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The Sea of Life.

Alone, alone, on the sea of life
While raging storms beat high and loud,
And dark and low'ring clouds o'erhead
Bespeak for me
No smoother sea.
The mountain-waves have washed the
deck
And chart and compass disappeared;
What fate but death can come to thee
Thou helpless soul on such a sea?

Alone—ah yes—alone, I say,
Amid the shrieking wintry blasts
The light'ning's glare, the thunder's roar;
The sea of life
With all its strife
Presents a dark and dismal scene.
No hope remains to reach the shore
And yet—drift on—thou frailsome bark
Drift on, although the night be dark.

Adrift—alone. But ah! Just see.
There still is hope for thee, my bark;
Across the broad and boundless deep
There comes a gleam,
A radiant beam,
A hope secure in him who died
To save my soul, to set me free.
It is the Saviour's light divine—
I yield to Him, His hand holds mine.

No need of chart or compass now
For He doth guide my falt'ring steps
And though sometimes He's hid from me,
I know He's near
His voice I hear
And feel the pressure of His hand.
No chilly night so dark but He
Doth guard me with His watchful eye,
And on His care do I rely.

And now when through the wintry gales
My course doth lie, ne'er fails that hope
Nor does the light grow dim and fade.
In Him I trust
Who ever dost
To me a worthy captain prove.
No more I sail the sea alone—
No more the clouds obscure the bow—
They simply make the colors show.

Pierce Woolsey '17.

The Citizen's Rally.

A precedent, and one in which we accord heartily, was established in Houghton the night preceding the general election. Under the leadership of Prof. Hester, a Citizen's Rally was held in the chapel, where the residents of the village and the students were given privilege to set forth the reasons for their favorite presidential candidate. The attendance was large and the program was so diver-

sified as to hold the attention for two solid hours.

We cannot mention each number in proportion to its deserts, but there were some that earned special merit. The music was excellent—the old 1915-16 orchestra, the various quartettes and boy's glee club doing their full share and more. Mr. Molyneaux's speech was a classic. He did not state, directly, his candidate, but by inferential reasoning, we believe he voted for the man and party that conserves men as well as fores. Prof. Luckey gave a model speech in calm reasoning, while Prof. Hester put fire into a plea for prohibition that has seldom been equaled in the Seminary.

The following is a Freshman's version of the affair. Written with a truly Miltonic inspiration, it cannot help driving away the illusion that the term "verdent" is always applicable to the first year class:

Oh, we had a glorious time! First, the rally started with a lot of thumps, and squalls, and bell-tones, and shrill noises, all issuing forth from the front corner of the room. We boys felt so glad when they stopped, that we clapped our hands; when to our dismay, the whole process was repeated! The next time the jumble of sounds ceased, we hardly dared to clap our hands much, even if we were glad to the n-th degree.

What do you suppose happened then? Half a dozen great, big, husky fellows arose in the back part of the room and yelled at Mr. Wilson, who was sitting across the aisle. However, everybody was looking right at them; consequently they did not dare to carry the thing any farther.

Every little while, I heard the name of Hanly mentioned; and once Prof. Hester stood up before everyone and yelled something terribly about the man. I wonder what he has done to cause so much excitement! According to hearsay, the people of the whole United States are going to meet, and vote what should be done to the man. Hope he gets all he deserves!

After about twenty different ones had stood up, everyone saying something about somebody, and even Pres. Luckey joining in, a lot of boys got up all together, (I

guess they belonged to some happy club) probably to tell more scandalous things about different ones. What more, all of them started to talk at the same time, and didn't get mad at each other the least bit. O, we had a splendid time.

Students Have an Election.

A straw vote for first choice president and for second choice president was taken election day in the Seminary. The results were as follows:

First Choice.					
Dept.	Hanly	Hughes	Wilson	Benson	Reimer
College	35	2	2	1	0
Prep.	41	9	10	1	1
Theo.	11	1	0	0	0
Faculty	10	0	0	0	0
Total	97	12	12	2	1
Second Choice					
College	0	6	29		
Prep.	6	16	29		
Theo.	1	0	11		
Faculty	0	0	10		
Total	7	22	79		

Majority for school: first choice, Hanly; second choice, Wilson.

The New Gym.

At last! The visions of our Seminary are to be substantiated. Day by day the toilers on the new gym have been toiling on. Even now the steady blows of the carpenters' hammers come to our ears. We look out and see an imposing edifice of dark red brick, eighty by forty feet. The outside is practically done.

