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MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Debate Club Has Organized

Houghton's latest addition to its family of organizations is off to an ambitious start. The Houghton College Forensic Union has been organized with definite objectives and immediate activities in mind. Among these are:

1. Application for membership in the New York State Debate Conference,
2. The holding of regular monthly business meetings,
3. The institution of a series of three inter-class debates to determine the intramural debate championship, these debates to be held on Student Chapel days, probably in January,
4. The adoption of a tentative debate schedule for the varsity squad to be run off in March and possibly the fore-part of April, including:

(a) a single debate with Alfred University,

(b) a four-day trip for three men and coach, to include (1) St. Bonaventure at Olean, (2) Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa., (3) Seton Hill at Greensburgh, Pa.

(c) a dual debate with Chesborough Seminary at North Chili, N. Y. (one men's and one women's team.)

The officers of the Union include: Pres., Barnard Howe
Varsity Mgr. Alton Liddick
Interclass Mgr., Marvin Goldberg
Secy-Treas., Grace Smith
Faculty Advisor, S. W. Paine

A constitution has already been adopted. Those on the committee submitting it to the membership were Aubrey Arlin, Paul Allen, Izelda Wolfe and Barnard Howe.

Pay Pledges as White Christmas Gifts

If we are not to retrench, we must be up and doing. To go forward in missionary work, we must have the financial backing. In order to secure this, everyone must do his part.

On the annual missionary day in May, or at the commencement service in June, many in Houghton pledged to the support of the college missionary. Of course, everyone has until June to pay this pledge, but we are using this opportunity to say that the YMWB Superintendent would greatly appreciate the fullest possible payment before the end of the current year. Funds are particularly needed, because the unfavorable rate of exchange diminishes the missionary income greatly.

Would you be able to pay your pledge before you go home, making it a White Christmas gift to Him whose birthday brings us all holiday joy? Or would you like to begin the new year right by making your gift the first payment after January 1. (Mrs. Clarke closes her books soon after that date.)

Mr. Kenneth Eyster is the treasurer. Therefore, all payments should be made to him. In case you are unable to find him on the campus, his home is next to the new church.

Orchestra Concert Very Interesting

Friday evening, December eighth the Houghton College Orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Cronk, gave its first concert of the year. The program was as follows:

1. Merry Wives of Windsor, Overture *Nicolai*
2. Concerto in C Major *Mozart*
Magdalene Murphy—Soloist
3. a. Ethiopian Dance from Sylvia *Delibes*
b. Sheep and Goats *Guion*
4. Selections from Carmen *Bizet*
a. Smuggler's March
b. Toreador's Song
c. Habanera
d. The Guard Mount
e. Gypsy Dance

This year there are twenty-nine members in the orchestra, there having been added tympani, two French Horns, and a percussion group which lent color to various numbers.

Miss Murphy as piano soloist did remarkably well in the concerto and should be duly congratulated. The third group was quite descriptive and was very well interpreted. The selections from "Carmen", a group of rather familiar numbers, were attractively played and upon the persistent demand of the audience, the "Gypsy Dance" was repeated.

On the whole, the concert was a great success. The players seemed to really put themselves into their work and under their very capable conductor produced effects which entirely surprised the listeners. We are looking forward with anticipation to their next appearance.

Something New

A new precedent has been established in Houghton! The members of the Ministerial Association and their friends met in the reception room of Gayeodeo Hall, Tuesday evening, December twelfth, for a social evening and program meeting of the Association.

After a delicious dinner, the meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Royal Woodhead. Following a few short orders of business a paper, entitled "Things I Don't Like in a Minister" was read by the Rev. Alton E. Liddick. Some of the main things brought out by the paper were: The preacher's lack of sincerity, a professional preaching, a minister who is not "himself" in his preaching, one who preaches above every one's level, and a preacher who preaches the same sermons.

An open discussion of the topic was held. A very interesting referendum was held, the high lights of which are: Learn to explain yourself a minister should have a definite call from God, don't speak in a monotone. A preacher should not leave the community with unpaid debts; know your Bible; don't appeal for sympathy; a minister should have business ability.

About sixty-one people enjoyed this social evening and all are anticipating the next get-together.

Official College Emblem Voted

On Wednesday, December 13, the Faculty, upon the petition of the senior class together with the consent and corroboration of the three lower classes, voted to standardize the design presented as the official college emblem.

This design centers around a very beautiful as well as unique black-white onyx stone featuring the Boulder upon which is the college seal, the whole being set into a bevel inscribed with the words "Houghton College, founded in 1883."

When the proposal to create a standard emblem was presented to the three lower classes, their voted approval was almost unanimous.

It is interesting to note that the Boulder was first used in 1924, when it was chosen as the name for the college annual, introduced by Mr. Keith Farner, '25, now an attorney in Buffalo. Last year the Boulder figured largely in the design for the new "Trade-Mark" of the school which was instituted under the direction of Mr. S. Hugh Paine, and now appears on all the college advertising and publicity material.

Slogans go a long way toward success in any venture, and so also does some central idea about which is gathered all those elements of sentiment and charm that make an institution dear to the heart to every student. In Houghton College the Boulder has become the embodiment of strength, stability, and permanence. It aptly typifies those higher and spiritual aspects of the school, and in an especial way of the college introduced as it was by a member of the first class to graduate with degrees. Like the "Tower" of Wheaton, or the "Chimes" of Asbury, the "Boulder" of Houghton is the insignia by which the college makes its appeal to the world and around which center the memories of Campus Days.

