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## Revival Has Started

Reverend Hotchkiss and son, William, have arrived at Houghton and are holding evangelistic meetings in the church.

Houghton has been praying for the success of these meetings for a long time and we know God is going to give us the victory.

Keep much in prayer these days and praying the intercessory prayer, that Houghton may be 100 % for God and holiness.

## "All-Houghton Teams" Selected

Again the big basket-ball series is over and again the Gold teams have shown their superiority by taking five out of seven games. We have been witnessing some fast playing on the part of the Gold and some very plucky playing by the Purple teams, which came very near giving them more than two games to their credit.

There have been several handicaps to prevent the games being at their best. Both girls' teams had lost their last year's crack forwards. The Purple men's line-up was weakened by the loss of Clifford Bentley, Paul Steese, and also Irwin Enty in the last five games. The Gold fellows missed Donohue, last year's high point man and some of their best players were unable to play at some of the games.

Nevertheless the girls' series was the best that we have seen and many are of the opinion that the third boys' game was one of the very best played in Houghton.

The Purple girls were very fortunate in having Edith Bork and Ione Driscal. Miss Bork played her position as back-guard efficiently and Miss Driscal advanced rapidly to the position of an excellent center and was responsible for several of her side's points. Elsie Higbee displayed some fine basket-shooting also.

Alta Albro, the new Gold forward, was the best shot on the floor. In one game her steady consistent playing gained the entire number of points for her team. A change in the line-up in the last part of the series found Laura

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## Monday Is The Day!

### Save the Star with your Subscription

The Houghton Star must be saved, and you, Yes You! are the only person in the world who can perform this task. Statistics show that there are at least one hundred members of our student body who are not now subscribers for our official organ, and these are the ones to whom these words are addressed.

In order to sustain publication the Star must raise at least one hundred and thirty-five dollars at once. If it is unable to do this, it must die; die! you understand! stop, quit, suspend publication, and if you are not a subscriber, it is your fault if she must die.

Is there one of you who would, if it were within your power to stop it, see any institution of our school become non-existent? Especially an institution which is the result of years of effort and work on the part of those gone before and which heritage we are entrusted to hand down inviolate, even bigger and better, to our posterity in a growing Houghton College.

Monday there will be a great drive for subscriptions. You must raise up in a school spirit which you have never repudiated, and subscribe for the Star.

**We Need Your Subscription to save the STAR. Send it in.**

## One Change in Executives of Houghton Athletic Ass'n

The Houghton Athletic Association was finally able to reserve one Wednesday for election, in which they showed their loyalty to the officers of the first semester by re-electing all but one. Earl Tierney has been president for several years and has been the live wire in pushing clean athletics. Paul Steese is gaining a reputation as the best society treasurer in school. The association handled nearly \$400 worth of supplies including the individual orders.

Gerald Scott retains his office as vice-president and Laura Baker was elected Secretary.

## Purple Honored by Townspeople

Sometimes our losses bring with them decided benefits. We lost the basket-ball series, but we gained one of the best times we have ever experienced in Houghton.

Last Saturday night was the culmination of the desire of some of Houghton's prominent citizens to do something for the teams they had so heartily supported throughout the whole series. Accordingly, the boy's and girl's squads were invited to a Valentine party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Crandall.

The guests gathered at about 6:30, dressed in a manner appropriate to Valentine's Day. The fun began at once by a selection of partners for dinner. At seven o'clock, what a dinner was served by our hostess! We thought that all the good things of the world had been collected in Houghton, and, if this had been true, Gibbin would have been fixed for life; for he ate until three husky men were required to help him away from the table.

Then, after we had finished eating, we had games, contests, and puzzles and other kinds of entertainment, until before we knew it, the time allowed us by the faculty had passed and the party broke up, after a couple flashlight pictures had been taken. We must mention here, also, the radio music as one of the features of the evening.

We surely appreciate the sympathy and support of the townspeople, and the entire Purple side extends hearty thanks for the very enjoyable evening. May we deserve their support and show our worthiness in a smashing defeat of the Gold this spring.

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## NOTICE

On account of the Teacher's Conference which is in session in the high school building today, the Anna Houghton Daughters will not meet this afternoon. The next meeting on March 6 promises to be very interesting. Dr. Boardman has consented to give a X-ray demonstration in his physics laboratory.

## Gold Feed and Frolic

Almost the entire contingency gathered in a pleasantly furnished reception hall, which no one would recognize as the annex, last Saturday evening with the express purpose of having a jolly time and of consuming all the eats possible. How they accomplished this will appear later.