Who have made this vision a reality? Those of the student body who have solicited subscriptions or worked manfully on the gym, the faculty en masse who fought shoulder to shoulder behind this proposition while it was still in its infancy; and surely, we must not forget those who financially have given liberally to make it a success. Every one who has aided in the least has the sincere thanks of the present student body—we might also add of those that will use its halls in future years.

The day of the opening of the new gymnasium will mark a distinct epoch in

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Editorial

Why Come to Houghton?

We do not consider it at all a mere "happenstance" that students come to Houghton Seminary. True, Houghton is not a school like most other schools, and if it were, it might as well close down business and send its students to those schools that are winning the plaudits of the world. But we believe we have something here that "those other" schools do not possess. Let us consider what those "somethings" are, and then we can answer the question, "Why Come to Houghton?"

An education to be of real value to mankind and to our Maker must be Christian in its character. It is in our days of high school and college work that we construct the framework of our life career. It is then we decide our destiny. Gladstone well said, "It is not the information we imbibe, but the habit of thought, mind and life we acquire in this formative period that counts most toward success."

Certainly you can get information from any institution of learning, but do you always acquire the right habits of thought, mind and life that are the earmarks of the educated individual? True education gives this because of its appreciation of the principles set forth in the Bible. Can the institution that tears the good old book to pieces and along with it the fine

convictions of man, really produce the symmetrical development in man that he needs? This is where it is found wanting. Straight, clean cut, holiness colleges and seminaries have a real mission in the world. Upon them depend the orthodoxy of the future among all classes of men.

One of the greatest curses of the modern college is the continual round of hilarious social functions, the main feature of which is the dance, continuing into the morning hours. Oh, no, not only is the participant slighting his school work, ruining his physical and mental powers but he is committing the greater crime of wasting his time. We remember that the greatest thing the prodigal wasted was his time.

We would not discard the social life of man, for a certain amount of elevating, mirthful and sympathetic social intercourse is quite fitting and proper. God made man a social being but desires him to be ruled by reason and conviction.

Houghton has no use for the senseless nothings that entice the flippant school lad. It believes though in true democracy; where the opinions of others are respected, where good will ever seeks to prevail and the cast spirit is a nonentity; where faculty works hand in hand with student for his spiritual and intellectual good. Houghton seeks to produce complete man, giving to the home, church and state, efficient Christian men and women who love truth.

Can you find another school that can give better results for its labors than come from the pen of one of our alumni, Rev. J. S. Willet, who says on what his years in Houghton meant to him:

1. The revelation of how little we knew and how much there was to know.
2. The stepping upon the threshold of a new life full of stimulating possibilities awaiting our conquest.
3. An increased reverence for the mind God has given and a recognition of the responsibility attached thereto, in developing and directing it for profitable service to God and man.
4. The begetting of an unquenchable desire to learn as much as possible of God and His works as revealed in the bible, nature, nations, and men.
5. The deepening of spiritual life through contact with a devout, religious church and pastor, faculty and students.
6. The forming of friendships that are of lasting benefit and a source of continual strength in the hour of need as well as of plenty.
7. The valuable and inexchangeable

privilege of learning through ministrations to surrounding neighborhoods the joy of winning souls for Jesus Christ.

8. Finally, "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report," the schooling, the discipline, the high ideals of our Alma Mater, stimulated and impelled to "think on these things."

Of incalculable, inestimable blessing was the opportunity to enroll as a student of Houghton Seminary.

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Houghton's history. It proves that Houghton is keeping abreast of the times. It is the first step toward the doubling of the present numbers of our student body—also towards improving the health and efficiency of each of our students.

Therefore it is only duly fitting that this event should be duly celebrated. It is planned, if possible, to hold Nov. 30 (Thanksgiving) as Dedication Day. And truly this is a fitting day. Beginning at 2:30 P. M. two basket ball games, one by the boys and one by the girls, will afford every Houghtonite an opportunity to display his or her school spirit. Players, go into the game to do your best! Students, root for your team; show some real enthusiasm! In the evening at 7:30, an impersonation of the faculty will be given. Then we shall see what the real talent of Houghton can give us in the line of entertainment. We are certain that every student will get busy, when this day comes, and aid in making it a genuine success—a red letter day in the calendar of Houghton Seminary.

