

# The Houghton Star

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## End of Water Handicap Approaches

Houghton vicinity has been suffering in the past few weeks because of a water shortage. Owing to the increase in the number of houses and, consequently the water demand; also to the exceptionally dry summer, the spring which has hitherto supplied the town and school is failing to do so now.

Under the supervision of the Board of Houghton College the crisis was considered and acted upon immediately. The school planned an Arbor Day on Friday, November 23, and on that day nearly all the boys turned out to dig a ditch to a new spring.

The pipe is on its way, and the patient townspeople will be rewarded with plenty of water within a week.

Two new springs are being attached and the Board feels confident that an ample supply of water will be on hand after these two springs have reinforced the present one.

## A Thanksgiving Program

This week's program at the Athenian was a pleasant reminder of some cheery scenes at home that still live in our memories; arousing also a keen anticipation of their repetition in the near future. Thoughts of a real home and of the true Thanksgiving spirit which were brought before us, surely will help to make our Thanksgiving more enjoyable.

A reading, "The Pilgrims" by Miss Sartwell afforded a noble background for the subject. An appropriate solo, "The Lamp-Lit Hour", by Miss Grace Wright lent a home-like color. Mr. Tierney's pleasing rendition of Edgar A. Guest's descriptive poem, "Home", was excellent. And then we listened to an original essay which dispelled any commonplace thought connected with Thanksgiving and revealed its very essence, the spirit of sacrifice. A bit of fun in "Elder Lamb's Thanksgiving Donation" by Mr. Whipple set us all laughing. The society closed with the song, "Old Folks at Home".

## High School Honor Roll

The high school people were thrilled one day last week when, at close of school, Principal P. S. Bowen read a list of twenty-eight names each of whom had a standing of 80% or over in each of their tests. The high school is very proud of this list because of the fact that it represents the accomplishments of their department. It is undoubtedly the longest list of names ever entered on the honor roll of Houghton Seminary.

## Steese Made Purple Floor Captain

Paul A. Steese, president of the Freshman class, star forward on the Purple basket-ball team for the last three years has been appointed as floor captain of the Purple team for the year 1923-24.

"Pete" has been a versatile member of the squad for three years and has been prominent in basket-ball for some time and his appointment means that he will be one of the leading members of the squad this year.

## Gillette, Hazlett, Pitt Next Week

Thirteen different kinds of love were mentioned by Prof. Woolsey in his chapel talk on Monday. Among the different things upon which people place their supreme affections are themselves, their country, money, liquor, truth, study, work, play, eating, sleeping, pets, parents, and God. Professor Woolsey pointed out the unworthiness of many of these objects, but emphasized the nobleness of love and respect for parents, and the value of the love of God to every part of life.

Last Thursday we were pleased to listen to Brother William's sermonette from the 32nd Psalm. It was very helpful indeed.

Next week it is expected Miss Gillette will speak on Tuesday, and Prof. Hazlett on Wednesday. We hope to have Brother Pitt with us again on Thursday. The special chapel for Friday is not yet arranged.

## Junior Y. M. W. B. Rally

### \$50 Raised

Last Sunday evening, the Junior Y. M. W. B., in addition to rendering an inspiring and edifying program, presented a lesson in giving from which the older folk can well take example.

Sunday was the time for the bringing in of their Self-denial and Thank-offerings for Miss Yorton. The splendid offering of the children themselves, augmented by other offerings, reached the total of \$50.

The Juniors and their leader are to be congratulated on their wide awake meetings and the missionary zeal which they manifest.

## NEOSOPHIC SOCIETY

Under the leadership of President William Sallberg, the Neosophic Society is constantly on the gain. The help derived from these meetings is inestimable; therefore all high school people should attend.

On Monday evening the regular meeting of the Neosophic society was held, and a well developed program was rendered. After the opening song and the devotionals, Adelbert Edwards read a paper entitled "Original Thanksgiving." The Neosophic quartet, which is composed of the Fladd sisters, Harold Douglas, and Mr. Kreckman then favored us with a song. This number was especially enjoyed by all. Verna Crouch then gave a talk on "Thanksgiving in Old New England." Although short, it was very well prepared. The program was fittingly ended by a reading, "The Coming of the Mayflower" by Vila Ackerman.