The student body as a whole may well rejoice with the Seniors that such an appropriate design has been chosen and may well await with anticipation the time when they, too, may wear it.

Sophmores Conduct Chapel

The class of '36, represented by Ivone Wright, Frances Hotchkiss, Lucymae Stewart, Marian Taylor and Clifford Weber conducted a very efficient chapel service Wednesday morning.

At the close of the opening prayer by Mr. Weber, the trio, composed of Misses Wright, Hotchkiss and Stewart, sang a response.

A congregational hymn, "Joy to the World," under the direction of Miss Stewart, accompanied by Miss Taylor, followed.

Mr. Weber read the forty-second Psalm.

The trio sang a Christmas number. The service was concluded by the singing of two congregational hymns "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and "Come and Worship."

Sophs Even Up Series by Upsetting Juniors

Last Thursday evening's game proved to be of a much better style than the preceding game. The referee not only exhorted all players to play for the sake of the game, omitting all shady actions but also kept the teams under absolute control. Therefore the whole affair was very pleasing to the spectators as well as to the officials.

As the game opened the Juniors played unbalanced formation with three men back in the opponents' territory to check scoring on the tip-off. This worked for a while for the first point was made on a foul shot by Rich Farnsworth. The first deuce of the game was registered by Charlie Benjamin who was the big gun for the Sophs in the whole game. Due to some neat shooting the Sophs stepped out in front in this first period by a score of 13-8.

Beginning the second quarter the Juniors had the ball in their territory but were unable to break through for a shot. Finally the Sophs got the ball into their territory but were unable to locate the loop for quite a time until Rich Farnsworth sunk one from in under the basket. Benjamin and Anderson then went on a shooting spree for the Sophs with Benjamin sinking most of his while "Steve" missed plenty. As the half drew to a close the Juniors gained the tip and Nelson sank a couple deuces but the Sophs were ahead 23-12.

In the early minutes of the third quarter play was extremely ragged. The Sophs began fouling and almost lost their smooth passwork. This resulted in the Juniors partial closing up of the gap through some beautiful shots by Stamp. However, toward the close of the quarter the Sophs regained their poise and began clicking as before. The score at this point was 27-19.

Both teams played pretty evenly in the last quarter with each team making about the same number of baskets as well as personal fouls. As the game drew to a close, however, the Juniors speeded up and became a threat but the timer was against them for the whistle blew with the score 29-34.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Sophs	13	10	4	7	34
Juniors	8	4	7	10	29

BOX SCORE

SOPHS	JUNIORS
6 Anderson	Rork 6
18 Benjamin	Zahniser 11
6 Morrison	Nelson 7
0 Wilson	Stamp 5
4 Farnsworth	Burr 0
34	29

Twins Born To

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin

Earle Robert, 5 3/4 lbs, and Earline Ann, 5 lbs, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert Marvin Tuesday, December 5. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin have the distinction of being the parents of the first twins born to a Houghton College Alumnus.

Seniors -Clinch Class Series

Desirous of closing the doors up on the 1933 class series, the Seniors hung up for themselves a neat victory over the Juniors and walked off with the series.

In the early few minutes of play the Seniors were superb for they took an early lead and it looked like a walk-away. This didn't last however, for they soon let down for some reason and the Juniors took charge of affairs. And when Zahny dribbles and Rork and Stamp shoot the Juniors go places as was the result in this case. The Juniors were out in front at the half 19-13.

The second half was productive of much classier playing after the Seniors checked up on their defense by assisting Clair in holding Stamp, for Clair was playing with a real handicap. At the end of the third quarter the Juniors were one point ahead and fighting desperately to retain their lead. It didn't last long however, for "Will" Farnsworth, who had a good night at last, began to sink his dandy shots. As a result, the Seniors gradually pulled out in front and held their lead. The Juniors fought frantically right up to the last to tie up the game but the Seniors were out to win and win they did. Will Farnsworth was high scorer with 24 points to his credit.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Seniors	9	4	24	12	36
Juniors	5	14	15	2	31

BOX SCORE

SENIORS	JUNIORS
7 McCarty	Rork 6
24 Farnsworth	Zahniser 8
5 York	Nelson 2
0 Mein	Stamp 13
0 Burns	Burr 2
36	31

ORATORICAL CONTEST ANNOUNCED

It is time to begin thinking of the June oratorical contest and to decide on a topic, in order that there may be plenty of time for reading, thinking, and composition.

The subjects should be current, with an up-to-the-minute appeal. Orations are from twelve to fifteen hundred words in length, or the number of words that can be spoken in ten minutes.

If more information is desired, it can be secured from Professors Stephen Paine or Stanley Wright who have charge of the contest this year.

COMMUNITY INTEREST INCREASES

On Monday evening, December 11 a group of the village fathers, braving a wild night, met in the District School House to consider matters of community interest. Mr. M. C. Cronk was elected chairman and Mr. Royal Ingersoll as secretary. Various matters pertaining to the development of community projects were discussed. After much discussion it was decided to have a nomination
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Editorial

The final game of the class series has been played, and now the series can be discussed, and reviewed. By unanimous opinion, the seven games have furnished more real basketball, more thrills, and more enjoyment than many a Purple-Gold series. The class of basketball displayed was especially gratifying and it was with no little pleasure that some of us listened to outsiders express their amazement at the improved court work, comparing it not only with other years, but also to other schools, and small colleges.

