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date. Ninety-six of these are old students (I do not refer to age) the remaining sixty-two new. These students range in age from twelve to thirty years and in scholastic training from the elementary grade to the dignified College Senior. About forty-five per cent of the student body are professed Christians.

In order to be accurate in my discussion of Houghton's Ideals I have asked seven individuals, representative of the faculty and entire student body to answer briefly the question "What is your highest PERSONAL ideal and your highest ideal for Houghton Seminary?" I reproduce in part the answers received:

To be a good Christian, husband, father, teacher and citizen; to see Houghton Seminary a school of full College grade able to grant degrees and a school whose highest aim is to graduate men and women who will bless the world and exert a Christian influence."

"To be a woman of good judgment, strong physically, intellectually and spiritually, modest refined, mirthful, yet serious, sympathetic, and above all to show my devotion to God at all times and under all circumstances. That Houghton should be a school whose chief aim is to give young people the best possible training for Christian service in the home, church and state. One whose teachers are first of all filled with the Holy Spirit, who are refined and devoted to their calling. A school whose students respect the aims of the institution and those in authority."

"My highest personal ideal is, that I may be Christlike. My highest ideal for the Women's Athletic Association is that it may develop every woman in Houghton Seminary, physically and mentally and spiritually."

"My highest personal ideal is to acquire legitimately all the knowledge and all the development of which I am capable during my preparatory period. Then I desire to spend whatever concentrated energy I may possess in rendering service to humanity in the channel that an all

wise Father directs. To see Houghton Seminary qualified and equipped to develop harmoniously the entire man as they are committed to her trust as students; with a minimum of friction between faculty and students and between different classes of students; to see so much of enthusiasm created that a student would not only respect but strongly love his chosen work thus recognizing it as one part of God's great plan."

"That I may be able to live each day in such a way as to contribute to the unfolding of my Creator's plan for my life and its usefulness. That Houghton Seminary shall always stand for God and truth and contribute to the home, church and state qualified Christian men and women who love truth"

"To try and to be all that God would have me to be. To do what is set before me cheerfully and the best I can; to be kind and loving to all about me helping where it is my power to help; to be willing to receive advice from one older and wiser than myself; to develop the talents which God has bestowed upon me to the best of my ability and to use those talents in a way that shall be pleasing in his sight. The ideal Conditions for Houghton is to have a united student body each of whom shall put himself heart and soul into his work; who shall look upon God as his helper in all the little difficulties that may assail him in his daily routine of duties; who shall be helpful to his fellow students and do cheerfully whatever is required of him."

"I believe the highest ideal which actuates the majority of the members of the Men's Athletic Association of Houghton Seminary is the desire to have a good time, to relax from the grind of school life and to find an opportunity to enjoy clean, wholesome, invigorating recreation. However, I equally believe that the association does hold as an ideal the development of the symmetrical, well-rounded complete man."

If you will compare the underlying principles expressed in the above quotations you will see that Hough-

ton is not deteriorating in her ideals. As an institution, Houghton has no desire to remove the Ancient land marks which our fathers have set.

Fellow students, it is for us to take the heritage laid at our feet and improving, hand it down to our successors untarnished. By God's help, this will we do.

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## Co-operative Government To Date

EVERETT A. OVERTON

For some time there has been considerable discussion among our students regarding co-operative government. Last year, we had a "student government" issue of the Star. But it seems that the Faculty also had been considering the matter. They were so favorably impressed with the idea that a faculty committee, composed of President Luckey and Deans Rindfusz and Thurston, was authorized to meet a student committee for the purpose of preparing a plan for presentation to the entire student body. A student committee was accordingly chosen, composed of Grace Sloan, Howard Barnett and F. H. Wright. The plan recommended by the joint committee has been adopted; and the committee has been retained to secure information regarding student government in other schools, and to make further recommendations.

As adopted, our plan provides for three thoroughly representative student senates. The men's senate will consist of the president of the men's division of the student body and ten others—the elementary department, the theological department, the four preparatory classes and the four college classes each furnishing one senator. The women's senate will be chosen in like manner. In addition to these senates, we are to have a general senate made up of half the members of the other two. Affairs relating entirely to men or women alone will receive the attention of the proper senates, while matters of common interest will go

to the general senate. Any senate may approve existing rules, adopt new rules, try cases involving such rules, and make recommendations to the faculty regarding the punishment of offenders. Matters may be brought before any senate by the faculty, by a member of that senate, or by any student representing any class or department of the school.

A classification of the students has been posted on the bulletin board. Before this goes to press, the senators will probably have been elected and the experiment fairly launched. If successful, it cannot but create increased initiative and interest among our students.