"Wink 'Em" is a game guaranteed to break the ice at any social gathering. We played with a zest until "Eddie" issued the ultimatum that no gallant swain should partake of the bountiful repast unless he escorted some fair damsel. Serving in cafeteria style obviated many difficulties usually encountered in serving so large a group. You'd be surprised at the apparently unlimited capacities of some of those present. The "ref" and "Virg" excelled in particular.

After this important event of the evening was passed, several of our members applied for membership in the dramatic club. Virgil was highly successful and in token of the general appreciation of his historic talent was presented with a Valentine, "fearfully and wonderfully made". Then the girls went fishing and varied were the results of their angling. In all cases, however, the sentiment of the prizes they landed was appropriate to the day.

The sweet strains of the ten-piece orchestra soothed our turbulent spirits. In order that our musical appetite might not suffer from indigestion, a different course was next introduced. The talented members of the crowd helped to stage most effectively "The Gathering of the Nuts" which the critic later declared to have been well picked.

Other numbers by the orchestra and quartet were much appreciated. Time flew as tho his swift beating wings were endeavoring to keep time with the rollicking strains of the Gold musicians. Before anyone realized it, the hour for breaking up had come and reluctantly we departed, leaving the clean-up committee to prosecute their work of devastation.

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### Food for Your Soul

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Rev. 3:20-22.

### Editorial

"He who sits still in the desert is safe from three enemies; from hearing; from speech; from sight; and has to fight against only one, his own heart," was a current saying among the hermits of olden time. After the mist of centuries has rolled away, we are rather inclined to wonder if a man who hears not, speaks not, and sees not can ever say he has actually conquered his own heart.

And, the life of the nation, does it differ so greatly from the life of the individual? Can America become deaf, dumb, and blind to the life of all around us and not merit the stigma of the "Hermit Nation"? In other words will our nation be helping most toward the establishment of a reign of Universal peace and good-will by sitting still in the desert? Which desert as Carlyle would say "is this wide world in an atheistic century?"

## 'All-Houghton Teams' Selected

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Baker caging some pretty shots from the forward position.

The Purple men staged some long shooting in the last few games to their opponents' surprise, and were able to gain several points. "Si" Steese, flashy Purple forward was playing even more than his usual aggressive game, if possible, although his shooting eye was a little off. His pard, Foxie, worked well with him, but was kept from scoring by the veteran Gold guard, Henshaw.

Howland and Rosbach were the new ones on the Gold line-up. Chuck is a whirlwind on the pass and floor-work, but did not show up so well in the game in his basket work. Rosbach is a steady player, usually holding his own in point-getting. In one game he made three baskets in five minutes.

The old standbys need little comment. Farner, the Purple center and high point man, with his constant hard playing and superior weight, contributed largely to the Purple offense. Maurice Enty interrupted several passes which were almost certain to result in a goal. His careful passing netted several points also.

The Gold running guard, Williams, caged several baskets, appearing near the basket just at the critical moment when both forwards were covered.

Baker and Hussey, though still playing well, were hardly up to par with their playing of last year. Perhaps this was due to better guarding which was true of the entire series. Henshaw as usual held his man practically scoreless.

Erma Anderson is the high point girl. Although her shooting is not exceptionally good, she more than makes up for it in floor-work and in losing her guard. The Gold captain, Laura Steese, and the Purple floor captain, Eileen Loftis, played the game with a vim, fighting to the last.

It is not an easy thing to pick the All-Houghton teams. Some three or four take their places without hesitation. As for the others, there are so many good players that it is hard to choose those who would together make the best team.

We have asked our Director of Physical Training, Charles White, to select the All-Houghton teams. They are composed of the following players:

Boys	Girls
Forwards	Forwards
Baker, Allen	Higbee, Elsie
Steese, Carl	Baker, Laura
Howland, Charles	Albro, Alta

Centers	Centers
Farner, Keith	Anderson, E.
Hussey, Virgil	Driscoll, Ione
Guards	Guards
Williams, Edward	Loftis, Eileen
Enty, Maurice	Steese, Laura
Henshaw, Frank	Bork, Edith

## College Sophomores Are Beaten

After the series of basketball games between the Purple and Gold are over, class teams begin to claim the supremacy for the championship. This desire for the championship caused the college Sophomores and the Seminary teams to battle on the gymnasium floor last Friday night. The game was very interesting as the teams were very well matched. Paul Steese of the Sophomores showed his ability to play basket-ball and did some fine work on the floor. The fast Erwin Enty was on the court in his regular guard position the ball in his possession more times than any player in the game. Some fine guarding was done by both teams, thus keeping the score comparatively low. But nevertheless the Seminary showed better work and won the game by the following score: 20-24.