At last week's meeting a sport program was given. This proved to be a great success.

Free speech is a blessing but the man who knows how to keep his mouth shut gets the biggest salary.

So many fathers never realize what good boys they were until their own son gets to be about fourteen.

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## Editorial

### DO YOU REMEMBER

those good old days when Thanksgiving was for thanksgiving and meant at least twelve hours of the happiest home-coming reunion that you could imagine?

### DO YOU REMEMBER

when you as a little freckled-face boy or girl looked forward to that day with a happiness which rivalled that which came when someone spoke the word, "Christmas"? All the sisters and brothers, aunts, uncles, and cousins for miles around would gather at some hospitable rendezvous, usually furnished by grandmother, and you felt not a few qualms of conscience when you thought of the premeditated evil that you were about to inflict upon your stomach.

### THANKSGIVING

for the sake of thanksgiving however is rapidly passing from our midst. Seldom do we participate in or, in fact, even hear of that old family gathering at grandmother's or even at mother's. Gone are the aunts and uncles, the brothers and sisters, from the family board on Thanksgiving. Few of us any more think of this great day as a day set apart for the express purpose of giving thanks. The old folks stare longingly across the table, bravely try-

ing to make each other think that they are not lonesome.

### THE PASSING OF

the old-fashioned home life has brought with it many sorrows, and among them are the great sorrows of father and mother whose boy and girl were too busy, or were too anxious for excitement to stay at home and bring happiness to those two old faces. But why don't they come home, and why stay at home on this day of all days? Why isn't Thanksgiving for thanksgiving any more? Why! It might interfere with business! I must go to that house party! That movie that comes on Thanksgiving night is so good that we can't miss it! That dance will be thrilling! John wants me to go with him! We must try out my new car in the afternoon. There are the reasons, and they can be summed up in a short sentence. The whole thing lies in the fact that the American people are developing an insatiable desire, a never-to-be-satisfied appetite for excitement. Home to most of the younger sets of today is only a place in which to take nourishment, and literally to snatch a few minutes' sleep between the dance, the dinner, the theater, and the car ride while the old folks languish at home from the sheer lack of companionship.

### THIS YEAR LET'S

turn the tables. Make the slogan, "GO HOME." Don't let any foolish, unnecessary whim keep you away, and just see how you feel when you repair to your downy bed at night. Just try the path that leads to home.

### WHERE IS THE RADIO

that has been on its way so long. Almost immediately after school began this year the agitation for one began, and the money was quickly raised. However that which was raised among the student body was done so with the understanding that the outfit would be here and ready to be used sometime before the school year came to an end. Nearly two weeks ago, word was received from the manufacturer that it was ready to be shipped. Uncle Sam's mail must have become woefully deficient all at once.

### WE CANNOT

refrain from congratulating the pro-

motors of the plan to send Mr. Banker to India on their success. The procurement of nearly \$600 for this purpose required definite plans of no inferior quality besides no small amount of hard work. The willingness with which everyone co-operated demonstrated once more the true Houghton spirit. We should not only congratulate the promoters but also ourselves as a body when we realize that once more Houghton has not failed in one of the greatest challenges that has ever been placed before her.

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## Star Sport Stanzas

### "FAIR PLAY"

by Hussey

Sir Christopher McClanty, one bright and pleasant day, stepped briskly from his shanty on to the broad highway. Now Christopher was frequently a man of common sense; but, sad to say, just recently, his brain had grown more dense. He was a careful thinker; so, in a jaunty way, he closed one nervous blinker and thought upon—"fair play". He was a noble shaver, I'm sure we have no doubt. He'd have shown good behavior had his thoughts been carried out. But just as has been stated, his mind was slightly hazed. By risk he was elated, by hazards he was dazed. While walking down the highway, as was his morning rule, out from a narrow by-way emerged a lazy mule. McClanty slowly crept behind the mule he'd oftentimes fed. He sneaked up close, some sport to find---(McClanty's now in bed). In basketball or baseball, in tennis or in track, from fame's high peak we're sure to fall if honesty we lack. In sport as well as labor, the theme is just the same. "Fair Play" is honor's saver, so fellows, PLAY THE GAME.