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## Prohibition Work in Oswego Co., N. Y., and The National Prohibition Convention

C. FLOYD HESTER

During the "summer-winter" months of July and August I pumped my bicycle over the hills, across the valleys, and beside the lakes of Oswego county; now sailing along on a smooth macadamized road, now driving thru the sifting sand; now witnessing to the intense heat along the parched highway, now moving with retarded speed thru mud and rain. In my personal canvass I interviewed 671 voters, enrolling 356 with the Prohibition Party, 120 of whom were recruits, raised \$268.97 for the Prohibition Com., besides collecting \$49.50 on former pledges, took 145 subscriptions to the American Advance, and spoke in 13 churches.

As the National Prohibition convention was held at Atlantic City, N. J., July 10-12, it seemed best to take advantage of this great opportunity so near at hand. On July 9 occurred the National Convention and contest of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association to which M. R. Hamm of Colgate Univ., N. D. Cranmer of Syracuse Univ., and myself were delegates from N. Y. The large Music Hall of the "Steel Pier," which rests on pillars in the midst of the splash-



ing waves and white caps of the Atlantic Ocean, was probably the most delightful place that could be found anywhere for the six orators to vie for National Honors in Prohibition Oratory. The chairman requested the audience not to interrupt the orators while speaking. But when Frank Wideman of Florida pealed forth like an Abraham Lincoln, the crowd could contain itself no longer and burst forth in cheers, shouts and hurrahs, greeting the young southerner with a sea of waving handkerchiefs. The judges decided this man had won the first prize of \$100. and H. G. McCain of Oregon second prize of \$50.

The following day, July 10, the Prohibition National Convention convened, and the temporary chairman, C. N. Howard, "Rochester's little giant," gave his masterpiece, "The Handwriting on the Wall." The work of the convention moved on. About 1000 delegates were there to DO BUSINESS. And they DID business. Everyone was intensely interested in what was done. Prof. Chas. Scanlon of Penn., who is probably the ablest man in the party ranks, for presiding over a deliberative body, wielded the gavel most of the time. There was no need of armed policemen as was the case at the Chicago conv., nor were any of the liquor sellers enriched by the delegates as was the case at the Baltimore conv. Notice this quotation taken from the "Atlantic City Daily" of July 12, 1912: "Three days of almost continuous session and not a cigar or cigarette stub, with nary an empty bottle or tobacco stain on the pier, is a mighty testimony to the difference in the personnel of the Prohibition delegates and those of the Chicago and Baltimore conventions."

A national platform was adopted which excels all other platforms out this fall, in dealing with the prominent questions before the American people. Even Roosevelt with all his claims has not come up to our progressive principles. E. W. Chafin and A. S. Watkins were chosen for our standard bearers. My pious brother, if you have been looking

for a "Good Man" for whom to cast your vote this fall, you need not look any farther. Here he is. Behold, the man. Eugene Chafin was admitted to the bar of the U. S. Supreme Court in 1909, for three decades has been an ardent champion of Prohibition, and has for many years been accorded a place among the greatest orators America has produced. Besides this he is an author, a profound scholar, and an encyclopedic authority upon all phases of American history. He is a graduate of Wisconsin University.

Voter, you need not hesitate, for, as Capt. Stanley sang: "Eugene Chafin is the man to lead us on."

Although this is the third summer I have spent in this manner, yet the work does not grow old; for, as long as our government continues to sanction vice, legalize crime, and protect the greatest curse the world has ever known; so long, will the cause of POLITICAL PROHIBITION be a live issue for which to fight and sacrifice. There is no alternative for us; we must destroy the legalized Liquor Traffic, or the LIQUOR TRAFFIC WILL DESTROY OUR NATION. Neither Debs, Taft, Roosevelt, now Wilson will do anything to relieve the dangerous situation. This fact is evidenced by the past and present of these men. True, the fourth named candidate advocates LOCAL OPTION, which policy has the effect of cutting off a lizard's tail with the unceasing result that the tail soon grows back again because the head and body are left untouched. We have been trying local option in one form or another for the last half century—but with what result? The Liquor Traffic today is stronger and mightier than in any time past. Does this look like we have been accomplishing much by our non partisan-local-option methods? Richmond P. Hobson boldly declares that the ALCOHOL CANCER can never be cured by gouging out little spots here and there. It must be a NATIONAL OPERATION. Thos. F. Marshall has told us plainly what to do when he said: "The DEMOCRAT who believes that

the Liquor Business should be abolished entirely, should not vote for me. He should vote the Prohibition Ticket." The Indiana governor stated a fact which some of the rest of us need to set down in our day book to be reviewed on election morning. For instead of the word Democrat, in the above quotation, we may substitute "Republican," "Socialist," or "Progressive," and the statement will still be true when uttered by the respective candidate.

