Be concerned to live and walk a renewed persons; so shall you prove the reality of the change, adorn the gospel, edify your neighbor, glorify God. (After Rev. Geo. Butler a blind Methodist preacher, who died about 1820.)

Rev. C. V. Fairbairn.

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Dangers in the trend of modern education toward specialization and technical training were discussed by Dr. F. C. Eiselen, president of Garrett Biblical Institute before the students of the College of the Pacific.

"The aim of education," said the speaker, "is to fit men and women for an active part in practical life but the emphasis on practical has some real dangers. There is a danger in the modern emphasis of creating a lot of machines and forgetting that first emphasis should be placed upon making a real man who can enter into the complex of life and because of a well-rounded personality can make worthwhile contributions."

In discussing what is needed in education, Dr. Eiselen said, "We do not need technically trained doctors, teachers and professional men and women, although they cannot be overlooked, but a greater need is to have strong, noble, well-rounded men and women who with their technical training can throw personality into their work." He also declared that physical and reliance was necessary.

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PURPLE—GOLD

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1925-26, we find the first revision of any great importance—a revision which all but ruined athletic interest for the year, and dealt the system a blow from which it may never recover.

The committee which originated the plan, felt at the outset that student interest in their sides should not be a forced one, but that the individuals should be allowed the right to choose for themselves which color should receive their loyalty. The committee felt that whenever loyalty is forced, arbitrary, or left to chance that it would take years under very unusual leadership, to make it a vital one. They knew that loyalty of individuals to the Purple or Gold side must be vital and full of pep. They understood, that if the system was to live and prosper, the student must come to love his side next to Houghton itself; that he must be willing to render personal service at any time if the plan required it. Therefore the committee decided in 1921 to give each incoming student the right to choose the color to which he would pledge his allegiance.

Early in the 1925-26 season, the Athletic Association, many of whose members were not inducted with the spirit of those who originated the system, supplemented by the votes of many Freshmen who knew nothing whatsoever about the plan upon which they were voting, was induced to pass a resolution which changed the whole Purple-Gold idea. This very resolution has cut the vitals out of the system, and is even now slowly sapping its very life. It will only be a matter of time, unless some immediate change is introduced, when the Purple-Gold idea will be only a cherished memory in the thoughts of those who fought for their sides in athletic contests from 21-26. This resolution took away from the individual his "power to choose" the side to which he would belong. If there be any who do not believe that vital interest in Purple-Gold has not been on the wane for the past two years, I will ask them to interview anyone who has been in Houghton under both systems. I would also ask them to note the fact that no field and track meet has been held for the past few years, and that fewer and fewer people are attending Purple and Gold basketball games. I would point them to the fact that the sides have fewer pep meetings and get-togethers every year. The vital spark of unforced effort has been cut out of the system, and I even hear the inquiry made (more than once) after eight or ten weeks of school "What does it mean to belong to the Purple or the Gold?"

If the Purple-Gold plan dies, it will be due to the failure of certain key athletic leaders, of whom there are one or two in every school, to properly administer the athletic plans.

However, we have strayed a little. If the Purple-Gold system, the Athletic Association, and the Physical Education Department of Houghton is to live, if they are not to fail in accomplishing something toward the true purpose of all athletics—that of the scientific development of "a clean soul and a strong mind in a healthy body", then they must co-operate. If they do not accomplish their true object, then they should be assigned to the scrap heap, or a radical change should take place within them. If there is a failure in Houghton Athletics, (and I leave that up to the reader to decide) I for one, believe that again the reason lies in the failure of key undergraduate leaders, and faculty to properly administer those departments or to assume the full weight of the responsibilities which belong to them.

The captain of a side has a more vital business than simply leading athletic teams to victory. He has duties which never found their way

into the constitution of the Athletic Association. The Department of Education has a bigger job than the simple training of graceful and healthy bodies. The true success of the whole Athletic system is not measured in games won or lost, but rather I believe in the kind of training which the boys and girls receive that will fit them for their future life's work. It is the duty of these individuals and departments, to work incessantly in the development of ideas and ideals of good sportsmanship in the student body. They must teach the student to play the game, to keep the rules, to be good losers, to fight fight, fight to the finish regardless of score. I believe that athletics in Houghton or any other school should supplement, as it were, the work of the church and Sunday School, in that they should provide a place of mental and physical activity for the practice of the rather passive moral laws taught us elsewhere.

And now ask yourselves the question, "Is the Purple-Gold system, and Houghton Athletics in general, a failure either in administration or in initial idea?"

Editor's Note (This concludes the athletic articles by "Dad". The Star wishes to thank this athletic booster for his help thus far. What do the individual readers think of the Purple-Gold system?)