The day of the gym's completion is approaching. Only the inside work remains unfinished. This will be paid for in detail. To-day Prof. Luckey received \$50 for this cause. Everyone will have an opportunity to build himself a monument. For example, one philanthropist alone may pay for a window. Think of your delight in future years, if with your friend you could march up the sidewalk leading to this edifice, point out one of its casements and say, "I helped to put that window in the gym!" There were thirty-seven gratings to be installed at a cost of \$2.25 each. If you wish to put in one (there is no law against more than one) you'll have to hurry. I said that there were thirty-seven in all. But they're going fast. When I last heard there were

\$2.25 Pays for a Window Grating for the Gym.

only thirty-six. By this time perhaps only ten or fifteen remain. Prof. Smith is willing to receive all contributions. "A hint to the wise is sufficient." Help the new gym! Build yourself a monument! Do it now!

W. V. R.

Professor Hester Discusses Meaning of Election.

Though too early as yet to indulge in conclusive deductions from the election returns, a few things seem clear.

It is worthy of especial note that we have never had a campaign conducted on a higher level of thought and action, more free from untoward personalities, more true to the verities of life. There has indeed been criticism of political theory, and party and administrative policy, as there ought to be, but there has been respect for the person on all sides. The country may well congratulate itself, thank God, and take a forward look to still better things.

That the President came so near defeat may well be taken as indicative of deserved censure for his ofttimes change of front in the face of an unstable public opinion, for his evident surrender to class interests, for his allowing a rigidly strong belief in the philosophy of party government to carry him too far in subserviency to the spoils system. But, as seems increasingly evident, that Mr. Wilson is to be our President for the ensuing four years, is indicative of deserved regard for his careful, thoughtful leadership that, all in all, has been more true and real than any since the days of Lincoln; a leadership that has meant the elevation of the Presidency to its properly responsible position in legislation, a position from which the chief executive cannot hope henceforth to escape.

Finally, the American people have felt to honor that peace-loving spirit, that, in spite of an apparently too servile leaning toward militarism to appease the jingoists, has nevertheless been the atmosphere in which our President moves. If America has any mission in the world these days, it is that, by fostering the peace-loving spirit, she lead the way toward an enduring world peace when this terrible world war shall end. The world is looking to her in this supreme hour and she must not fail.

"Opportunity with ability makes responsibility." Bishop Hunt.

Alumni Notes

Class of 1916.

In order that the alumni may know what has become of those who left our halls in June 1916, some to enter other institutions of learning, others to enter the various professions and occupations of life, we have endeavored to ascertain the location and vocation of each. We are also favored with some messages which we hope you will enjoy reading.

"My interest in the Star has multiplied since leaving Houghton, and especially do I like to hear from the old students. I am spending my Senior year in Ohio Wesleyan University. Work is going well but I enjoy thinking of the good old Houghton days. May God's blessing rest upon you all. I am still serving the Great Master." From Pierce Woolsey, 112 Montrose Ave., Delaware, Ohio.

"I often think of Houghton and all of you fellows out there. I get real homesick to be back, and yet I never had work that I enjoyed like I do my work here. Then too, I have a fine little wife (Dorothy Jennings Fall, Vocal '16) to come home to, and so I am happy both when at the lab and when at school." From Paul Fall who is an assistant in chemistry at Oberlin College.

Carroll Daniels, Oratory '16, motored to Houghton for the week end. He is working at the carpenter's trade with his father this year.

Belle Moses is taking her Senior year in Ann Arbor University.

"I long to be back in old Houghton where the birds sing on those glorious hill-sides, and the Genesee flows on peacefully to the sea. I suppose the gym is looming into the airy heights and soon the clash of Houghton arms will begin." From Wilfred Kaufmann, Oberlin, Ohio.

"Last night we had our second Houghton doings. We met at Fall's at 5:00 with baskets, tin cups etc. At 6:15 supper was served. We were outrageously happy, loud, informal and properly joyous." From Ralph Kaufmann, Oberlin, Ohio.

"I was very glad to get the Star and learn it is to make a visit twice a month; also that it is to bring news. As long as I cannot be in Houghton I like to know all that is going on. I am pastor of the Hamburg Charge and we expect to begin special meetings Nov. 8 with Bro. A. D. Fero as evangelist. We would be glad for the prayers of both the old and pres-

ent students that we may see souls saved in this place." From Elmer S. Davidson, Theolog '16, West Falls, N. Y.

Walter Lewis, Theolog '16, is assistant pastor of the Wesleyan Church at Glers Falls, N. Y.

Francis Woods is spending her Senior year at Oberlin College.