Voters, comrades, will you do your duty this fall and help win the approaching victory; for the PROHIBITION PARTY now FACES THE OPPORTUNITY OF ITS HISTORY.

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#### Prohibition Work in Jefferson Co., N. Y.

The editor of the STAR requested me to give a short report of my work this summer under the State Prohibition Committee of New York.

I was sent into the northern part of the state into Jefferson county and during the two months I was employed there I covered, by wheel, by

per the act of March 3, 1879.

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STAR. Enough to say that I experienced all stages of popularity from being entertained in the most sumptuous homes and driven from place to place in autos, to being chased and bitten by dogs, glared at by bachelor girls and compelled to walk ten miles after dark because no one would permit me to stay all night with them.

Perhaps a word about the State Prohibition Convention at Olean would not be out of place at this time. I was permitted to be there only a short time but the spirit of the convention was shown plainly in the speeches of Hobson, Chafin, Ferguson MacNicholl, and also in the attitude of the delegates who pledged in the short space of two hours \$12,000. It showed that the Prohibition Party is not merely a name, but a grand living reality and that sometime soon a government by the people and for the people will be established by a political party pledged to the abolition of the commercialization of the youth of its citizens. Clair Beverly.

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#### First Impressions of Houghton, As Chronicled by a Freshman, A. D., 1912.

Old Sol had been beaming on the world for two hours or more as my train stopped at the little station called Houghton and I stepped out to meet a former friend, my only acquaintance in a strange country. The dew still sparkled on the velvety lawns and the air was filled with that clear, crisp fragrance that foretells an ideal September day. As my friend led me through the streets of the village, I began to think that Dame Nature had been about as lavish in her gifts, to New York as she had been in old Pennsylvania. But before I reached my destination I decided that she had been exceedingly partial to New York in the matter of terrestrial elevations. I had certainly supposed that mountain climbing would be elective, but finding it to be required I plodded patiently on. Soon, however, my



toil was rewarded and all was forgotten as I viewed the imposing structure of Houghton Seminary, surrounded by a beautiful campus. My realization was certainly greater than my anticipation, as I viewed the scene before me.

My escort did not give me nearly time enough to enjoy the picture, but hurried me on to view the interior of the building, where my mind was to be urged on to greater stores of knowledge. Here my surname and a part of my family history was imparted to the honored Gentleman, who so kindly listened to the recital of my meagre store of knowledge and assigned me to the mercy of other patient gentlemen, who were soon to discover my shortcomings and help me to overcome them.

I was then taken down to the basement and shown into a room containing a table surrounded by chairs. I really hadn't expected lunch so soon, but I seated myself thinking how thoughtful it was of the faculty to offer refreshments to their new students, but to my intense surprise I was served with questions regarding the conjugation of German verbs. Soon after this disappointment, however, the dinner hour really did come and I was taken over to the Dormitory, where I was soon to eat, live and have my being. Here the dining room was also in the basement but they served something that left a more comfortable feeling than German verbs.

I was so glad that they showed me the dining room before they took me to the Dean, as I fear I could never have climbed the stairs to her room as it was my knees grew very unstable and my heart thumped unmercifully as we knocked at her door. As the door opened I was astonished to find that I was still able to speak my name. After a few moments conversation, however, I was very loth to leave her but was told there was still more land to be explored. My room and room mate were yet to be seen. As I climbed the stairs, preceded by the Dean, my mind began to be filled with all sorts of imaginations as to the virtues and

failings of my future room mate. Did she talk in her sleep? Did she have red hair?(At this thought an audible groan escaped me.) Did she scratch when she got mad? Did she need over half a bed to sleep in? I had just reached this stage in my thoughts when the Dean said, "This is your room," and opened the door. There she was reading by a table, that unknown creature! I looked at her and she looked at me, and then we looked some more. Finally this painful silence was broken by the Dean, with these words, "To be or not to be, that is the question." Simultaneously we both answered "to be," and then laughed, shook hands and the worst was over. For her benefit I will say that none of my imaginations were true and that I couldn't have found a more desirable roommate.