It is regrettable that the courtesy and sportsmanship of the spectators does not show a like improvement. However, it seems that the conduct of the watchers has deteriorated just the amount that the brand of basketball has improved. Loud and noisy demonstrations of satisfaction over sparkling plays, or victory, encourage the team cheered to greater efforts. But extremes in such things slope off swiftly to discourtesy, boorishness, and rowdiness. Some of the behavior of students—let us say, of some of the students—is not only deplorable in itself, and not only gives the college a black eye, in the minds of outside spectators, but has no real worth. It confuses the opposing team, it is true, but it also bothers your team. Ringing a bell clamorously may indicate a craving for more action, or satisfaction, or displeasure. All it incurs is disgust and annoyance. The band is conceded a very worthwhile improvement for all the games. Some people are attending the games in order to listen to the music as much or more than from any desire to watch the play. But no sane rational person can think that a monotonous, loud thumping of the bass drum lends enchantment to the scene, even if it is primitive. The same can be applied to shrill whistling, especially if it happens to be the same note as that of the referee's whistle. The other night the players frequently could not hear the whistle, because of that noise, and several times stopped play, mistaking the aforementioned whistle of escaping steam for the referee's signal. Another favorite trick is booing the referee. That may not show more juvenile intelligence than the other manifestations, but certainly as much. And it gets you as far.

Just off hand, it would seem that some of the more theatrically inclined learn a little "etiquette of the (basket) ball room floor," or else that about six good bouncers be hired for the coming Purple-Gold series.

COMMUNITY INTEREST

INCREASES (Continued from Page One)

committee consisting of Mr. P. Loftis, William Calkins, and P. E. Woolsey. This committee presented thirteen names representing the hill and the flat, from which seven members were elected to constitute the Village Board. The result of the elec-

tion was as follows: M. C. Cronk, William Calkins, President Luckey, P. E. Woolsey, Peter Loftis, Bessie Fancher and Frieda Gillette. The term of office will be for one year. This new organization will act as the clearing house for all community interests, social, civil, and economic.

No more Stars this year.

Should Boulder Have Student Co-operation

Friday afternoon's Student Council meeting ran true to form in that it was the scene of much controversy. The title of this article sheds some light upon the nature of the heated discussion.

An almost unanimous vote of the student body last week in favor of including the cost of the Boulder in the student activity fee, proves that the students will support this measure. The following is a report of this vote:

	For	Against
Seniors	28	12
Juniors	31	6
Sophomores	28	10

Freshmen All except 2 were in favor. Will the student receive his Boulder when it is published whether or not he has adjusted his bills at the office, or, in other words, should the student activity ticket be sufficient to secure a Boulder? Good questions to be sure. It hardly seems reasonable for a student to expect to receive his Boulder if his bills have not been paid. On the other hand, why shouldn't he expect it? He receives the benefit of the lecture course numbers and STAR subscription under these conditions and these are parallel situations.

Is it lawful to make this addition to the student activity fee this coming semester, since it is not mentioned in the catalogue? As the cost of a year's work as outlined in the catalogue it is said to be "the minimum and a probable average," one is led to believe that some of the figures are approximate: e.g. books are placed at \$15 which is simply a conservative estimate. It seems logical that the one who pays the bills should expect a few incidents. However, this does not answer the question which is one of the many causing the Student Council plenty of detailed consideration.

President of Alfred University Dies

Owing to the fact that Alfred College is situated in the same county with Houghton College, it is only fitting that mention should be made in this issue of the STAR concerning the very sudden death of President Tittsworth who has been in office there for the past six weeks. The president's death came with a great shock to Alfred University and her constituency and his passing means the loss of a great leader and educator. At this time Houghton College wishes to recognize this loss by extending her sincere sympathy to the members of the faculty and student body of Alfred University.

Student Preaches in His Home Church

On Sunday evening, December 10, a group of students from the Extension Department of the W. Y. P. S. went to the Methodist Church in Little Valley. Barnard Howe, who brought the message of the evening, is a member of this church. Mr. Howe spoke from the subject, "Consecration". During the service special music was furnished by the College Quartet and Prof. J. Stanley King.

The church people were very pleased with the spiritual inspiration of the service.

Evangelical Student

Did you ever stop to consider what significance the Christmas tree has? In the holiday season, many of us bring evergreen trees and branches into our homes to help create a cheery atmosphere, the good-will atmosphere which we call the Christmas spirit; yet we seldom ask why we do it, or what relation there is between the evergreen and the day on which we commemorate the birth of the Christ-child. With a little thought on this subject, one can note several characteristics of the decorated Christmas tree which remind us of a certain life spent nineteen centuries ago in Palestine, a life which continue for eternity.

In the first place, the very fact that we select a live tree suggests the new and eternal life which Jesus brought from God to man. The sap and the pitch remind us of the pulsating, divine energy which surges in the souls of "twice-born men." Again, the fact that the Christmas tree is an evergreen symbolizes the constancy of Christ, who is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever"; He is always the comforting, merciful, forgiving One.