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BOW TO FRESHMEN

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It finally rolled in. A field goal by Flint and a foul by Molyneux gave the preps their only other scores of the quarter. The Freshies were exhibiting their usual tight defense, forcing the High School to resort to long shots almost entirely, and the two stalwart Frosh guards, Roth and Rosbach, were always ready for the rebound. The score at the quarter read; Freshmen 12, High School 5.

The second quarter marked the beginning of a splendid rally against great odds. Out-weighted, more inexperienced, inevitably outclassed, the prep boys from the beginning of the second quarter to the close of the game outscored their opponents. Forced to resort to a defensive game from the start, for the Freshman center, "Long Jim" Fiske could always take the tip-off; despite this handicap, the High School defense was strong enough to outscore for three quarters of the game the team which piled up a 52-7 score on the College Sophs. Not until late in the final quarter, did the Freshies recover to any degree of efficiency and then it was their diminutive forward, Homer Fero, who pulled them out of a tight situation and gave them new life, by scoring a beautiful shot from quarter-court. Flint had continued to score heavily during the last half and emerged from the fray high point man with six field goals. Fiske and Fero each scored eight points.

As a result of the game, the High School will meet the Junior team, and should they win over last year's champions, the series would be at an end with the Frosh first, High School second, and the Juniors third. Should the Juniors win, they will play the Freshmen for the championship.

COLLEGE CHORUS TO SING JAN. 10TH

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The chorus numbers one hundred and twenty voices. Few colleges of even larger enrollment could boast a better representation in their school chorus. During one of their final rehearsals just before vacation they were honored by the presence of the college President. As Professor Baker finished directing, he turned to President Luckey, and asked him if he didn't "consider that a very fine looking chorus?" The President with a twinkle in his eye, answered "Yes, they are nearly as good looking as their director." Whereupon, it was Professor Baker's supreme duty to

bow his thanks as graciously as the compliment had been given.

The night of the cantata will also mark the initial appearance of the Glee Club, when they will sing several sacred selections. Their fondest dreams have been realized, and the old Alma Mater will be very proud of her men in their new tuxedos.

So let us keep in mind the date of January 10, 1928, as a night when we shall be privileged to listen to a concert which shall leave us bigger, braver, truer for the tasks that wait in the New Year.

LOST, LOST, IN THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD

Students Who Have Come and Gone

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the classroom long ago, but for another classroom of a different order. They frequently come back to see that the place is still going strong.

Eddie Williams, the athlete, is almost a myth. Ken Gibbon, Purple cheerleader, has taken the fatal leap (marriage), and has passed into oblivion. Charlie White, is principle of Minersville High, Minersville Pa.

Nora, Mabel, and Myrtle Mattoon are all taking care of their hubbies. Nora, "Mrs. Royal Woodhead" is close to hear beloved Adirondacks; Mabel (Mrs. Lynn Tabor) is at Son-yea (it really isn't as bad as it sounds), and "Myrt" (Mrs. Arden Burt) sits in rapt adoration as "Ard" plays the pipe-organ in Rochester.

But where are Mildred Ellingwood, (now Mrs. Dan Casner), Bea Jones Neal; Marjorie, Marion and Vi Ackerman, Iva Sawyer, Mabel Armstrong, Viola and Raymond Lewis, Delight Ware, Harold McKinney and Buella Williams McKinney? We never hear from them. Houghton is still interested in her alumni. A word from them keeps interest alive, and adds to the school publications. Many an old friend would send a Christmas Greeting if he knew where to find you. Write and say "Hello" at least!

WILLET ALBRO CAPTURES MANY FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

Hunter and Trapper of the North Woods

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was sixteen, making the day's wages thirty-two dollars—a rather high scale of wages, as we would say in Houghton. On the other hand, fifty-nine muskrats to skin is no small task.

When Albro returned to the College Inn after his week of trapping, and sat up to the soda fountain, Harold Willis, a keen-sighted business man and College Junior, startled the group by his sudden announcement that he was going to set a line of traps that very night. The group of fellows wished Willis the best of luck, and wagered with each other whether or not the aforementioned Junior would lose twenty or thirty pounds of superfluous averdupois after the first day in the woods. The success of Willis will be published in the next month's "Hunter, Trader and Trapper"—maybe.

IRA BOWEN HONORED

We are also interested to note that in the December number of the "St. Nicholas" in an article, "Keeping up With Science" by Floyd L. Darrow, mention is made of Dr. I. S. Bowen assistant to Dr. Robert A. Millikan who is one of the leading physicists of the world. An interesting picture is shown of Drs. Millikan and Bowen, inspecting a vacuum spectrophotograph. As stated before in the Star, Dr. Bowen is the son of the principal of Houghton Seminary, and is very successful in his field of work.

Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you streak your rouge.