On the whole, I was impressed with the air of kindly interest and friendliness shown by everyone I met, which made me feel at home at once. I can truly say that my first impressions of Houghton were certainly of the best and as every new day comes. I discover different OUR NATION. Neither Debs, Taft, Roosevelt, now Wilson will do anything to relieve the dangerous situation. This fact is evidenced by the past and present of these men. True, the fourth named candidate advocates LOCAL OPTION, which policy has the effect of cutting off a lizard's tail with the unceasing result that the tail soon grows back again because the head and body are left untouched. We have been trying local option in one form or another for the last half century—but with what result? The Liquor Traffic today is stronger and mightier than in any time past. Does this look like we have been accomplishing much by our non partisan-local-option methods? Richmond P Hobson boldly declares that the ALCOHOL CANCER can never be cured by gouging out little spots here and there. It must be a NATIONAL OPERATION. Thos. F. Marshall has told us plainly what to do when he said: "The DEMOCRAT who believes that

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But it is with unaffected pleasure that we take this opportunity of welcoming each and every student to erudition's classic shade by Houghton-on-the-Genesee. Once more the joyous, pulsating spirit of youth pervades the atmosphere, and arouses the little village from the drowsy tranquility which broods over it during the summer. And we are all indeed glad to be here. To those who have been here before and are privileged to return again this year, this goes without saying. But it is just as inevitable that those who are here for the first time, will depart next June as inseparably attached to Houghton and as loyal to its cherished ideals and traditions as those who in other years have been unmeasurably blessed and uplifted by coming under its influence.



As intimated, the STAR may lay some slight claim to age, and, we trust corresponding experience and progress, both from a literary and a financial standpoint. If we were to fix the blame for this last, we would unhesitatingly lay a good share at the door of the College Senior Class of 1913, or to use a synonymous appellation, Hon. C. Floyd Hester, general promoter of enterprise and Manager of the STAR. Words would be entirely futile and inadequate to express the tithe of what he has done, and so we desist. It was, however, the mind of the U. L. A. that as long as Mr. Hester remained near these haunts, he could hold a monopoly on this position; and we, therefore, expect to retain him, until he is called to help Chafin administer the affairs of government next year. Mr. La Rue Bird, '15, who did good service last year as Assistant Business Manager, will continue to assist Mr. Hester in that capacity.

We regret that Mr. James Elliott has felt compelled, under the stress of manifold duties, to resign his position as Assistant Editor. However, we are sure that the vacancy has been well filled by the election of Mr. Ward C. Bowen '14, who has watched the STAR grow from its infancy, and will therefore be well prepared to administer to its more mature wants. In fact, Mr. Bowen is one of the few old students of long standing that remain to us this year, and he has we believe caught the real spirit of the school in no small measure.

We have much which we might say by way of introduction anent the other members of the staff, but which we question whether it were not better to leave unsaid. But however much they may suffer at our hands from this initial presentation, yet we console ourselves by the thought that after all nothing we can say can add to or detract from their true merit and ability.

Miss Grace B. Sloan '15, Editor of Organizations, came to us last year from Indiana, and immediately impressed herself upon us all as being

a woman of utmost good sense and judgment, alive to both the humor and pathos of life, capable and self-reliant, asking no favors of mere man, yet withal a womanly woman. Miss Sloan has had much experience with the world, and will act as a balance to a somewhat youthful and immature staff.

Mr. Paul Fall '14, who also hails from the Hoosier state, is a virile, red-blooded (and we must also confess, red-headed) young American citizen, possessing an inherent spirit of fair play as well as a quaint, inimitable humor—an ideal man, we must admit, for our Athletic Editor.

Miss Mary P. Hubbard '15, Alumni Editor, is in one sense a connecting link between the old and the new regime, in that her memory of and acquaintance with Houghton extends back to the days of the Old Seminary. Consequently all her predilections and sympathies, coupled with an unsurpassed record for conscientious and faithful service in every duty she has undertaken, are enlisted in the success of this work.

We frankly present to you, our Campus Editor, Mr. G. Tremaine McDowell '15, as the youngest and the most irrepressibly alive member of the staff. However, these are, we trust, faults which time will remedy in part. Nevertheless, Mr. McDowell has had considerable experience, not only on the STAR, but also in connection with other student activities, and his department will perforce be well conducted.

The name of W. LaVay Fancher '15 has appeared before on the staff of the Star in those old historic days of its early existence. Possibly it might appear at first blush that his present position of Exchange Editor is incompatible with his experience and ability. Our idea of his job, however, is not altogether that of perfunctorily lambasting or complimenting our Exchanges as the spirit moves, but rather that of acting in the more important office of expert adviser to the Editor and Business Manager, and in all ways keeping our paper progressive and up-to-date, beyond the pale of criticism.

In Mr. Fancher we believe we have such a man of ideas and initiative.

