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HOUGHTON SEMINARY OPENS THIRTY SEVENTH Annual Session 170 Enrolled to Date

Signs are encouraging for one of the best years of the history of Houghton Seminary. Already one hundred seventy students enrolled in the College, Theological, Music, Oratory, Preparatory, and Elementary departments. A course in practical nursing has also been started under the direction of Miss Ethelyn Stebbins.

Rev. C. B. Whitaker of Lansing, Mich. is the new Theological teacher and Miss Edna Culp, of Nanticoke, Penn'a. a graduate of the Emerson School of Oratory of Boston is at the head of the Oratory department.

Rev. J. J. Coleman, the former Theological teacher is now President of our college at Central, S.C. With your prayers and co-operation we are sure this will be a splendid year for Houghton Seminary.

PRES. LUCKEY'S MESSAGE

During the war statements were repeatedly made from many sources that the nations would come forth from that fiery ordeal refined and purified, and that humanity would look upon life more seriously, and would be more susceptible of religious influence. In connection with these statements the most beautiful ideals of peace and universal brotherhood were set forth.

Nearly two years have past since the Armistice was signed, and still this utopian condition has not been ushered in. Instead a feeling of disappointment and shattered confidence prevails. What is the cause? And why this feeling of shattered hope? While it will require the most able statesmen to apply the remedy, it does not require a very astute mind to point out the primary cause. The nations have forgotten God. The League of Nations leaves God out, the two great parties of the United States have not taken God into their council chambers, Russia is ruled by atheists, and all other nations have largely reject-

ed God.

In the midst of such conditions what is the need of the hour? Without hesitation I affirm that the greatest need of the hour is Christian Leadership. And by this I do not mean leadership that is just nominally Christian, but trained leaders who are truly Christians, leaders who really know God, who are walking in the light of His Holy word' and who have fully yielded themselves to His divine will. Such leadership under the direction of the Holy Spirit is the only possible thing that can quiet this unrest, solve the problems of capital and labor, protect the weak against the strong, and bring order out of the present chaos.

Next in importance to this leadership itself, are the means of producing such leaders. Included in these means are several factors, but one of the greatest is the truly Christian college. The great universities are responsible for the present conditions. This is a fearful charge to make but I believe it is true. German universities were greatly responsible for the world war, and American universities are responsible for placing leaders in pulpits and pews who are practically infidels. It is almost entirely to the Christian colleges that is holding true to the Bible fundamentals that the world must look for leaders who will direct the forces of righteousness till Jesus comes. As The Houghton Star again goes forth in this the first number of the school year, we desire to reaffirm that all the power of this institution shall be used to produce this kind of leaders. J. S. Luckey

CUPID TAKES ADVANCED

Ground in Faculty Sector,

Summer Drive

FANCHER KITTERMAN

A very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Kitterman of Fairmont, Ind. Aug. 12, when their daughter Miss. Zola was united in marriage to Mr. W. Levay Fancher of Houghton, N. Y.

After a solo, "O Promise Me" by Miss Mildred Ellingwood, the bridal party entered the room to the strains of

"Lohengrin" Wedding March played by Miss. Evangeline Kinnison of Elwood, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Dr. H. Clarke Bedford of Marion, Ind., a cousin of the groom.

Mr. Harry Kitterman, a brother of the bride acted as best man and Miss Mary Rigsbee as bridesmaid.

Mrs. Fancher is a young lady of sterling character and is highly esteemed in her home community, also here in Houghton. She is a graduate of Fairmount High School and has been a student of the College and Music departments of Houghton Seminary for the past two years and is continuing her work here this year.

Mr. Fancher, also a former student of Houghton is a graduate of Oberlin and is now a very able instructor here. During the recent war he served as Lieutenant in the Aviation Corps.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal couple left for Chicago where he was pursuing a summer course of study in Chicago University after finishing which they returned to Houghton to make their home.

Those from here who attended the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Fancher, parents of the groom.

These young people are both members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and have good Christian characters. The Star extends hearty congratulations.

ELLMORE ELDREDGE

Miss Beatrice, daughter of Mrs Lucinda Eldredge of Syracuse, also our former Oratory teacher, was married to Mr. Russell Ellmore of Middletown, July 7. After the ceremony which took place in the Plymouth St. Church, a reception was given in their honor at their own home

Mrs Ellmore is a graduate of the Oratory Department of Syracuse and Mr. Ellmore is a chemist in the Solivay Process.

After a trip to Lake George they returned to their home at 1118 Belview Ave. Syracuse.

The Star also extends congratulations to these young people.

COLLEGE DEPARTMENT GROWING

Houghton Seminary opened this fall with the largest enrollment in her College department that she has had since the days of the war. Last year the enrollment in both the Music and Advanced departments was twenty-seven. This year in the College department, alone, there are forty students registered.

There is a fine Freshman Class this year, whose members will be able to obtain their degrees from Houghton College in 1924. The Sophomore Class has gained in numbers and we hope in knowledge since last year. The Juniors too, are well represented.

Since Houghton College can ^{soon} now grant degrees to her graduates, we believe that she will grow steadily in number.

"Progress" is the great demand of the age in which we live. We believe the college is only in its infancy. In the past it has had a struggle to keep on its feet, but as the years go by it is constantly growing stronger.

