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## COMMENCEMENT



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Alumni and Old Students:

Can't you hear her calling, calling—now to you and now to me?  
Calls she to each son and daughter, Come home child, I long for thee;  
Now 'tis May-time, soon comes June-time when my heart does for thee yearn  
And I deck me in fair raiment as I wait for thy return;  
Come and idle on my campus, linger in the chestnuts' shade  
Watch the youths and maidens strolling down the footpaths they have made."

Are you listening in on those good, old spring-time notes of welcome from your Alma Mater? The latch string hangs out. The exercises this commencement promise to be one of the very best ever held in Houghton. You will be pleased to see the gymnasium, to hear Professor Bedford's voice again and to stroll over the beautiful campus. You will feel twenty years younger as you witness the Alumni versus Varsity baseball game and meet the old pals of the "good old days." Your heart will swell within you as you see the advancement of your Alma Mater this past year in the various departments, and note the various activities of the student body and alumni which spell progress in no uncertain notes.

Remember Houghton wants you this commencement time—not your ghost nor even your money but you. She wants a real home coming. She is looking for you.

Claude A. Ries

President Alumni Association.

*Thursday, June Second*  
8:00 P. M. Senior Class Recital, School of Music.  
*Friday, June Third*  
8:00 P. M. Oratorio, "The Holy City," by Gaul, sung by the College Chorus.  
*Saturday, June Fourth*  
8:00 P. M. Class Day Exercises, School of Theology.  
The Strong Bible Reading Contest.  
*Sunday, June Fifth*  
6:00 A. M. Morning Watch.  
10:30 A. M. Baccalaureate Service.  
Sermon by Rev. B. N. Miner.  
7:00 P. M. Vesper Service.  
8:00 P. M. Annual Missionary Service.  
Address by Mrs. J. Hal Smith.  
*Monday, June Sixth*  
10:00 A. M. Class Day Exercises, High School  
2:00 P. M. Baseball Game, Alumni vs. Varsity  
8:00 P. M. Annual Oratorical Contest.  
Awarding of Bird Greek Prize.  
Awarding of Strong Bible Reading Prize  
Awarding of Leonard F. Houghton Oratory Prize.  
*Tuesday, June Seventh*  
7:00 A. M. Senior Class Breakfast, College.  
10:00 A. M. Class Day Exercises, College.  
8:00 P. M. Dedication of the Gymnasium.  
Address by Rev. H. Clarke Bedford.  
*Wednesday, June Eighth*  
10:00 A. M. Commencement Exercises.  
High School  
School of Music  
School of Theology  
College  
Address by Dr. Augustus S. Downing  
Director of Professional Education of the University of the State of New York.  
6:00 P. M. Alumni Dinner.

### "Exploring Parts Unknown"

Upon awaking Monday, May 16, the students and faculty found an important element of the school missing, for the College Seniors had left for "parts unknown" as they notified Professor Wright. Leaving Houghton very early in the morning, they went to Corning for breakfast, and thence to Watkins Glenn. Here they had a most delightful time viewing the beauties of nature and partaking of the picnic dinner in the park. The trip to Watkins, which the class had anticipated since their Freshman year, met all expectations.

The next "part" to be explored was the Campus of Cornell University at Ithaca. After another feast at Geneva, the Seniors returned to Houghton, where they immediately notified the townspeople and students of their safe return. In spite of the rainy day, all proclaimed "Skip Day" a decided success.

### Move Up Day

Even tho it was Senior chapel, Tuesday, the whole Junior Class was late; but when they did arrive—O my! Their red and white caps topped their noble craniums in gay grandeur. But as "move up" orders came they filed past a waiting receptacle and confined them to the flames. All the classes felt an added dignity as they moved up a row.

The Senior Program was of intense interest. President Peter read the class will; Katherine Jennings gave the history; then the class joined in their song composed by Cecil Russell; last but not least came the uproariously appropriate prophecy by "Scottie" and "Ting".