Miss C. Belle Russel '14, guiding genius of that nondescript department "Odds and Ends," is, we must admit something of an enigma, in that she possesses a conscious and

a sub-conscious sense of humor, the latter being manifested by a most touching devotion to Greek. She will not, however, conduct this department in that defunct language for fear that any benighted ones might not receive full value.



GRACE B. SLOAN, '15, EDITOR

#### Sophaenian Society

Our society opened the new school year on September thirteenth, by a very interesting program, an excellent attendance and a manifestation of enthusiasm on the part of every one. The reception room of the dormitory was quite filled and every old member seemed ready and eager to make the society a success. Our new dean, Miss Thurston, gave two splendid musical productions and Miss Sloan gave a very profitable paper entitled, "The Ideal American Woman." Among the other good things was a speech by Miss Verna Hanford about her summer vacation.

After the program, a number of new girls signed the constitution and were made members of our society. Since then, others have joined our ranks. Thus we are steadily if slowly, growing.

Before many months we are expecting, or at least hoping, to have a regular society room of our own, as it is very inconvenient to meet in the reception room.

I believe that in many respects the literary society is as important as any organization in the school, for it brings us together and tends to produce a friendly and lasting school spirit. Thus we, as Sophaenians, are making marked progress toward a successful and efficient literary society.

G. E. B.

#### The Athenian

The Athenian Society held its first regular meeting for the year 1912-13, Friday evening, Sept. 20. At this time the Constitution and By-laws were read, also several names handed in for membership. The officers for the first semester were then elected as follows: president, Floyd Hester, '13; vice president, Paul Fall, '14; secretary, Miss Grace Sloan, '15; treasurer, Bethel Babbit, '16.

Although the society has lost some of its older and more experienced members, we should not lessen in our zeal for good work and, although the society has not the record of a great number of years of existence, it lies with us to make its history so that those who follow us may profit by our standard. Then will the society truly make its presence felt in the school, exerting such an influence for intellectual development and high ideals that its power will increase as the years roll on.

G. E. B.



#### Neosophic Society

The Neosophic Society is the oldest Literary Society in Houghton Seminary. Perhaps because of this, it has evolved the farthest of any. It now has the distinction of being the only boys' society in the school. Although at the end of last year, the Society seemed about to expire,



it has shown its renewed vitality by starting out this year as a glorious success. The meetings have been well attended. Two very interesting programs have been rendered, and the membership of the society has increased considerably. Everything seems to point towards a successful year for the society. R. L. S.



### Prohibition League

At the first regular meeting of the I. P. A. of Houghton Seminary some vacancies, caused by former officers not being in school this year, were filled. Clair Beverley was elected treasurer in place of Gail Thompson and Elsie Hanford was elected reporter in place of Owen Walton. The first public meeting was held in the chapel Friday evening, September 27. The Rev. F. B. Severance, one of the field secretaries working under the direction of the State Prohibition Committee deliv-

ered an instructive lecture on the importance of National Prohibition, to a large and attentive audience. The music of the evening was furnished by the orchestra and the male quartette. Following the lecture C. Floyd Hester, president of the I. P. A. presented the work of the league and invited any interested in investigating the question of National Prohibition to join the league. Eight new names have been added to the list of members from last year. The topics, as given in the Inter-collegiate Statesman will be studied in the regular meetings. The league is planning to participate in the Journalistic contest from which it was debarred last year on account of winning the prize the year before. Plans are also being formed for the Oratorical Contest, and all indications point toward this year as being the banner year in the history of the I. P. A. of Houghton Seminary.

E. M. H.



PAUL FALL, '14, EDITOR

### Boys' Athletics

Wherever it may be, it seems as if school has never really begun until some sort of Athletics is enjoyed by all. But we are sure it has begun in Houghton for there have been three serious conflicts on the base ball diamond. The Preparatory Department has been favored by several promising new recruits, and so without any hesitation, they challenged the College. The result was displeasing to the challengers and the second and third games, likewise assured the challenged that defeat was only in the distant future, if anywhere at all. The Association elected officers at its regular meet-

ing and is to be complimented on having such a man as the Kansas giant at the head of affairs. Mr. Hester is President of the Senior College class, Prohibition League, Athenian Society and the Boys' Athletic Association—the four greatest organizations in this institution of learning.

Let all boys of the school join the Association and enjoy the real benefits, pleasure and physical exercise that comes from participating in the various sports. Don't be a "sponger," just kindly hand the coin (only fifty cents for almost fifty weeks—one cent per week) to Mr. McMillan, treasurer.