Here at Houghton we have a great advantage over larger colleges, in that we know and are known by our faculty. We receive a great deal of personal attention from our teachers, which we could not hope to have if we were in a large college or university.

We as fellow college students are looking forward to a profitable year together at Houghton.

E. B.

ANNUAL NEW STUDENTS' RECEPTION

The customary reception given by the old students to the new was held Sept. 17, 1920, at 8 P. M. in the library of the Seminary building. This is always a splendid time to become acquainted and it was indeed a pleasure to welcome in many fine, new students among us.

After an informal hour spent in conversation a short program was given. Miss Elizabeth Black in behalf of the old students gave in a very capable manner the welcoming address, to which Mr. Earl Lusk responded in a manner very fitting to the occasion. Miss Culp, our oratory teacher, then read very charmingly two selections which were heartily appreciated by all. Miss Eddy in her pleasing way gave a vocal solo. President Luckey closed the program by a few remarks in which he gave the students a welcome

such as he only can give. Refreshments were served after which the company dispersed feeling that a very profitable evening had been spent, and eager for all that the school year will bring.

A Half Hour With Our Connec- tional Agent REV. J. S. WILLETT

We were especially honored to have with us in our chapel service on Sept. 23, Rev. J. S. Willett, our Connectional Agent. Rev. Willett has a wonderful influence in the lives of many of your young people, and there was indeed inspiration in the short talk he gave us. His appeal for men and women who will sacrifice for the cause of God, unmindful of wealth and position went straight home to our hearts. Bro. Willett was the first college graduate of the seminary and he assured us that his Alma Mater was very dear to him, also that he was working to the best of his ability for her best interests.

We sincerely appreciated the deep and tender pathos there which he showed us that he really understood the fight of the poor student who earnestly longs and plans for an education, and when we look at him and realize how much he means to the kingdom of God in the earth and the Wesleyan Methodist church we are filled with a large measure of inspiration and devotion to the task of making our lives efficient in the service of man and God.

MR. LEONARD HOUGHTON Gives Annual Address, Before Going South

One of the best chapel occasions afforded us thus far was Mr. Leonard Houghton's speech. This loyal supporter of our school and a real friend of the students is always greeted with a warm welcome whenever he visits Houghton.

We were very much pleased with the high hopes for Houghton's charter he told us about. Students, isn't the idea of organizing for the effort, and facing the obstacles with a united front a good one? (We liked your address, Mr. Houghton. You will find us willing and loyal to our responsibility in this great partnership of Houghton's supporters, faculty and student body.) We believe the charter and the college are in sight.

OUR THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

There are no other departments in our schools that are playing a greater part in training young men and women for spheres of true service in the world, than our Theological Departments are doing at the present day.

We do not intend to compare our selves among our selves, or look out upon the world through eyes of egotism and say, "we are Holier than thou", but facts are facts, and we feel to thank God for a few institutions where the true fundamental principles of the Bible are being upheld and defended by its leaders and instructors. We believe Houghton Seminary to be one of the few.

Many noble young men and women have already gone out from this department to bless the world through lives of sacrificial service, and our prayer is that many more shall follow.

The number of students enrolled in this department this year is some what smaller than that of last year. However this is not due to the fact that students have failed to return to school but many of the former students are taking either high school, or college work.

Of the fifteen students enrolled, the majority are young men who are preparing either for the ministry or missionary work. So much has been said in regards to the young men as being slackers in these spheres of service, but we believe they are coming to the front and will yet show the church that they have a mission, and a purpose to fulfill that mission in whatever sphere it may be.

Last year in a Mission Lecture class of twelve or fifteen young women, not one young man appeared during the entire year. This year there are six who have identified themselves with this class.

A Student Volunteer Band has been organized and a goodly number have expressed their desire to join.

Bro. Whitaker, who is filling so well the place of our former instructor, Prof. Coleman, we believe to be a man of God. The work is moving on nicely under his supervision and he has the prayers and hearty co-operation of all his students.

Is the church of to-day, our own denomination, as interested in the education of her future leaders as she should be? Unless we are doing all we can to co-operate with our leaders and seek to sustain the spiritual life of our schools we

have no right whatever to utter a word against them.

Since the hope of the future church is bound up in the lives of the young people, who are to come forth from our school to fill up the broken ranks, can we afford to withhold our prayers, our money, and our interest?

F. A. B.

GETTING READY FOR OUR CHARTER

The summer of 1920 has brought many improvements to our Seminary. If the old students were to visit the campus they might notice the fresh, trim appearance which the paint has given to the window and door casings of the Ladies' Hall and Heating Plant as well as to the Seminary. Even the belfry has taken on a new white coat.

As the electric light line is to go through Houghton this year, the buildings have to receive the benefit of it. We surely owe a great debt to Rev. Arthur Northrup, a former student, for his assistance in this particular. It is estimated that he has saved the school at least three hundred dollars and he has offered to wire the gymnasium free of charge as soon as the material is purchased.

About fifty dollars is to be spent in arranging the Seminary heating system so that certain rooms shall receive heat without wasting any on other rooms not needed. A new steam furnace is to be installed in the Ladies' Hall.

Some may not realize that we have acquired some property this summer. The farms and village property which have been known as the George Waldorf estate are now included among the possessions of the Seminary. The large roomy house has been fitted for a Boys' Dormitory. A number of improvements have been made on the house including an outside chimney, putting in the city water, and the installing of a new steam furnace, and a bath room.