As we see the lights which hang on the decorated Christmas tree, we think of the warmth of love which abides in Christ for His people, and also of the Master's words, "Ye are the light of the world." Then we notice that these lights are of different colors, perhaps representing the individuals of every race, who are shining in their native lands for the Christ who "taketh away the sin of the world." The ornaments, in their brightness, may signify the glory of the Lord; yet we realize that His glory is enduring, and will increase with each passing day, whether it be the honor given to God the Son or the shikmah revealed in the Christian's inner life.

It was once common for people to tie or hang presents on the Christmas tree, but now we usually have trees too small or presents too large to make this practical. Nevertheless this practice suggests the burdens which bore heavily upon our Saviour's life from the hour of His birth in a stable to the moment of His death on a tree. We are also reminded of the burdens we have to bear; burdens, which, when seen with the wrappings removed, prove to be gifts and blessings sent as tokens of love from the Father. Besides, there is the pleasant odor of balsam pervading the atmosphere of the room where we place a Christmas tree; and in this we sense a likeness to the Holy Spirit who as the Breath of God, blows gently into the Christian's life to purify and sweeten every thought and deed.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of a Christmas tree in relation to Christ is that the formation of twigs at the end of each branch of the type of evergreen tree we use is that of a cross. If you examine the tip of such a branch, you will find this little cross, for there are several on each tree. Of course, the cross is symbolic of the daily cross which Jesus bore and the cross whereon He died. It reminds us that the Son of God was born into the world for the explicit purpose of "giving His life a ransom for many;" the event which we now so joyously celebrate was only a step in the journey to the great cross where God and man were reconciled. He conquered life and death by the universal principle of

self-sacrifice; He gave Himself completely, perfectly, and thereby revealed Himself as God Incarnate. He also charges us to live by the cross, to love with a love that sacrifices self to the uttermost, even though it be to die by the cross; for he who so does has the key to the highest of life and the assurance of eternal peace.

When we see the Christmas tree, let us remember its meaning for us; and, above all, let us not forget the cross!

Emmanuel

They shall call His name Emmanuel, God with us. —Matt. 1:23.

"God with us" in this world of sin, This life of weakness and of woe; His love, His power and His strength With us, wherever we may go, Since Jesus came to earth to dwell And be for aye Emmanuel.

No weary days, no starless nights, No sorrow deep, no trial sore, But we can feel His presence near, "God with us", now and evermore; Since He hath come to earth to dwell

Whose name is still Emmanuel.

—Annie Johnson Flint

W.Y.P.S. Has Sunday Evening Service

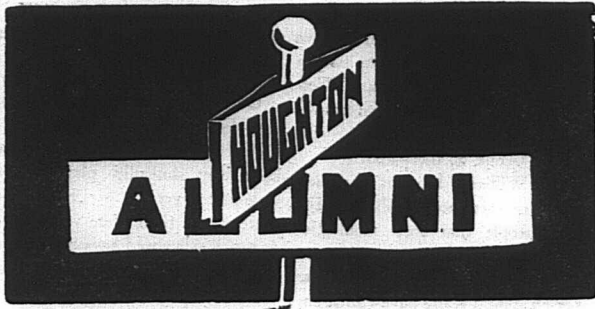
Last Sunday evening the W.Y.P.S. had the charge of the church service. With Marian Taylor as pianist, William Foster led the congregation in several hymns of praise, followed by a few individual prayers. Kenneth Wright led the devotions, of which the testimony service was a distinctly uplifting part. After a few more hymns, the second chapter of Ephesians was read; and then Clifford Weber brought the message of the evening.

Mr. Weber took for his text only four words, two from the first verse and two from the fourth verse of Ephesians 2: "And you..." and "But God..." He recounted the thoughts which came to him as he stood one night looking into the dark blue heavens, in which were set countless shining stars. The realization of man's comparative insignificance seized him; and he began to think on the vanity of man's egoism and pride in transient achievements, which are ravaged by "the moths of greed and the lust of selfishness." He said that our modern American civilization bears a striking likeness to that of ancient Sodom and Gomorrah and Rome.

Mr. Weber then turned to the more hopeful part of his text, "But God..." Both history and prophecy prove that God does influence man's destiny; and even as He moved in the days of Moses, of David, of Daniel, and of Jesus, so He will move in the generations to come. It remains for us to choose between the wrath of God and the riches of Christ.

Christmas Story in Evening Program

The Young Missionary Workers' Band on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock is presenting the program for the neglected home mission fields, originally planned for the November meeting. About half the time will be devoted to this, and the remainder to the Christmas story in song. This last is to be presented in a somewhat unique way, pleasing, it is hoped, to everyone in the audience, and spiritually effective.



CLASS OF 1931

Directory

Mary Freeman (Bain), Houghton, N. Y.
 Grover Bates, Akron, N. Y.
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 Ethel Thompson, Belmont, N.Y.
 Elma Williams, Genoa, N.Y.
 Eddie Zuber, Ottawa Lake, Mich.

Diary (in imitation of Pepys)

(Too personal, I fear, to be much like Pepys')

(This diary was done in 1927 by Ralph Long as part of his Sophomore English notebook. Mr. Long is now instructor in English in the University of Texas.)

Feb. 18th. Up quite early, and to study, since I had four classes to attend and no lessons done. I did spend the day most exemplarily in study, and in the evening attended special meeting at the church.