### Girls' Athletics

The Girls' Athletic Association met Friday afternoon, September 20, to elect its officers for this year. Those elected were as follows:

Grace Bedford—President.

Bell Russell—Vice President.

Carrie Coleman—Recording Secretary.

Gertrude Graves—Corresponding Secretary.

Ethel Smiley—Treasurer.

The girls are anticipating a very prosperous basket ball season, and surely we shall not be disappointed. Every member of the association is confident that, with Miss Hester as chairman of the basket ball committee, we will be successful in that sport. And with Miss Eastwood as chairman of the tennis committee we are sure of success.

Considering all things we have a very bright outlook for athletics this year. L. J. C.

# ALUMNI

MARY P. HUBBARD, '15, EDITOR

Mrs. Roy B. Smith, formerly Miss Nora Lawrence '04, of Cohoes, N. Y., is spending several months at Ashburn, Ga., with her parents.

Miss Shirley Keyes '10 has returned to Chicago University for another year.

Miss Hattie Crosby '03 is visiting at her former home in South Dakota.

Miss Mable Dow '06, Miss Lois Thompson '11 and Mr. Gail Thompson have entered Nebraska University.

Mr. Earnest Hall '06 who has spent two years in Japan as teacher under the Y. M. C. A. visited here recently.

Miss Alpha Bedford '03 is spending several months in Seattle, Washington.

Miss Luella Newton '08 is teaching in Smith, Kentucky.

Mr. Harry J. Ostlund '09 has entered Ohio Wesleyan University.

Miss Fredarica Greenberg '09 was graduated from Silver City Normal, Silver City, New Mexico, last June and is now teaching in Salinas.

Miss Isabelle Stebbins '11 is teaching near Fillmore.

Mr. Earle Houghton '08 who was graduated from Syracuse University last June has accepted a position as

chemist in the Gear-Lipe Company in Syracuse.

### Old Students

Mr. Ralph Davy and family have gone to Delaware, Ohio, where Mr. Davy is attending the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mr. Lawrence Wallace and Miss Olive Wilday were married at the home of Professor and Mrs. H. C. Bedford September 28.

Miss Maude Benton is teaching near her home in Ferry, Michigan.

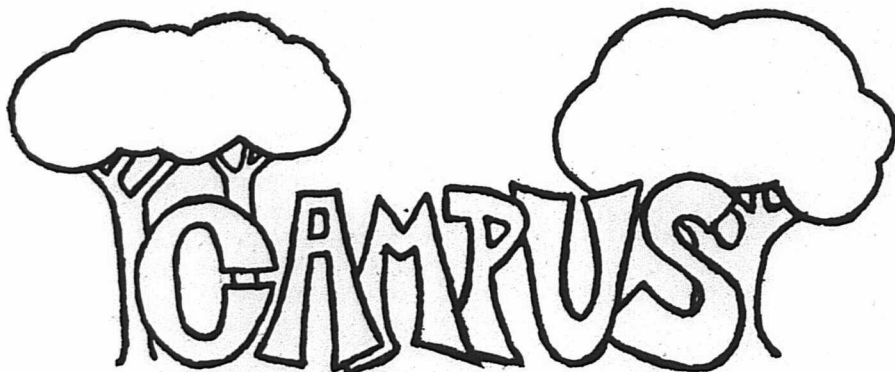
Mr. Leman Babbitt who is in Annapolis Naval Academy has been visiting at his home here.

Mr. Theos Thompson is in Lincoln, Nebraska, attending the University.

Miss Bessie Fancher is teaching the public school here.

Mr. Grover Babbitt who was graduated from the Liberal Arts Course in Syracuse University has returned to take up the study of law.

Friends of Mrs. W. M. Giddens of Tifton, Georgia, will sympathize with her in the loss of her husband which occurred September 6th, at a sanatorium in Rochester, Minn. Mrs. Giddens was formerly Miss Mary Williams.



G. TREMAINE MCDOWELL, '15, EDITOR

Greetings to you all from your reporters! Here is where you find out what you are doing. And as editor of the local news department, I have a favor to ask of each one of the students. If you die, get married, or do anything else interesting, tell us about it. We want it in "The Star."

Allow me to introduce our reporters for this year. Miss Lura Miner, "CollegeNotes," a College Freshman. Miss Emma Agnew, "Preparatory Notes," a Preparatory Senior. Miss Edna Smith, "Musical Notes," Music Department. As the editor of "Campus" has a little chance of getting inside information on the teachers, he will endeavor to report "Our Faculty." He is also responsible for "Miscellaneous."