The rooms have been furnished with cots, tables, chairs, bookcases, chiffoniers, and bed linen. The total amount expended for improvements this summer is approximately four thousand dollars. Of course this does not include the work which was donated.

President Luckey always spends his summers working for the school as con-

stantly as he works during the school year. This is his vacation. We are truly proud of our school and of those who spend so much effort for her advancement.

Confidence is a plant of slow growth in an aged blossom.

William Pitt

Organizations

NEOSOPHIC SOCIETY

The first meeting of the year was held on Monday evening, September 20th, at which the following officers were elected for the semester: President, Wilbur Clark; vice president, Eric Bascom; treasurer, Lynn Russell; secretary, Bond Fero; program committee, Marjorie Ackerman, Luella Roth, Eric Bascom; janitor, Lynford Sicard.

The society already has a large membership composed of old students and is rapidly enrolling the names of the new students. Every student who is not eligible to membership in the Athenian society, should join the Neosophic society.

The program committee aims to give only those programs that will be of real literary value to its members. A debate with the topic "Resolved that Ireland should have home rule" as the program for Monday night, Oct. 11th. This should be especially interesting to all high school students. The affirmative debaters are Stanley Lawrence, Dan Castner, Erwin Enty and the negative Eric Bascom, Perry Tucker and Joseph Kemp.

Other programs of great value and inspiration are to be held each Monday evening. Come out and boost the society.

A. L. B.

ATHENIAN SOCIETY

Again the students have met and organized their society. Every one enjoys variety and so we hope to have our society different this year. You ask "How?" We intend to have the best society ever known in the history of the Athenians. How are we going to accomplish this, did you say?

First, the members are going to cooperate with each other and with the

officers, our president Mr. Pocock, our secretary, Mr. Lusk and treasurer, Miss Luckey. Then we will strive to gain every eligible student as a member of the society. With so many members we gain much. Talent is no doubt the main thing gained, and one who has seen our student body this year may look forward to some fine programs. Numbers create enthusiasm also. No one enjoys speaking or playing before empty chairs but will do their best before large audiences, and we may have a comparatively large one. Then we obtain "pep" and life. It takes various types to make any organization a success and so we need everyone to supply the necessary elements to make our society a fine success.

Often I have heard it said that college students were not attending their society because they found greater enjoyment elsewhere. I wonder if they realize that they were casting reflections on themselves, for the society is a body of students and one which needs the support of all. Therefore if each knocker became a booster we will surpass their greatest expectations.

I understand there are about seventy eligible to the society this year. Let's all meet there next Monday night at 6:30.

A. H.

Athletics

GIRLS

Most of us have come here for an education of our minds. Some of us are apt to think we have no time for anything else. We think anything that has lots of fun and a little excitement in it is dissipating.

But we are deceived. Altho the body is essentially the servant of the mind and spirit, yet the success of both of these depends on the strength and training of the body. It is like a piano factory. Altho the designer may have created plans for a wonderful instrument, if there are no trained workmen to execute his commands, what will it profit?

Houghton does not intend that we shall neglect the physical. President

Luckey in his first chapel talk, declared that we should give due attention to this side of our natures.

A very good gymnasium offers to us its advantages. Surely we are all interested either in basket ball or tennis. Probably a good many turn up their noses at the thought of basket ball. It appears to some people to be rather a vulgar game, in which everyone loses his head and forgets all decorum.

But appearances sometimes deceive. Basket ball calls out all there is in us. It demands sacrifice of personal ends for the good of the team. The player must be a good loser. He must play a clean game. In the excitement he must keep his self-control. He must think and act quickly, but intelligently. The muscles must be trained to obey the will. Of course it is fun to play basket ball. There is spice in it. But this is good. We get more out of anything when we enjoy it.

If basket ball is not just what we think it should be, it is our opportunity to get into it and make it better. We have no right to sit back and growl.

Tennis is good. It is not quite so exciting nor quite so strenuous, but it is interesting and requires practice and strength.

If we cannot play either of these games, let us get out and play baseball, or take hikes. It will add to our strength and increase our joy in life.

Above all, let us not sit back in a corner and mold.

M. W.

BOYS

Houghton Seminary has some of the best athletes ever known in our school good hard drilling.

Students who spend most of their time in study ought to spend at least one half hour every day, for a month, before attempting to play any of the games. This is one thing we lack. We should not plan on taking enough subjects to keep us so busy we don't have time to drill in athletics.

For summer sports we have Base Ball. This is usually played most in the spring. There are enough students for three good teams. Houghton shines here by having a good diamond with a fine grand stand to make it comfortable for spectators.

For winter sports we have Basket

Ball. This game is played with great interest. We have a fine Gymnasium, thus making it possible for us to start practicing early.

In this sport we boys must get busy or the girls will beat us out.

We also play tennis all the year. We have two courts for summer playing and one in the Gymnasium for winter. This game is played with great interest by both girls and boys.

The athletic associations are doing all that is possible to make the sports interesting and successful.

We are planning on having the best and cleanest athletics ever known in this place.

Join your athletic association!

MARY'S AMBITION --Story

Mary came home from the office and sank wearily into a chair. She gazed out of the window, where she could see nothing but roofs and high brick walls.