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### Purple-Gold Practice After Vacation

The Purple and Gold captains wish to announce that regular basket-ball practice will begin immediately after Thanksgiving vacation. Until the girls' teams begin regular practice, the Gold men will practice on Mondays and Wednesdays from three thirty until five, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays the Purple will have the same time.

Although the faculty have not as yet decided concerning practice after 5:30, still we trust that it will be arranged that practice can be carried on at least until seven o'clock as far as prep students are concerned, and perhaps later when only college and home students are involved. The trouble seems to be to find some trustworthy person who can and will assume the responsibility of the Physical Director at those times when he is not able to be present. We feel sure that this will be arranged as it must be if the men are to have ample time to practice.

The captains desire that every man who can play basket-ball at all, be he fast or slow, good or bad, young or old, be out for practice.

The fact that a firm's ad. appears here means that they are friends of the college and will back up their ad. by honest goods. Show the proper spirit and give your trade to those merchants who help us, in preference to those who consider our trade valueless, and who refuse to support our publication.

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"I will go anywhere provided it be forward," said Livingstone and plunged into the interior of Africa, where he labored until worn out from years of toil. Still pressing on he said, "If I must go on a shelf, let that shelf be Africa."

**"Go thou and do likewise!"**

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## Hours of Service

Sunday School	10:00 a. m.
Preaching	11:00 a. m.
Children's Meeting	3:00 p. m.
Young People's Meeting	6:45 p. m.
Preaching	7:30 p. m.
Prayer-meeting Thur. Eve.	7:30 p. m.

**Caneadea M. E. Church**

Sunday School	11:30 a. m.
Preaching	10:30 a. m.

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Perhaps the two recent experiences in the new high school building have awakened us. At least, we are having fire drills again, the first in several years.

Miss Hampe called a girls' meeting Thursday evening and explained order would be necessity in case of fire. The signals were arranged and Miss Hampe blew a shrill blast on a small whistle to let us know how the signal would sound. Of course all those nerves objected and nearly every girl in the room jumped. It was decided that those rooming to the right of the stairs should go out the fire escape and those to the left should go down the main stairs. The monitors were appointed and we were sent to our rooms to await the alarm.

After a few minutes of quiet study two shrill blasts were sounded and the girls began to file out of their rooms. I do not know how long it took to empty the Dorm that time, but our dean wasn't satisfied so we went back to our rooms to try again.

This time some of the second floor girls were out before the main corridor had been emptied. Every girl was out of the building just one-half minute from the sounding of the signal.

The important thing now is how are we to hear that signal if we are sleeping? Is there any chance of having a fire gong? Just because there never has been a fire in Houghton is no sign that there never will be one. Some people naturally are sound sleepers. What would happen to them if they should fail to wake up?

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Rev. Long was home part of last week.

Mr. Jelliff is visiting his sister, Mrs. L. D. Lucas and family.

Ruth Luckey of Warsaw visited her parents over the week-end.

Pearl Russell visited her parents at Caneadea the last of the week.

Misses Vila and Marion Ackerman will spend Thanksgiving in Olean.

Mr. Eber Messner and family of Barberton, Ohio are visiting Alex Steese.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Calkins entertained relatives from Warsaw over Sunday.

Mrs. Lowe and daughter, Eshter Busch of Rochester spent Sunday at Charles Thayer's.

Mrs. Slade, Mrs. Ware, Miss Tanner, and Mrs. Peck and son Edmond were shopping in Pike Saturday.

Lillis Fancher underwent an operation Friday for the removal of tonsils and adenoids. Dr. Hardy of Rushford performed the operation.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hill and daugh-

ter, Elizabeth of Belfast, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lapham of Rushford called at W. H. Lapham's Sunday p. m.

Miss Gladys Taylor was called home Friday by the death of her brother Allen, who was attending school in Boston. We extend our heartfelt sympathy in this time of sorrow.

If you think your college's the best,  
Tell 'em so;

If you'd have it lead the rest,  
Help it grow.

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Laura Baker

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It is better to set a good example than to follow a dozen bad ones.

Patent leather hair is all right if it has a pair of non-skid brains beneath it.

Judge a man not by the girl that he is going with but by the one he has just stopped going with.

Matrimony is like fly paper. The free fly never learns anything by observing those who are stuck.

Did you know that Houghton Seminary was incorporated April 1883 and opened in the fall of 1884?

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