#### Preparatory Notes

We are glad to say that we have an excellent number of Preparatory students this year. The number registered amounts to over ninety. We are more than glad to welcome so many new ones and to extend a hearty greeting to the old ones. The classes of the department have recently organized and we are delighted with the large number in our senior class. There are already fourteen in that body. The other classes are also exceptionally large this year. All together, the prospects for our Preparatory Department are bright and promising. We hope that our ranks will become larger before the year closes.

Miss Florence Reed's parents of Genesee, Pa., visited her over Sunday, the 21st.

Mr. Smith, Walter Frost's uncle, stopped here over Sunday on his way to the Prohibition Convention at Olean.

Miss McFadden has been taken from our midst to become the bride of Mr. Andrew Marshall. A little romance in good old Houghton.

We are glad to see Suessa and Clare Dart with us again. Their father went to Alabama last year for his health, and we were afraid we had lost two students, but the family returns to this state.

The Misses Coleman were at the Dormitory a few days until their parents arrived.

Mable Acher visited recently at Christina Wolfe's. We wonder if the brother was an attraction.

Vivian Saunders was with her parents in Portageville the 20th and the 27th.

A number of the old students gave Miss Grace Terry a birthday surprise on the evening of the 18th.

Several of the girls enjoyed a corn roast on the Camp Ground recently. No gentlemen admitted. E. J. A.

#### Our Faculty

This year finds on the Chapel rostrum several faces which were not there last June. Yet not all are unfamiliar to Houghton Students.

Miss Hanna Greenberg studied last year in the University of Chicago on



leave of absence and then to round out the year's work, taught school in New Mexico during the vacation. But the work seems to have agreed with her for she returns this fall fit and ready for her work in Latin.

Two other familiar faces are those of Professor Frazier and Professor Fancher. They both completed their Junior year in our College Department in 1909 and Mr. Frazier graduated from Oberlin in 1910 and Mr. Fancher in 1911.

The students are already realizing that in Rev. Coleman they have a true friend. He comes to us from Indiana to take the work of the Theological Department.

While Miss Thurston is seen in our classes as a student, she also sits on our rostrum as Dean of the Seminary Women. It is therefore not unfitting to mention here her adaptability and success in the difficult position of guide and disciplinarian of the girls.

To turn to the old members of the Faculty, Professor Smith returned to his work this fall greatly pleased with his summer course in Columbia University.

President Luckey took by way of vacation this summer, a short horticultural course at Cornell. The report is persistent that he specialized in jelly making.

Professor McDowell returned from the West where he was working in the interests of the school to care for Mr. Coleman's work for a few days. He expects to spend the greater part of October and November in Michigan working for Houghton.

Professor Bedford had a busy summer in caring for his pastorate at Fillmore and in taking charge of our Camp Meeting.

Miss Hillpot spent a few weeks this summer in the summer school of the New England Conservatory.

Mrs. Bowen was with friends near Hornell during vacation.

Professor Rindfus spent the summer close to Nature's heart in Houghton, New York. He and Professor Smith recently purchased on shares a fine cow. We are glad to announce

that their live stock has been increased by the arrival of a splendid calf.  
G. T. M.



#### Musical Notes

We are indeed glad to find our former instructors, Miss Hillpot and Miss Eastwood with us again. Those who knew them last year know their worth and the new students must already recognize it.

Thru no fault of our music department, the enrollment from the nearby towns has dropped slightly. Nevertheless, the total is very satisfactory.

The Orchestra is fortunate in finding talent among the new students and has already appeared credibly in public.

The Male Quartet certainly took the Prohibition State Convention at Olean by storm. Our old friend, "I'd Rather Be Dead," fairly set the audience wild. As a result the boys made several good dates and did some first class advertising for the school. G. T. M.



#### Miscellaneous

On the evening of the 14th, the students and people of the town united in expressing their appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard F. Houghton and their sister, Mrs. Cudworth by gathering on their lawn to say farewell to them before they left for their winter home in Washington.

Mr. Houghton attended Chapel one day last month and gave one of his splendid talks to the students.

The student prayer meetings have been truly "heavenly places." The attendance has been large and the services marked by the presence of the Spirit.

The library Association has recently placed a splendid order of books in the Library, 120 volumes costing \$160. Among these are sixteen volumes of the "American Statesman Series," fifteen volumes of Hart's "American Nation," a handsome, twelve volume set of Traill's "Social England" and an eight volume set of Schaff's "Church History."

The Rev. Mr. Severance, a field

worker of the State Prohibition Committee, gave a lecture in the College Chapel under the auspices of the I. P. A. on Sept. 27.

The men of the Student Body entertained the women of the school and the Faculty at a corn roast on the evening of September 28. All enjoyed the lark. G. T. M.