Mary lived in New York city, on the sixth floor of a tenement house. From the window of a tenement house one doesn't always get the most inspiring view and as Mary gazed languidly at the roofs and smoky black walls she thought that the world—at least her world—was cold and lonely. She was awakened from her reverie by a soft musical voice which said, "Mary, I'm glad you've come."

"Well, Betty, how did you get along to-day? I was dreaming and forgot to speak, and anyway I thought you were asleep. Where's father?"

These words were addressed to a small girl of almost two years. She sat in a large arm chair bolstered up by pillows. Betty was a beautiful little child with a sweet little face, sad brown eyes and long shining curls which for color and luster might easily be compared with a raven. Now as she gazed wistfully, yet lovingly, up into Mary's face she looked very sweet as she answered, "Father has been gone all day, and I've been so lonesome: I tried to have a good time though; and Mary, I played the glad game all day, yes I did! And what do you think, I found forty-nine things to be glad for! Do you know what I'm most glad for, Mary? Why, it's you, you little silly."

All this from little Betty who

scarcely stopped to take a breath until she had finished.

Mary melted at once.

"Why, bless your little heart, Betty!

I'm afraid I'll have to scold daddy for leaving you all day. Just to think that you had to stay all alone. But say, Elizabeth Brown, you're just a little angel! Here I'm strong and well and can work and take care of you just as well as not. But you have to stay here day after day and yet you never complain. Why just now, what do you suppose I was doing? Hating myself because I had to live up in the sixth story of a brick house in New York. Say I'm going to try that glad game, too.

"Why, Mary, you're just the best sister anybody ever had and don't you talk about yourself like that or I'll report you."

"Well," laughed Mary, "Report me if you know to whom you ought to report. You keep still, now sis, I'm going to get supper."

With this Mary was off to the little kitchenette where she softly hummed "Brighten the Corner Where You Are," as she worked.

"Well, that's what I ought to do," thought Mary, "but goodness knows I'm not very efficient. I'm going to try harder though."

There were reasons why Mary Brown was so sad, and sometimes even blue. Two years previous she had graduated from the high school in her town. She had planned a brilliant future, a college course and a position as instructor in college history. But all this had vanished with the burning of her father's feed mill and the death of her mother. The shock of his financial loss and the death of his wife was too much for Mr. Brown. He at once became blue and despondent. Not being contented to live longer in his home town they had moved to the little flat in "cold New York." Mary had sacrificed teaching even in the grades, to keep house for her father and invalid sister. She was now acting as stenographer in a large firm where she received a fairly good remuneration.

But Mary did not like office work. To her it was drudgery. What did she care about all those figures which

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Editorial

CONFIDENCE

Before any worthy end can be attained for, or by mankind, there must be involved a certain element we call confidence. When this element is not recognized its opposite, uninvited and unwelcome but nevertheless real, makes its subtle appearance. In spite of our prejudices, our resolutions and this year. Of course we need some

our magnanimity we are constantly on the lookout for something wrong. This is always due to some reason more or less justifiable.

Sometimes however we are filled with an unconscious tendency toward suspicion for which we have no real grounds. Yet we do not seem able to correct or to counteract it. Indeed, an undefinable something which we cannot always call suspicion, causes us to avoid certain things because of similar cases where analysis has revealed wrong motives and methods. Many times these things rob our lives of richness which later we learn to value.

Do you ever stop to think that every corporation, firm, association, newspaper and magazine possesses a personality? They are living, pulsating organisms inspired by a heart full of interest and love to mankind. They are not independent of personal touch and will respond to external stimulus if said stimulus is applied. If things are not right the man who notices it first is under the greatest responsibility! If you think EVERYTHING is wrong you have a tremendous opportunity to make everything right!

Why are you so busy? You have to keep ahead of Old Father Time as he swings his scythe. You have to rise before daylight and work until sundown, why? To save three minutes! What do you do with those three minutes? You waste them! Do you love your neighbor and never speak to him? Does he know that you are interested in him without a smile, a handshake or a chat over the back fence? Would it take more than three minutes to tell him? The Houghton Star is your neighbor, your friend. Do you realize that a little personal touch from you, a bit of encouragement, suggestion or help, fresh from our readers would make us better friends? We cannot do our best for you unless we understand your ideals and your needs. We cannot understand them unless you are willing and anxious to tell us. If you say "someone else will do my part" and "this isn't meant for me" you are steadily increasing the gulf between your benefit and our success. You want to know where that old schoolmate of yours is, but you forget that he wants to know where YOU are! That didn't occur to you, did it?

Well, write us a letter! If you like us say so! If you are still loyal to Houghton we want to know it! If you don't like us write anyway; it will do you good to get it out of your system. We are anxious to hear from YOU! A stamp costs two cents at any post office.

Senior Y. M. W. B.

The first meeting of the Senior Y. M. W. B. occurred Tuesday evening October, 5. Miss Alice Buchholz presided and the following officers were elected; President, Flora Brecht; Vice President, Stanley

Lawrence; Treasurer, Wm. O. Hester, Secretary, Ivah Benning. After the business meeting, Sister Clarke gave a brief review of the work of the Y. M. W. B. and suggestions for making our meetings profitable. Then Mr. McKinney gave an inspiring talk on how to promote the interest in Missionary work.

It is the purpose of the Program Committee this year to divide the members into six groups each group representing a country namely, Africa, India, China, Japan, South America and the Homeland. Then each group will be held responsible for a program on their country sometime during the year. We are expecting these to be both interesting and spiritual, and that which will help you to realize the need of this lost world.