Feb. 19th. Cleaning day at the hall, and well it might be, for it shall ever be a source of great astonishment to me that so much dirt can gather in a week with so little occasion. Received on the noon train a letter from an old friend, with whom I had much to do in my high school days, but from whom I have long been separated by force of circumstances; and learned that he is studying his Greek and Latin in a Lutheran college at Columbus; and it did make me somewhat lonesome for the olden days, albeit these are better in many ways, though not in all. Received also a large box of apples, which did heighten mine homesickness and general wretchedness until I found it necessary to effect a cure by the somewhat homopathic method of eating too many apples.

Feb. 20th. (Lord's Day). To church in the morning, and listened to a very strong sermon. I have attended the meetings not infrequently, and have listened attentively, and

have much to praise in the discourses but must yet, I fear, remain a dissenter in some points, though I shall not be disagreeably so, I trust.

Feb. 21st. To an auction this afternoon, which was an entirely new experience. Friend Moulton and I bought us a chair to replace one which we broke some months ago in a moment of exuberance. Truly it was a pleasant afternoon, though I nearly froze both my feet, and it pleased me greatly to watch the farmers bid one against the other, and to hear the talk of the auctioneer, and to look over the stuff which sold, for there was a great lot of it, and it ranged from spinning wheels and fishing tackle (whereby I was happily reminded of friend Isaac's pleasant treatise, and of the coming season, too) to cattle and horses. It wonders me about our chair, whether it is altogether proper or not, for it is of most unusual color.

Feb. 22nd. My sister's birthday, and may God bless her, though I forgot to send her anything for to show her I had her in mind. She is now seventeen, and I do hate to see her reach what is usually the wayward age in her sex, but she is not of a frivolous nature and may prove an exception. Nevertheless, I have never known any girl who was not the least likeable of her whole lifetime in the three years beginning with her eighteenth when they are generally frivolous, vain, superficial, selfish and even mean, not having attained quite to the ripeness of young womanhood (beautiful as it should be), for young men do reach to mental and spiritual maturity younger than their sisters.

Feb. 23rd. Was particularly pleased with the chapel speaker this noon for that he did give advice to the girls, which, if they would take it would make them much more admired.

Feb. 24th. Did heartily enjoy watching my room-mate doing his washing for that he put all his clothes in one kettle and boiled them, wherefore they are now all the same hue, and it is not a specially agreeable one. Begn to study after supper in preparation for a Sophomore English test (who shall deliver me?), but straightway fell to reflecting upon the vanity of human endeavour, whereupon I instead went to bed.

Houghton, N.Y.
 December 12, 1933

Dear Alumni,
 All I have to do is explain in three hundred English words *how* is a district school.

Mine is not without interest, anguish, joy, and suspense. One day I let a boy go to the roof to rescue something precious. A block of wood, left by some Indian of a preceding epoch, was dislodged by his ladder. With all of Alleghany county to land in, it playfully sailed west, hurtled through a 14" by 30" window and joined the other sticks near the stove. Next day arrived the worst blizzard of the week, a goodly portion of it entering by the same route

But just before nineteen shivering forms breathed their last icy gasp, a brave man entered and put in the pane.

My next topic sentence runs thus: District school teaching is more strenuous than that of high school. The high school teacher need be an authority only in Latin or manual arts. The district school teacher ought to know the course of study for eight grades, including music, drawing, handcraft and games. She should be a good reader and story teller. She needs a wide knowledge of juvenile books, of child nature, of child interests. It is rather discouraging to compare what one needs to know with what one does know.

A child's questions run from "what are the people like on Mars?" to "what is a saloon?" or "why can't ships go as fast as cars?" Small children ought to have the best teachers because childhood is the time of greatest plasticity. Now that we understand the conditioned reflex, we can set right to work establishing good child habits.

The district school teacher enjoys daily contact with the children—the finest people there are. Are they not the most loving, the most loyal, the freest from meanness of all kinds? When I see a sweet little child, doing his work the best he knows how, I feel a certain sadness to think that he must grow up and lose many of the qualities that endear him to us all 11:30. Goodnight and Merry Christmas.

Belle Russell Lang

Harriet Storms Vrooman is recovering from an operation for appendicitis in the W.C.A. hospital, in Jamestown.

Rev. Ralph Standley has just returned to his home in Randolph from the W.C.A. hospital in Jamestown where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Our Faculty

In the June 1911 monthly issue of the "Star" we find the following portrayal of the faculty of that year as given by Mr. Ralph L. Davy of the class of '13. It will be remembered that the Rev Mr. Davy gave us that excellent sermon recently on Sunday morning of Home-Coming week.

It is a self evident truth that the most important part of the equipment of any institution of learning is its faculty. The faculty is the important feature to such an extent that it is said that a man once important in political circles defined a college as a log with a student on one end and Mark Hopkins on the other. Evidently he intended to say that President Hopkins possessed in himself all the equipment necessary to a college. If then it be granted that in the personality of the president and his collaborators is to be found the real element of the greatness of a college or seminary, Houghton Seminary stands second to no seminary or college in our land. Consider the character and attainments of Houghton's president and faculty.