#### College Locals

La Vay Fancher spent Sunday at his home in Cattaraugus recently.

La Rue Bird is filling the position of Assistant Librarian this year.

At the recent organization of the College Freshman class Harold McMillian was elected President and Miss Ethel Smiley Secretary.

C. Floyd Hester spent several days in Olean recently.

Robert Presley is spending part of his time at the district school house now.

Last year there was but one young lady who dared enter the Trigonometry class and she soon dropped it. This year there are four lady members of the class and Professor

Luckey has so successfully revealed the "beauty" of that subject that none of them could be persuaded to leave the class. In fact it is the chief delight of at least one of the members, for on being asked what she was taking in school this year, replied, "I am taking Trig, and Trig, and —Trig, and —Trig."

Most of the College women attended the Tea given by Mrs. Rindfusz on the afternoon of September 18.

Several College students attended the State Prohibition Convention at Olean September 23.

Paul Fall has this year the position of assistant in Chemistry.

Mrs. Frazier and daughter Bonnie Jean are visiting William and Jesse Frazier.

Mary Hubbard was two weeks late in reaching us this fall as she attended summer school at Cortland during vacation.

James Elliott has taken over the book business of the Seminary.

Le Vay Fancher and Jessie Benning are with us again after a couple of years' work as teachers. L. M.



C. BELLE RUSSELL, '14, EDITOR

The attention of the psychology class not long since was vitally concentrated. Oh yes!—But their perception of certain processes was not brilliant. Oh no! Yet they have an altruistic professor who with unbelievable consideration and remarkable alacrity ceased his lecture. Stepping to the board, he acted as his own interpreter while sketching something for the enlightenment of the class. A lighted candle first appeared, then the head of a child which one of the class sacreligiously called a man of

forty. Quickly an arm shot out toward the candle with the index finger extended well nigh to the flame. A message was represented as passing from the finger, as it touched the lighted candle, through the nerve lines to the brain. The discharge from the nerve centres was so abrupt and the return volley so forceful that the physical clay could not contain it, and it impulsively jumped from the shoulder nearly to the wrist. Luckily it struck the unfortunate man's anatomy again and we all

hoped that the message was yet sufficiently intelligible so that the hand moved away. In spite of the solemnity of the occasion and with total lack of regard for the feelings of the unfortunate being, some of the class actually, yes, I will confess it—actually laughed. Submitted.

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Dropped in the heart's deep well;  
The good, the joy that it may bring  
Eternity shall tell.—Langford.

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#### Publisher's Note

Vacation rolls by and here we are again in the columns of "The Houghton Star," plying the same trade as before.

Did you ever consider, reader, the PURPOSE of our school paper? Is it not to train our students in literary work and give them practical experience in editing and publishing such a paper? Is it not to disseminate, cultivate and foster right ideals and concepts along every line that is in harmony with God and the Bible? Is it not to carry the news of "Grand opportunities for a thorough College education" to many a heart who has never yet looked this way? Is it not also to hold in closer union the student body, the Alumni, the old students, and all others interested in the principles Houghton Seminary represents?

If you answer these questions in the affirmative, what are you going to do this year to enable "The Star" to fulfill its purpose? If you cannot think of something to do, then write or call on the Editor or the Manager and they will give you some pointers.

There are 295 subscribers on our mailing list. While this is by far the greatest number we have ever had, yet our watchword must still be "Ever Onward." The "Progressive" can never stand still, for then he would begin to retrograde. In this day of progressive movements we must not fall behind in our project of a school paper. Let us set our minimum goal at 400 subscribers THIS YEAR.

Student, friend, are you ready for the fray? First get in line yourself, then put on as an armor the helmet of



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#### Students' Reception.

As it is the usual custom of the old students to give a reception to the new students at the beginning of each school year, such a reception was planned for by the social function com. Never has Houghton had the privilege of welcoming so many new students at one time. A short program was given in the chapel, a hearty welcome was given the new students by representatives of the boys and girls and responses were given. Mr. Earnest Hall, a former student of Houghton, who has recently returned from Japan, made a few very interesting remarks. The enthusiasm with which Mr. Hall was received demonstrated Houghton's loyalty to her students.

After the Program, a social hour was given in the Library, which the

decorating comm. had converted into an artistic reception room. The hour was spent in getting acquainted, and afterward refreshments were served. The College Song was sung, and we parted feeling we were better acquainted and ready to share the burdens and joys of a student's life.

G. B Sloan.

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Difficulties are things that show what men are.—Epictetus.

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He is a fool who thinks by force or skill

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