So if you are interested in your lost brothers and sisters here and in the foreign fields, come out to our Y. M. W. B. meetings and pray that God will make this phase of our Work count for His glory.

Alumni Notes

The class of 1911 boasted of eighteen members, the largest class which had been graduated at Houghton up to this time. Since then there has been one other class which has equaled it in number. From the class have come missionaries, teachers, preachers, chemists and electricians. The members are scattered and it was with difficulty we obtained accurate information regarding some of them.

The president of the class, Arthur Karer, is at present a teller in a bank in the state of Massachusetts. During the war with Germany he served his country as a member of the medical corps.

Ward Bowen, valedictorian, is now residing in Ithaca with his wife who was formerly Miss Lelia Coleman of Houghton. He is one of the instructors in Cornell University. The care of little Margaret furnishes a pleasant diversion.

James Elliott, Salutatorian, after leaving Houghton took a course in Ohio Wesleyan University obtaining his degree. He is now a successful minister of the gospel and expects soon to leave for South America with his wife and son, Marling Judson, to engage in mission work.

Edna Hester Kaufman after teaching

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CUSTOMS and LIVING CONDITIONS In VLADIVOSTOK SIBERIA

The customs of Vladivostok may be divided into two distinct classes. The first class, is the custom or duty on imported goods. Everyone is acquainted with this class so it needs no discussion. In fact the custom officer may be seen in every important seaport in every country.

The Second Class, consists of the habits and practices of the people who live in the city. These customs are of many varieties and shades, but it is not the purpose of this article to enter into an exhaustive discussion of the same. While the First Class is subject to sudden change at any time according to written law, yet the Second Class can change only with time and age in accordance with unwritten law.

The most dominant Household Custom is couched in the Samovar "Tea Drinking." In fact the fire in the samovar burns all day long. The proverbial "Seechass" is closely connected with the "Chae" for, the time used in disposed of the hot draft may be either a very few minutes or a period reaching into hours. It might be added that "Chae" is not the only drink. Vodka and Tea are the two "official" drinks in Russia. Both are great time killers and are thus responsible for some of the "Seechassing." Aside from the samovar, every house is supplied with the Ikona, which is a small sacred image made of bronze, silver, or other metals to represent some New Testament Character. Every member of the family pays homage to the Ikona.

The customary hours for meals are 10 a. m., 2 p. m., tea at 6, supper at 9, and "dinner" at 1 a. m. Of course this long program is not followed absolutely, but the placing of all entertainments late in the evening, forces one to keep late hours even if he prefers to do otherwise. Concerts usually begin at 9 p. m. and end at about 12. The long intermission in the middle of the program, which is used in visiting, shaking hands, drinking tea, vodka, etc. and taking a walk, unduly prolong the conclusion of the evening events.

Another prominent custom is that of Holidays. These seem to be almost as numerous as the working days. Many of the holidays have been established as sacred days by the church.

The external customs which may be noticed by even an unobserving eye are: First, the long bread lines where men, women and children stand in the cold of winter or the heat of summer awaiting their turn to purchase bread for the able or for individual consumption.

Second, the quaintly built isvostchik, or Russian carriage drawn by either one or two horses and driven by a Chinaman or a typical, middle-aged, well-bearded Russian perched on the narrow seat in front. Very little care is given to the hard-working horses. They may be kept at a steady trot or a gallop for hours at a time and at the end of it all will be allowed to drink freely and stand without

blankets or shelter to protect them from the winter blasts. This isvostchik, or Drosky, as it is sometimes called, takes the place of the Jinrikisha of Japan and China.

Third, the city dray wagons, which do nearly all of the hauling of commodities from the wharfs to the stores and other distributing points. These wagons are crudely built and are drawn by small but strong chubby Siberian horses. The Chinese or Russian driver, as the case may be, very seldom drives. He walks beside or in front of his team where he can lend a helping hand hoping that the combined horse-power and man-power may bring the heavy load of coal, wood, dry goods, etc., to the top of the hill. A large number of horses are blind, due it is said, to three causes: (a) It is thought that the horses can do more work if they are blind; (b) A blind horse would not be requisitioned for Government use; (c) It is thought that the grain fed to the horses produces blindness.

Fourth, Ragolka, or Chinese Burden Bearer. This man is equipped with a chair-like wooden frame resting on his back and shoulders where he carries all sorts of household goods, hardware, merchandise, etc. It is remarkable, the heavy weights that these men can carry. They also unload the coal from the ships by carrying a 300 pound sack on the shoulder across the street and up an inclined plane to the top of the coal pile.

Last, but no least, Swimming. This is a real occupation in Vladivostok and the busy season does not close until some times in October. Neither children nor adults are particular as to whether or not they are equipped with a full bathing suit. Some may wonder at the possibility of following this occupation in icy, frigid Siberia but they will find that, in Vladivostok at least, summers are so warm that the palm beach suit is a real necessity.

The living conditions in Vladivostok are abnormal in the extreme. Since the beginning of the Bolsheviki movement and the unsettled conditions of Russia and Siberia, there has been a steady stream of men, women and children from the West to the East. Large numbers of refugee children are now here in Vladivostok or near by, or at Russian Island under the care of the American Red Cross. All of the available rooming places are taken and many unfortunates are without an adequate place to stay. A city commission has charge of housing the people and any private landlord must admit newcomers into his house if there are not enough in his own family to properly fill all of the rooms. While no one has the right to a room without the permission of the commission yet, possession is ten points in law in Russia. The first person who moves into a house and fires the stove can hold it. Others may be brought in to fill it but those who are present cannot be forced out.