Arthur Bernhoft Prep. '16 of Little Valley, N. Y. is attending Teacher's Training Class at Cattaraugus, N. Y.

Grace Beverly, Prep. '16, is at her home at Cohocton, N. Y.

Gratia Bullock, Carrie Coleman, Everett Lapham, Harold Luckey, Glenn Molyneaux, Dorothy Peck, Daisy Rogers, Ray Russell, Myra Steese, and Fidelia Warburton, all of the Prep. '16 class, are members of the Freshman College Class of Houghton Seminary.

Glen McKinley, Prep. '16, is a member of the Sophomore College Class of Houghton Seminary.

"I am teaching the grades here below the sixth, and am enjoying my work and the associations here (Cheslrough Seminary). I wish the Star the best of success." From Pearl Schouten, Prep. '16, North Chili, N. Y.

"I am at last a schoolma'am and think I shall like my work real well. I am glad everything is going on so finely in Houghton." From Edith Warburton, Prep. '16, Truxton, R. D. No. 2, N. Y.

"I am teaching school about one-fourth mile from the state line. My best wishes are for the success of the Star and Houghton Seminary, especially the gym." From Mary Warburton, Prep. '16, Great Bend, Pa.

Luey Newton, Prep. '16, is staying with her sister. Her address is Copenhagen, R. D. 2, N. Y.

Hilda Wills sends best regards to all Houghton friends. Her address is Eagle Harbor, N. Y.

Organizations

Athenian Literary Society.

Political Party Number.

In spite of the chilly November rain which fell unceasingly outside, the patriotic spirit of the Athenians was not in the least dampened as anyone knows who was present at their last assembly, Friday evening, November 3, when they presented their "Political Party" program.

"The Star Spangled Banner" as sung by the Society was inspiring to all, espe-

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cially to those who took part in the following numbers, all of which were very well rendered.

"The Platforms of the Present Political Parties," a paper by George Hubbard, was splendidly handled in not only an educational but also an entertaining manner. We all felt better acquainted with the platforms and their planks when he had finished.

Miss Leona Head gave a paper, "Life of Wilson," which she brought to a climax by an original "Ode to Wilson." This ode was surely a fitting honor to our president as well as very unique in itself.

We were glad to hear the "Life of Hughes," as told by Arthur Bryan in his production, but we were not entirely convinced that he should be our next president.

However, we were especially interested in the "Life of Hanly" by Miss Florence Kelly. The delivery was very pleasing and we were glad to know what a fine character Mr. Hanly really is.

Perhaps the most thrilling number on the program was a baritone and tenor duet, "There's Music in the Air," by Harry Meeker and Arlie Dreyer. It was with great difficulty that the services of these great artists were secured but they were heartily applauded and we hope they felt repaid for their efforts.

"The Battie Hymn of the Republic," by the Society, concluded the interesting program which we all found very beneficial.

J. R. B.

Neosophic Literary Society.

The reading "A Most Obliging Little Sister" given by Miss Hale was intensely interesting.

The Spelling Match by the Society was somewhat of a failure due undoubtedly to the inefficiency of the leader.

The contents of the conundrum box proved to be instructive as well as amusing. Here are a few of the most striking:

What bee brings honey to Visser? Crosby (bee).

Why are kisses like a bottle of olives? Ask Miss Campbell.

Mr. Markell's conundrum was fine, but we sincerely hope he has not had the experience. It read like this, "Why are pretty girls like buckwheat cakes?" They both give bachelors the heart burn.

L. E. B.

Senior Y. M. W. B.

The regular monthly meeting of the Senior Y. M. W. B. was held Tuesday, evening, November 7, in the Seminary chapel. The subject of the program for the evening was "Home Missions." We were glad to have Rev. Sicard, president of the Lockport Conference with us, who so kindly consented to give us a talk on "Missionary Work in Our Cities." He made a very stirring appeal for more workers in this field—workers who are qualified in every sense of the word. Grayce Steese gave a short history of the Alameda School. Mr. Bryan gave very interesting and inspiring talk on "The Work Among the Poor Mountain Whites." Surely there is a lack of workers in this particular field. Someone is not responding to the call.

Athletics

"A Real for sure Game—Last Game of the Season."