As usual there is a great deal of contention between the high school girls and the College girls. Last Friday night it was on the basket-ball court. A very fine game was played by each team and at the end of the game the score was a tie. The allotted five minutes was played to break the tie and the college girls won by a score of 9-5.

## Intercession

How carelessly they tread the path  
Leading to God's eternal wrath—

The path of worldliness!

Clinging to things of little worth;  
Caring alone for worldly mirth;  
Despising those of heavenly birth,  
Whom God delights to bless.

Wilt thou not stay them in their course?

Let thy love use some heavenly force  
Lest their sin prove death's sting.

Show them guilt and its consequence,  
How unbelief has no defense,  
How the vain things of time and sense  
Must disappointment bring.

O God! Thy prodigals bring home!

O Saviour to the rescue come!

Blest spirit work again!

With fear of judgment smite the soul;  
Let penitence their minds control:  
Grace shall the broken heart make whole

And cleanse the crimson stain.

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## Athenian Society

The fine weather drew the Athenians from their books Monday night and they came out thirty-five strong, for the second meeting of the literary society of this semester. After the usual opening exercises, a delightful and appropriate program was given. "O Captain! My Captain!" was recited by Charles Hawkins, followed by a review of the book "A Man for the Ages", given by Laura Baker. This was made interesting by the reading of several amusing parts. Ruth Warburton read "Under the Old Elm" by James Russell Lowell. Earl Tierney gave a few anecdotes of Lincoln.

Come next time, if you want your slumbers disturbed by the weird tales of Edgar Allen Poe.

## HOUGHTON LOCALS

President Luckey has gone to Ithaca on a business trip.

Rev. Walter Readett of Olean has been in town tuning pianos.

We are sorry to hear that Maurice Enty is ill with the chicken pox.

Miss Pearl Russell was called home recently by the serious illness of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Haynes of Rushford spent Sunday with Miss Esther Haynes.

Mrs. George Kellogg is taking treatments in the Mountain Clinic Hospital in Olean.

Mr. George Crandall was a recent visitor at the home of his brother, C. J. Crandall.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steves of Fossil, Wyoming, are visiting Mr. Steves' sister, Miss Mary Steves.

Mrs. G. H. Bork of Amsterdam has been spending a few days with her daughter, Miss Edith Bork.

Rev. John Wilcox of Indiana, Pa., is spending a few days with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Wilcox.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bernhoft are the parents of a baby girl, Marian Louise, born Sunday morning.

Rev. David Anderson, who has been conducting revival services in Pittsburg, Pa., is home for a few days.

Mrs. James Crawford and Mrs. Lucas are in Washington, D. C., as the guests of Mr. Leonard Houghton and daughter.

Mr. Ricker, principal of schools at Freedom, fell on the ice and broke his ankle while attending the Teacher's Conference here.

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Mr. Caswell is well adapted to his work, both from his personal appearance and also from his power to reproduce the expressions of his character. He faithfully recreated the scenes of the Civil War. The spirit of the past was so portrayed that we seemed to actually live in the White House when Stanton was Lincoln's Secretary of War and Seward his Secretary of State.

Abraham Lincoln was revealed to us during the three most important phases of his political career,—the turning point of the war, the occasion of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, and the dark period preceding Sherman's march to the sea.

Lincoln had a faculty of carefully handling the most difficult problems, and not only did he carry out his plans, but he also led his friends to his way of thinking. He was not saddened, but rather drowned sorrow in a unique mirth which marked even the most serious occasions. Without hesitancy he could change from a light, humorous expression to one of the deepest intent. It seemed that Lincoln took as much time to attend to

the heart-aches of the common citizen as he did to the weightiest problem. In fact, he had the one great aim to save the Union, and he ordered his every action for that one definite purpose.

The tender human touch was fitly demonstrated during the evening. The little girl from Vermont, who was seeking pardon for her brother, or the little waif from the streets,—they both found a response in the heart of the great man in the White House. He felt an interest in whatever affected the many people who came for help, and mourned deeply when any life was lost. He was truly the father of his people.

Interspersed with Mr. Caswell's work, the orchestra and quartet rendered fitting numbers, which added much to the success of the evening.

Dick—"Oh, my short story is not finished."

May—"Why not?"