While the question of rooms is the most serious problem connected with the living conditions in Vladivostok, yet, food is also at a premium. The one article of food which is abundant is fish. Therefore, this constitutes the main diet for Chinese and many Russians. Sugar can-

not be purchased in the city markets except in very small amounts. The prices of all commodities have gone up, due not only to the fall in the value of the Ruble, but also because of an increase in demand and a decrease in supply. Hence, the three factors which determine prices are all operating together to shoot the prices sky-high. These prices are not as alarming to the American who measures prices by the stable dollar, as they are to the Russian who measures prices by the changeable Ruble which he receives as payment for his services. While the wages are being paid in accordance with the fall in the value of the Ruble, yet, the latter change precedes the former, thus working a hardship on the poor laboring man. This situation has caused occasional strikes.

Sanitary conditions and city improvements are always important factors affecting the living conditions in any town. Very little can be said however, except that the city improvements are conspicuous for their absence. The sewers, which consist of trenches under the sidewalks are operated by the gravity system. The city lights are run by an electric plant which is in operation "once in a while." All of the water used by the city is obtained from wells and is carried in buckets by Chinese workmen or is hauled in barrels on a horse cart. The city fire department is equipped with horses, wagons, hose, buckets, a small steam engine force pump, and shiny brass helmets. The brigade could compete very well with a similar organization of almost any "jerkwater town" in America, for, it has been known to reach several fires before the flames had died down of their own accord.

When a stable and efficient government is established in Russia and Siberia, Vladivostok will very likely be made one of the finest seaports and summer resorts in the world. At any rate, this could very easily be done because of the elaborate pains Dame Nature has taken to make all preparations possible for the founding of a wonderful city. The harbor is not only so deep that large ships can dock at the wharfs, but it is almost entirely surrounded by high cliffs which, to a large degree, ward off the ocean tides and waves. These cliffs also serve as a first class wind brake. Vladivostok can boast not only of a large and excellent harbor, but also of an abundance of the best varieties of fish which play in the waters at her feet.

C. Floyd Hester (Class 1913) American Y. M. C. A., Vladivostok, Siberia.

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Houghton is a small town. No one ever denied that. Houghton's influence extends far and wide. She stands upon the Genesee and sheds upon the hills and valleys around an influence which must be felt. As the breeze carries the sweet fragrance of the rose, so does the breeze carry helpful influences from our town.

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wonderful into their midst, the people here are. One of the greatest opportunities that ever came to students and citizens is that which we term our lecture course. This is an opportunity because we have the foremost American musicians, statesmen, authors, preachers, lecturers, and orators, present on our platform. Those who are acquainted with our lectures in the past know that these words are not mere sounding brass or tinkling cymbals but they are undeniable facts.

This year Houghton Seminary has to offer to the public one of the best and we believe the very best lecture course which has ever been offered here.

The first number upon the course is Frank Dixon, A man of national fame, honor, and passion. We expect to listen to a man who believes and lives what he says. Such men fill their audiences with ambitions too large to be held in check with iron bands of steel. These little sparks which today are being kindled in our bosoms shall some day break out into a blazing fire.

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Our cold January days will brighten, when we see the smile and listen to the eloquence of Paul M. Pearson. He entertains, enriches, and masters his audience with his presence.

The appreciation of music is a gift both to be sought and acquired. Some by nature are thrilled by our musical numbers. The musical number, the "Commonwealth Artists" is represented by three male musicians and an associate lady musician. We anticipate a profitable and pleasant evening in listening to this number when the winds of March are beating against our roofs.

The friends, neighbors, and acquaintances of Houghton know that the May Concert needs no introduction nor explanation. Without question it will be wonderful. The teachers from both the musical and oratorical departments are especially efficient and generous so we feel confident that this year's lecture course will be pure gold.

Stanley Lawrence

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ALUMNI

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one year near her home in Kansas took College work in Houghton. She is now living at Willmore, Ky.

Thankful Clawson is teaching near her home at Dixonville Pa.

Tremaine Mc Dowell after graduating continued his college work in Houghton for three years, then went to the University of Michigan where he obtained his A. B. degree. He then spent a year at Harvard and obtained the degree of A. M. He is now teaching in Marion, Ind.

Mary Hubbard McDowell took advanced work in Houghton and then obtained the degree of A. B. in the University of Mich. She is residing with her husband in Marion, Ind.

Isabelle Stebbins Fancher after taking advanced work in Houghton taught school near Fillmore, N. Y. she now is living in Houghton where her husband is one of the instructors in the Seminary. Roscoe, Esther, and little Charles occupy a most important place in the home.

Lois Thompson continued her work in the College Department of Houghton for a time. She is now married and living in Dakota.

Crystal Rork since taking some advanced work in Houghton, has been teaching near Fillmore, N. Y.

Abbie Churchill Bowen taught two years in Steuben Co. She now lives in Houghton with her young son Earle, at the same time she is taking some special work in Houghton Seminary.

Lynn Bedford took a course in electrical engineering and has since been working for the General Electric Co. in Schenectady, N. Y.