Thus read the announcement on the bulletin board Wednesday, November 8, and a real for sure game it proved to be. Wednesday morning Woods, the moving spirit in Houghton baseball life, was encouraged by the balmy nature of the day to think we should have a game. Acting accordingly he approached each member of the Prep. and Varsity teams with the query, "Play ball tonight?" "Sure!" was, with but one exception, the enthusiastic reply. The players were assembled from every quarter of the Seminary and from even the gymnasium roof; but one exception solemnly answered, "No I cannot come," and true to his word McKinley did not come but went for a walk with the only argument that could keep him from participating in a ball game. Nevertheless the game was of real enjoyment to every player as well as to the bevy of beautiful ones who piped so sweetly from the greensward back of the screen. Thanks to Mr. Shultz's learned chapel plea for girl spectators.

The game is on with whirlwind Pete in the box and Varsity pitcher Woods at the bat. The latter makes second on a single and steals third while Barrett strikes out. Kauffman gets second on a grounder, then Russel, the Prep. shortstop and Woods scores. Kaufmann and Hopkins also scores for the Varsity before the Preps have a bat. The latter fail to score thus ending the first inning with a score of 3 to 1 in the Varsity's favor. The Varsity kept in the lead thru the four innings winning by a score of 9 to 4.

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Personals.

Reverend Sicard, president of the Lockport Conference, being in town on the evening of the Senior Y. M. W. B., gave the young people much good advice in a talk on needs of city missions.

Old friends were glad to renew the acquaintance of Miss Anna Tooke. She recently visited Miss Riggall.

Carroll Daniel's brief visit to the Seminary was appreciated not only because we were glad to see him but because we were privileged to march around the chapel in company with the music of the 1915-16 orchestra.

Our janitor was confined to his home for several days on account of illness. His smiling face and pleasant "Good Morning," that always help to start the day right, were missed by most of us.

We regret that Miss Grace Tarey is a victim of typhoid fever and hope she will speedily recover.

Pete Lapham made a trip to Eagle Harbor in the recent past. Why?

Mr. Furman and wife and two daughters of Corning, N. Y. visited the school Wednesday.

Dr. Silas Molyneaux of Sayre, Pa. was in town Friday to see his brother, Robert Molyneaux.

Seniors.

Houghton Seminary is particularly fortunate this year in its class of Seniors. Two new members have entered our ranks, and among the remaining members of the class are—a son of the first graduate of Houghton, a daughter of the president of school, a returned missionary, a school teacher, a minister and a talented singer. Of the seventeen in the class, three are children of Wesleyan Methodist ministers and seven have brothers or sisters, who have previously graduated from Houghton.

We are glad to have one Hale face among us to enliven us on dull occasions. If we want to kill anything we can merely shoot a Dart at it. If we wish to make purchases we always have a "Kaufmann" among us. When out camping, we never miss our supper for we have only to ring our Campbell and every Luckey one comes in.

Then too we're not only all here, but we're getting busy. Our pins have been selected and still harmony reigns in the class. If fortune continues to smile upon us, we shall consider ourselves the most favored class of Houghton Seminary.



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The following exchanges are found on the reading table: "The Cuba Patriot," Cuba, N. Y.; "The Fillmore Observer," Fillmore, N. Y.; "The Maple Leaf," Morristown, N. Y.; "The Everett High Clarion," Everett, Mass.; "Our Dumb Animals," Boston, Mass.; "Heart and Life Bulletin," Chicago, Ill.; "Apokeepsian," Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; "The Wesleyan Methodist," Syracuse, N. Y.; "Echoes," Bible School Park, N. Y.; "The Purple and Gold," Clarksville, Tenn.; and "The College Monitor," Miltonvale, Kans.

To these who are interested in the work of humane societies, and to those who have a feeling for animals I can not too highly recommend "Our Dumb Animals." We should all be better for cultivating humane instincts.

I would call special attention to "Prison Reform" in "The Maple Leaf." The live, throbbing spirit of its discussion on this absorbing topic of our day will benefit every reader. Also the essay on "Lepidoptera" in the same issue and dealing with moths and butterflies will surprise one into greater appreciation of what he may have heretofore considered common-places.

Village Notes

Mr. McConnell of Delevan spent a few days in town last week.

Mrs. Silsbee of Haskinville has been visiting her son Lewis.

Miss Grace Tarey is ill with typhoid fever. Mrs. Schouten is caring for her.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bullock spent the week end at Emporium, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bowen, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dudley of Haskinville spent the week end with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lynde visited in Hornell last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Sprague of Haskinville spent Friday and Saturday with Mrs. Bowen.

Rev. A. D. Fero of Levant spent Monday at H. J. Bullock's.

Mrs. Hazlitt and sister, Miss Baker, are spending a few days in Belmont.

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