Dick—"I had an accident."

May—"What happened?"

Dick—"My train of thought was derailed."

May—"What caused that?"

Dick—"My plot exploded."

**BOULDER Staff Busy**

The 1925 BOULDER is, at the present time, one of the school's institutions that is engaging the attention of of the school, and more especially of the staff. The continual activity of several members of the staff in their various departments, lead us to suspect that this year's Annual will reach a height of success never before attained in Houghton. It is the announced intention of the staff to give us a "bigger and better BOULDER". They promise us a year book that will contain, in picture, prose, and poetry, a complete story of this year's activities among the students. They also are adding several new and novel features not attempted by a previous staff.

At present the staff is interested in receiving subscriptions. Letters have been sent to the alumni, former students, and friends of Houghton urging them to get their order in for their BOULDER at once. No orders can be received after the book goes to the printers. If you have not received a subscription blank send \$2.00 to Lloyd E. Tingley, Subscription Manager, Houghton, New York, without delay. Many who ordered copies last year were disappointed by waiting too long. Order your copy TODAY and don't be among the disappointed this year.

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**Only a Number in a World War**

After equipping with gas masks and receiving some instruction and drill in their use, we left Calais. At the end of a short march we entrained in French box cars. Most of them were smaller than the American box cars. They were marked conspicuously, "8 chevaux 40 hommes", which signified that eight horses might be transported in one, or forty men—the numbers varied both ways according to the size of the particular car.

At Andrique we detrained and started with full packs for Northbecourt. We had done little hiking since leaving Camp Upton, and were weakened by the sea voyage. The result was quickly seen. Long before we reached our destination the men began to give out. The common rule for marching was fifty minutes of marching followed by ten minutes of rest, this being repeated until the destination was reached. It could be done without packs, or with combat packs, but I have seldom seen it done successfully for more than four or five consecutive hours with full packs. There are always some who

cannot keep the pace. Those who have never known compulsory physical overtaxation cannot realize such a situation. The strain, if continued, results in fainting or heart failure,—usually the former. One who feels such a faint coming upon him, if he continues to keep the pace, must soon stop of necessity or fall in his tracks.

On this particular occasion, when we were still about six kilometers from Northbecourt, so many had dropped out that a change was necessary. A rest was given and trucks ordered for the transportation of packs. It was very dark when we arrived at Northbecourt. The packs were awaiting us in a pile near the road. Mess was served in the open, and for this we were directed to take the first mess kit we could find. It was nearly impossible in situation to return all the mess kits to the particular pack from which they were taken, and readjustments were necessary on the following day.

The billets were not very inviting. We were led to them in the dark. The one in which I was located was a French barn joining other farm building about a small wet court. The refuse from the stables had been thrown out into this court and distributed exten-

sively by the agency of domestic fowls and water. The accumulation was of considerable depth. It had been some time since the billet had been used by troops. In the meantime the hens had occupied it considerably and everything within was covered with dust and dirt. The bunks were of simple framework constructed in three or four tiers one above the other. Across the tops of these had been stretched rolls of wire, such as is used to inclose yards for small chicks. The rolls were about two feet wide and crossed each cot three times. The mesh had been stretched by use and in some instances broken by rust and wear. The outer strands of each roll, being heavier and stronger than the mesh between, had not stretched so much, and consequently made two, sharp, elevated ridges across each bunk. The one giving support just above the small of the back was particularly inconvenient. We were weary enough to sleep almost anywhere but under water, so we paid little attention to our quarters till next day. On the following morning we discovered in the semi-darkness within, that the building was half of mud and straw and half thatched. The roof was of red tiles. It was both damp and dark, but some light was admitted through two or three small windows at the sides and through a few small glass peices inserted among the tiles of the roof. Such glass as still remained on duty was half opaque with dirt.

We cleaned up—both ourselves and billet—in spite of some difficulties. We could not use water on the floor, for it was dirt, and we could get clean water but sparingly for our faces. After ten or fifteen men had washed in a single bucket of water it was necessary for about as many more to use the resultant dirty liquid or go to the village pool. I preferred the latter.

The pool was about fifty feet long. It was walled on the lower side. A barnyard drained into it on the other side. Hens and webbed fowl worked about and in it, and horses and cattle waded in to drink. It contained an interesting variety of zoological specimens of low orders and was colored with various adulterations. I have washed and shaved there while others crowded about, some washing their faces and hands, some their feet, and some their socks! Some washed their mess kits there, but, personally, I washed mine with my allowance of coffee.

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