President Luckey is unsurpassed in the class room. His ability to cause one to comprehend the intricacies of a subject is unrivalled. By nature he is possessed of a fine determined spirit that marks him as a born leader of men. Added to these superior natural qualifications are the results of years of conscientious careful preparation in Houghton, Albany Normal College, Oberlin and finally at Harvard for his chosen profession. The result is a man whom any college in the land might be proud to recognize as its president.

Professor H. C. Bedford is a man who

will rank high in any company of educators. The careful preparation of years has enabled him to arrive at such proficiency in Hellenistic history and language that one might easily suppose that the Ancient Greek was his mother tongue. Dignified in bearing, clear, concise, careful, correct in his statements, thorough in his methods, Professor Bedford is a strong factor in Houghton's greatness.

Professor McDowell must be known to be appreciated. His terse pointed manner of speech often causes the heart of the new student to sink to the proverbial shoe level; but to the initiated, the one who has learned to catch the kindly twinkle of the eye that often accompanies his blunt statements there comes a feeling of reverence for the man. Years of experience as a teacher, firm well-grounded Christian character, a commanding presence, and splendid mental ability, combine to render Professor McDowell an ideal instructor.

Professor Rindfus is one of the younger teachers of the faculty in point of years and experience.—Just from Oberlin he brings a large amount of energy and enthusiasm with him. A jolly, optimistic spirit, great natural ability and fitness for his work as well as a real sense of the responsibilities of life, have not failed to make for Professor Rindfus a warm place in the heart of every student coming under his instruction.

Professor Smith is a worthy example of patient, conscientious, painstaking care in whatever he undertakes. He evidently proceeds on the theory that whatever is worth doing is worth doing well. An indefatigable zeal and determination have enabled Professor Smith to make the English Department a source of strength to Houghton.

Professor Bruce of the Theological Department is a man whose life and personality are a continual inspiration to noble endeavour, a man of whom one often hears the statement "he is the best man I ever saw." A gentle spirit, careful study, years of experience as a pastor and instructor render Professor Bruce a splendid man to bring into contact with the lives of the young.

It seems natural for some instructors to secure an immense amount of work from the classes instructed. Miss Greenberg evidently belongs to this class. Vigor, thoroughness, ability, mastery of the subject characterize the teacher and her work in Latin.

Space forbids that this article shall do more than mention Miss Jennings who has filled the perplexing and often vexing position of Dean of women with dignity and ability second to none, and of whom it has been said that no teacher could possibly have put more of herself into her work than she does; or Mrs. Bowen who has made such a splendid success of the work in the grades, or Mrs. Dow, a teacher of German possessed of extraordinary ability and proficiency, or of Miss Farnsworth, who has brought the Musical Department into such favorable prominence and who has won to herself a host of friends both in the Seminary and throughout the surrounding country and villages.

In brief, Houghton Seminary has a faculty every member of which is a source of strength to the institution, and taken as a body, a more conscientious, devoted competent band of instructors cannot be found in any other school regardless of size, reputation, or location.

Open Forum

Albion, N.Y.
 December 7, 1933

Mr. Foster Benjamin,
 Editor, Houghton Star
 Houghton, N.Y.

Dear Foster,

I regretted very much that it was impossible for me to be at Home-Coming week end. Those affairs are always enjoyable—the class reunions, the remaking of friendships, the banquet, all go toward the prophecy, "We'll n'er forget our college days." In fact, Home-Coming seems to be the one thing, at present

which makes Houghton a reality. This is so only by the will of a few.

Next year, Foster, you will be away from Houghton. At the end of two or three years you will feel that "Alumnus distance." Some days ago, I was visiting a member of the class of '32. As we talked over old times, this person said, "Those class parties, banquets and so on seem years remote. I don't know where most of our class mates are now—sometimes I almost doubt that there is a Houghton." You can readily see that this condition should not exist. The results of Houghton's training begin to decay, and all her wholesome effects are scattered.

It is not that the "grads" have been inactive for improvements. There have been proposals for changes from time to time. But always have these been treated as "leper ideas" and greeted with the cry "unclean" until it is evident that some Houghtonites believe that all good ideas come only from Houghton, those growing elsewhere are foul. I refer to suggestions of a memorial to President Luckey and to the creation of an Alumni Periodical.

Perhaps many have sensed the presence of a "gag" in the school, or a "silencer" on students. You feel it in your present position, I'm sure. It was the greatest single cause for the downfall of the Student Council. Whether the Faculty have meaningfully parented this feeling, I know not. However, it is high time they knew it existed. I speak of the "uncriticizing" atmosphere. During my four years in college fully ninety percent of the students were forced to believe and to practice the theory of never openly criticizing the Faculty or institution fearing the Faculty will get "down" on the student; and a "faculty-downed" student was either expelled for some triviality or "low-marked" during his entire course. This has carried over after graduation and we find very many alumni with no firm attitude toward anything suggested. With my meager experience in life, I find that those who cannot stand sharp criticism "are like the chaff which the wind driveth away." God forbid that shadow be cast upon the influence for good which Houghton is able to impart to her students.

I am sure that many graduates would welcome a Houghton Alumni Magazine. But there are a few people who occupy the "high position" who are not in accord with such. They seem unconvinced by present facts and will not allow changes. They sit in the whip-seat and will not crack the whip to start the horses, using it rather to keep a new driver from climbing into position. This is far from the democratic atmosphere of which Houghton boasts. It assumes the aspect of a dictatorial group fearing changes less it tread on the toes of tradition or blot out the memory of some departed teacher and guide. It seems to cherish more and love the future less.