Opal Smith Gibbs is in Tokio, Japan, where she and her husband are engaged in Mission Work. Their two young daughters, Elsie Faith and Flossie June, bring sunshine to their home. The Journal letters which Mrs. Gibbs contributes to the Missionary Magazine are of rare interest.

Others of the class which we are unable to locate are: Gail Thomson, Wallace Neville, Owen Walton, Jesse Frazier and Ray Calhoun. We regret that we were not able to obtain the desired information concerning them but we are sure that, wherever they are, they are still loyal to Houghton and her principles and are more than making good.

By one of the Class.

STAFF OF 1910-11

Harry J. Ostlund is Assistant in the School of Business, University of Minnesota.

C. Floyed Hester is in Y. M. C. A. work, Vladivostok, Siberia.

Pall Fall has taken a professorship in Chemistry at Hiram College, Ohio.

Rev. James W. Elliott, having finished several successful pastorates, is located in Chittenden, Vermont at present.

Rev. Harold H. Hester Studies advanced theological work in Oberlin College.

Gail Thomson, according to the most accurate information we have, is at Northville, South Dakota.

Theos. Thompson is Assistant in Chemistry, University of Nebraska.

How widely scattered and how far removed,

Old "Star" we could not bring them back at will!

But with them yet are scenes of yore they loved,

Hearts beat as one- and they are Houghton still!

A pleasant summer reunion of some of the Houghton students and alumni took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervey W. Cobb of Lockport, N. Y. on Sunday, Sept. 12, 1920.

Invitations were issued to Mrs. Cobb's brother, Wallace E. Handford, and wife, formerly Miss Sarah Shaver, both former students at Houghton, Stanley Lawrence, John Wilcox, Perry Tucker, and Mrs. Cobb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Handford.

After all had assembled, a not soon to be forgotten luncheon was served of which all partook heartily.

After luncheon the conversation drifted to Houghton doings, past and present. Mr. Handford related some of the happenings at the school where he was a student, and Mr Wilcox was ready as usual with some amusing stories of Houghton life.

Before leaving the host and hostess insisted on all staying for refreshments after which all departed to their homes feeling that Mr. and Mrs. Cobb were indeed ideal hosts.

P. T.

What are you doing for the Charter?

Current News

Several old students of Houghton have been visiting here recently. Among these are Messers Clark and Fred Warburton of Cornell University, Ira Bowen of Chicago University, G. Beverly Shultz, of Newcastle, Pa. and Miss Ruth Houghton of Cattaraugus, N. Y.

Miss Maude Grimes was pleasantly surprised Sunday, Sept. 26, by a visit from her father, Mr. Carmi Grimes of Elmira N. Y. Others of the visiting party were Mr. and Mrs. D. Lee Owlett and Miss Edith Beebe of Odessa, N. Y. who came to see their neice, Edith Warbuton.

Those who board at the girls' Dormitory enjoyed a social evening in the dining room on Friday evening, Sept. 24th. Several interesting games were played among which the "Wedding Journey" is perhaps the most familiar. Everyone reported a good time, so we shall probably have another party before long.

Two auto loads of people came to visit Misses Anna and Iva Rauch on Sunday, Sept. 19th. Among the visitors were the girls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rauch, three of their sisters, and one brother.

Professor Smith has gone with his family to take up his years work at Cornell University.

Professor and Mrs. Ward C. Bowen were visitors here when school opened. They have returned to Cornell for the year.

Mr. and Mrs Robert Woods of Akron, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woods Miss Juliana Woods and Anna Haynes of Rushford are in Greenville College at Greenville S. C. this year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woods are old Houghton students, as are also Mr. Robert Woods and Miss Haynes.

Mr. Hussey and family of Falconer N. Y. are now living in the house formerly owned by Professor Coleman, Mr. Hussey has purchased the property.

Miss Oneida McMillen of Falconer, N. Y. Spent a day or two here when she came to place her sister in school.

Miss Mary Willett has been visiting her cousin Helen Sicard for about two weeks.

Her father, Rev. J. S. Willett, stopped for her Thursday on his way to Levant. The ladies of the Women's Home and

Foreign Missionary Society held their regular meeting on the hill at the home of Mrs. John Crawford last wee'. They met at Mrs. Slade's home shortly after twelve o'clock and were taken in cars.

About ten ladies were present and a very enjoyable and profitable time was reported.

Mrs. Blanche Fuller and little son Richard of Rochester, New York were the guests of Mrs. Georgia Van Buskirk and Mrs. Louise Crandall a short time ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller formerly lived in Houghton.

Saturday morning at 4:15 by the alarm clocks fourteen ladies were roused from their slumber. These ambitious people had a very enjoyable hike to Moss Lake and returned with good appetites in plenty of time for breakfast.

Prof. H. R. Smith and family have returned to Itaca where Mr. Smith is doing school work.

Miss. Geneveve Thayer who was a student here last year visited her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thayer this week.

Mrs. Steese was in Olean Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lowe are at their home in Houghton at present after a visit at Geneseo. They expect to leave Saturday for New York where Mr. Lowe has business.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thayer have returned from their visit at Hornell and Bath. Several of the ladies in town have entered the course in practical nursing of which Miss Stebbins is instructor. Among these are Mrs. Beulah McKinney, Mrs. Abbie Bowen, Miss Grange, Miss Grace Tarey, Mrs. Shea, Mrs. Loftis, Miss Laudice Luckey, Mrs. Alden Luckey, Mrs. Crandall, Mrs. Slade, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. J. S. Luckey, Mrs. Estabrook and Mrs. Lapham. The work promises to be very interesting as well as practical.