Expense has been mentioned as a deterrent to an Alumni Magazine. Allow me to cite a small college within 150 miles of Houghton. They publish a 16 page Alumni Magazine twice a year. It is sent *gratis* to all members of the Alumni Association, price \$1.00 a year to all others. During the twelve years this college has been chartered only 440 people have graduated. In the past decade that college has received gifts totaling a half million dollars for its building fund—the Alumni very largely responsible for these gifts. Houghton, with a larger Alumni group and an

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Squirrel Food

Cracked by Two Nuts

Believe it or not, water has killed more people than liquor ever did. Remember the flood?

—: "Where do little boys go who fish on Sundays?"
Bill: "Over to the deep hole on the Perkins Farm."

"I don't know exactly how old she is," he said, "but a cup of tea rests her."

How did they come to invent the phrase, "the quick and the dead," before the age of automobiles?

And another thing this country needs is a three-pants and two-coats suit.

The difference between law and custom seems to be that it takes a lot of nerve to violate a custom.

"The bride offered him a biscuit—
The coward feared to risk it."

We heard positively the last one on our friend the absent minded professor: He slammed his wife and kissed the door.

And remember that scotchman, who, when told to bring a present to a golden wedding, brought a goldfish?

Note for driving students: Pedestrians should be seen and not hurt.

Her countenance fell,
Writes an author gifted—
No doubt she went
And had it lifted.

We knew a good joke about John and Janet, but they wouldn't let us print it.

Burns (pleasantly): "You sometimes find a pearl in an oyster stew."
Doc (tersely): "I'm only looking for oysters."

Pity the rise of I. M. Hot. He struck a match, when he should have not.

Stenog: "Your little girl wants to kiss you over the phone."
Busy Mgr.: "Take the message. I'll get it from you later."

Wanted: Girl. Apply at dispensary. One who can sew buttons on the third floor.
—Pa. Paper

The more cheek a girl has, the less blushing she does.

Playing second fiddle at home doesn't make a man a musician.

Nothing disturbs a woman's poise like avoidupoise.

At any rate Prohibition certainly was responsible for some dry humor.

—: "Why do blushes creep over girls' faces?"
—: "Because if they ran they would kick up too much dust."

Pondering Priscilla asks if one can cool a car off by stripping the gears.

Barker: "I don't see where we can put up the lecturer for the night."
Cronk: "Don't worry, he brings his own bunk."

"Phwat wuz the last card Oi delt ye Moike?"
"A spade."
"Oi knew it. Oi saw ye sit on yer hands before ye picked it up."

Open Forum

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Endowment plan, hasn't duplicated this.

But, Foster, all my arguments will probably go for naught as no person can be convinced against his will. Then, too, the STAR does not reach a large part of the Alumni. However, there will be groups leaving college each year and we hope that they will be convinced and that their voices will be heard.

Yours truly,
Warren Thurber, '32.

Missionary Topics Given Tuesday Evening

The monthly missionary meeting of the Senior Y.M.W.B. was held in the chapel Tuesday evening in place of the usual students' prayer service.

Paul Allen, the president, introduced the speakers and gave a general outline of the topics.

Kenneth Wright gave a talk on "Medical Missionary Work" showing the necessity of medicine in doing work among foreign heathen.

Medical work breaks down the barrier between the native and the missionary.

Mrs. Alton Liddick read a paper which dealt with the necessity of educating the heathen as well as taking the gospel to them. She used God's words "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" as a basis for her article.

Harold Boon's message concerned the pioneer evangelization, emphasizing the Open Door. He said that missionaries are not sent to convert the world but that the gospel may reach the world through their preaching. At the conclusion of the talk a prayer service was held in which many prayed for a greater zeal in Houghton.

Sunday School Plans Christmas Service

The college sophomore and junior girls' Sunday School classes have planned a Christmas service to be presented next Sunday morning at the regular Sunday School hour, 9:50.

Among the attractive features of the program are the twenty-minute exercises given by the children of the beginners, primary, and junior departments. Other numbers include readings, vocal and instrumental numbers and a short talk on the subject, "The Spirit of Christmas."

All classes are to meet in the chapel and there will be no regular class sessions.

Instrumental Recital

The following recital was given by the students from classes of Prof. J. Stanley King Thursday p. m., December 14.

Adeste Fideles
Sweet and Low
Violin Class:
Lorraine Brownell, Frances Hotchkiss, Dorothy Miller, Marjorie Moore.
Clarinet solo, Largo Handel
Gerald Wright
Violin Solo, Gavotte Martini
Brace Young
Petite Etude Pochon
String Quartet:
Orrell York, 1st violin, Brace Young, 2nd violin, Stanley King, viola, and Magdalene Murphy, 'cello.
Trombone Solo, The Message Brooks
Harold Korff
'Cello Solo, Pilgrims' Chorus Wagner
Harold Elliott

High School Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Krebs announce the birth of a seven pound baby girl, Mary Elizabeth. Mrs. Seymour Krebs was formerly Gladys Jewell who graduated from Houghton Seminary, class of '32.

Tuesday morning the English IV class was the scene of a debate. The affirmative, upheld by Margaret Wright and Adrian Everts resolved that the students of Houghton Seminary be required to spend their study periods in the study hall. The negative, Lois York and Alex Spooner, contended that their plan, consisting of a high school library, was better. Mr. Barnard Howe was judge and gave his decision in favor of the affirmative.

LIGHT BEARERS

James Hurd opened the service by leading a few songs. Dorothy Krause led the testimony and prayer service. The latter was the best tes-

timony service the Lightbearers have had this year. Ruth Wright sang a solo, "It Pays to Serve Jesus." Gerald Wright and James Hurd accompanied her on their clarinets with Barbara Cronk at the piano.

Mrs. Williams brought the message of the afternoon. She told the young people that they should let God have first place in everything in their lives. She further stated that a person should really have Christ for a Saviour and not merely try to drift along on the religious atmosphere in Houghton.

Monday morning five members of the English IV class gave a program entitled "Christmas in other lands." The following members took part: Dorothy Krause, Miss Norway; Virginia Gootemote, Miss Germany; Gertrude Crouch, Miss Spain; Chester Lusk, Mr. Chili, Adran Everts. Mr. Holland. Misses Norway. Spain and Germany were dressed in costume. The members of the various countries sat in a group, supposedly in a hotel lobby and in the course of their conversation told each other how Christmas was spent in their native country.

HONOR ROLL

Gerald Beach, Alice McKinney, Reba Fuller, Dorothy Krause, Lorraine Latta, Jack Crandall, Rheinhold Bohnacker, Dorothy Beach.

Last Friday the English II class reproduced the trial scene in the "Merchant of Venice." Our characters were as follows: Geraldine Hall, Narcissa; Ruth Wright, Portia; Douglas Pitt, Antonio; Rheinhold Bohnacker, Shylock; Roy McCarty, Salario; Ralph Monty, Gratiano; Robert Krause, Duke; Donald Kauffman, Bassanio.

It was very interesting indeed, and the characters acted their parts very well. We hope that sometime again this class may present a play.

Sports

At last the class series is over after a group of games which have resulted in the best series for many years. All four teams were quite evenly matched as was shown by the resulting 3 way tie. The Seniors were picked to win handily but couldn't get going at first, therefore they were compelled to wait until the play offs to capture the title. Some are wont to say that they were extremely lucky, but it proved that they weren't. They outplayed the Juniors, Monday night despite the fact that McCarty was not in shape to play. Had he been in form, it would have been almost a walkaway.

The Frosh who didn't see much action in the class series gained a little prestige and satisfaction by taking a game from the Sophs in Monday night's preliminary contest. The Soph aggregation wasn't present in its full strength for Wilson was out due to an injury and Charlie Benjamin was absent. However, the Frosh played good basketball and deserved the victory they grasped. The highlight of the game was the superb guard game played by Rich Farnsworth who held Frank Gannon, an ever present scoring threat to one field goal.

LINE UP

FROSH	SOPHS
2 Gannon	Anderson 8
3 Gibbins	Moon 2
6 Colburn	Morrison 4
6 Heminway	Houghton 2

9 Smith
26
Farnsworth 2
18

Our class basketball teams are capable of playing a good brand of basketball for the last two games have been very skillfully played. Fouls were not prevalent in either of these contests and there were very few instances which could have been termed unfair playing. It goes without saying that this is the kind of basketball that both spectators and players desire and we are all hoping that every contest of the Purple-Gold series may be played in this same manner.

Outside of Houghton the basketball courts are beginning to resound from the noise of contest both collegiate and high school. Canisius with an allstar aggregation of veterans were upset by Brockport Normal last week in a game which took an extra period to complete. Niagara and University of Buffalo also have teams which promise exceptional performance. Marshall Stall, who is playing his second year on the U. of B. varsity as center should be a threat to most any team for he was good last year and according to some critics he should out-class the great "Eddie" Malanowitz.

Again our dope has been upset for "Hunk" Anderson's record for the current year was not sufficient to help him at Notre Dame. To take his place the authorities have chosen Elmer Layden, one of the four horsemen, to come back and guide the team with which he once rode to fame. According to Grantland Rice this choice is wise. His success in the field of coaching since leaving South Bend qualifies Layden to return to his Alma Mater and steer the Irish back to the crest again. And if that is not recommendation enough, it might be remembered that he was one of the four Horsemen of Football fame.

The inner circles of the big league baseball are seething with excitement as the player trading draws near its climax. Connie Mack is the outstanding figure for he is expected to place five of his once championship outfit on the trading block. Cochrane is to manage the Detroit Tigers. Moose Earnshaw may go to the Chicago White Sox and Grove, Bishop and Walberg will complete Connie's big deal. It is surely evident that with the legalizing of Sunday Baseball in Pennsylvania the manager of the Philadelphia Athletics is doing everything possible to whip into shape a team that will finish on top in the American league.

PIANO RECITAL

Thursday afternoon, October 7 a piano recital was given by a group of Prof. Cronk's pupils.

Cradle Song,	Palmgren
Lucymae Stuart	
Dagger Dance	Victor Herbert
Crystal Crone	
May Night	Palmgren
Esther Brewer	
Serenade	Dent Mowrey
Richard Hale	
Nocturne in C Major	Grieg
Marian Taylor	
Valse in E minor	Chopin
Frances Hotchkiss	

This recital was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The performers were apparently at ease and played with a degree of interpretation. The recitals of this year show a marked improvement over those of former years.