We miss from our halls this year the former members of our faculty Miss Eldridge and Prof. Sprague whose places are being filled by Miss Culp and Mrs. Clarke. Mrs. Baker is taking Mrs. Sprague's place in the library and study room. Rev. and Mrs. Sprague have returned to their work in Africa and Miss Eldridge has become Mrs. Elmore of Syracuse.

Elvira Lawrence is on a trip to California.

Mr. Ira Bowen left Thursday morning to resume his work at Chicago University where he is an assistant in Physics

MARY'S AMBITION --Story

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wouldn't come right, and the letters which were all alike and very dry? The only comfort she had was what she received at home and even that seemed to fail to-night.

She was resolved, however, that little Betty should know nothing of her discontentment and so she smiled and hummed, "Brighten the Corner."

Supper was nearly ready when the door opened and Mr. Brown entered.

"Hello, daughter. How are you? You're looking tired."

"Good evening, father. I guess I'm as well as usual. Where have you been?"

"Well Mary, I've just been wandering around. Have to do something you know. How do you like your work now? Seems as if you're not as happy as I'd like to see you."

"Why, father, I'm alright—only, well, I might as well tell you. You know I don't like office work. Never did, and I guess I never shall."

"I'm sorry, Mary."

This was all Mr. Brown said that evening.

Mary read to Betty for a time and then retired at an early hour. She was deadly tired. She dreamed of dear old Mayville and the days when she was so happy. She dreamed of her chum, Angie Wake, whom she had always loved. But morning came all too soon. All the following day Mary thought of Angie Wake, and wished to see her so much.

In the evening when she came home, even more tired than usual, she sat down and started a letter to Angie.

The clock in the church tower struck eight. Then silence, and Mary was startled by the loud ringing of the door bell.

She opened the door and in rushed Angie.

"Goodness, Mary, I'm glad to see you."

"Well, Angie, is this really you? I was just writing to you."

"Mary, I've the grandest plan and I came all the way here to tell you. I couldn't wait to write and get an

answer, and anyway I was afraid a letter wouldn't make you understand as well as I can. Come and offer me a seat and I'll tell you all about it.

Mary was surely excited by this time and listened almost breathlessly.

Angie told her of a vacancy in the high school at home and of the principal who was so anxious to secure her services.

Mary looked sad as she said, "Oh, Angie, I do so want to go, but you know father would never consent."

Well, now I guess he will. Where is he?"

Just then Mr. Brown emerged from the other room in bathrobe and slippers.

"I heard it all, girls, and I suppose I'll have to tell all I know now. Yesterday I rode out to Mayville and bought back the old homestead, and Mary, we're going back home."

"Oh, father, it's too good to be true. No wonder you didn't tell me where you were yesterday. Why, I'm so happy."

"This is working out better than I ever dreamed," said Angie happily.

"Oh, I'm so glad you came, Angie. My, but you rang that door-bell hard."

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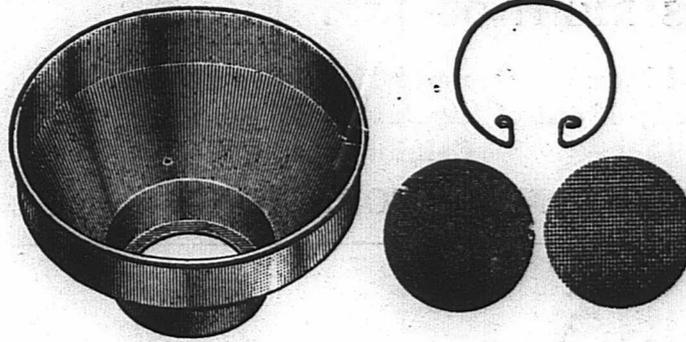
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Pupil:—"The attraction of one body for another."

Prof.:—"Give me an example."

Pupil:—"Edith and John."

Gates in Physiology:—"Will you explain the action of the heart?" Now why should he be interested?

Wilbur Clark, one Saturday morn,
 Got up on a wagon to unload some corn;
 You won't believe it, but honest and true,
 The wagon broke down and Clark went thro.

Why can't two folks pull together like two horses?

Because they have two tongues between them.

Joe:—"Well I don't care what you say, boys, she is the nicest girl in town, and what's more, she is the prettiest."
 Merton:—"Huh, that's nothing. Any fence post is good looking when it's painted."

There was a young waiter named Johnnie
 His hair was so pretty and bonny
 He set it on fire,—it flamed higher and higher
 Oh, what was to become of poor Johnnie!

The boys were all scared you know,
 Earl Lusk could say only, "Oh, Oh!"
 But Lucy was there—she patted John's hair.

Oh why are boys always so slow!

Slogans:— Gov. Edwards—"Westward ho!"
 W. J. Bryan, "Westward H₂O!"

Women

A women is queer, there's no doubt about that,
 She hates to be thin, and she hates to be fat.

One minute it's laughter, the next it's a cry,
 You can't understand her, however you try.

But there's one thing about her which everyone knows—

A women's not dressed till she's powdered her nose.