### A CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my kind neighbors and friends who have helped in so many ways to pass the long days through my illness.

Mrs. Lillian Burr

### Juniors Royally Entertain Seniors

Banquet held at Olean House, Wednesday, May 18. Most Enjoyable Occasion

On Wednesday, May 18, at approximately six o'clock, about fifteen automobiles began to wend their way down Seminary Hill, and to turn their headlights towards Olean where the third Junior-Senior banquet was in process of preparation. These automobiles, together with others which had gone before, contained sixty-eight people including Juniors, Seniors, Faculty and musicians, the largest number who have attended this annual affair.

The Junior's provision for the banquet was ample in every respect. The Olean House where it was held, is admirably fitted for such an occasion, being provided with every comfort for the guests and a beautifully decorated private dining room. The tables for the occasion were placed in the form of a letter H, and decorated with large bouquets of pink roses to represent the colors of the senior class. The color scheme was further carried out by the use of old rose favors. A luxuriant dinner of five courses were arranged for, and throughout the entire hour, music was provided.

One of the delightful things about the evening's event was the spirit of friendliness and fellowship present. This was especially marked in the program which followed the dinner. Mr. Hussey, President of the Junior class, most

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### "Virg" Hussey Star Editor for 1928

The Annual U. L. A. meeting for the purpose of electing officers was held May 25. Virgil Hussey was elected as the new "STAR" Editor for 1928. Perhaps no student is more capable of filling this position than "Virg," the present editor of the Boulder. The other "STAR" officers elected were Perry Tucker, business manager; and Vivian Crippen subscription manager. The other officers will be announced later.

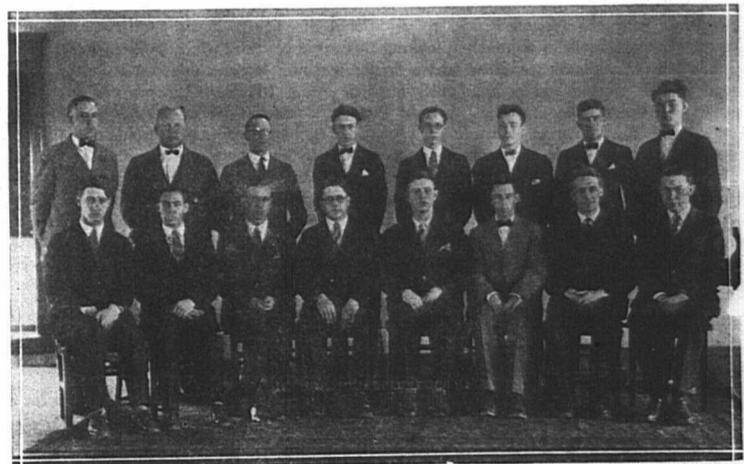
The staff of '27 believe the new staff will prove a good one and unite in wishing them the best of success.

The U. L. A. officers elected were: J. S. Luckey, president; W. L. Fancher, vice-president; Erma Anderson, secretary; and Everet Dyer, treasurer.

### Theologs Forget Work at Cuba Lake

Saturday May 22 Mr. Crouch's truck again left Houghton loaded with a group of students bound for the annual Junior-Senior Theolog Picnic at Cuba Lake.

The day was warm, but this did not keep the jolly theologs and their faculty from having a good time. Much of the afternoon was spent on the lake in canoes and rowboats though some of it was spent in a good game of ball. Then of course mention must be made of the time spent with the cats which always are the crowning feature to any outing.



## Houghton College Glee Club

### High School Seniors' Activities

Talk about surprises, the High School has had its share this week, and all on one day too. But before we tell you about that we must give a brief sketch of what took place in the High School attic Tuesday night. The Senior girls gave the Senior boys a party. At eight o'clock the Senior class with their class mother, Miss Davison, assembled in the attic for two hours of sport. Various games were played after which a lunch was served. The boys ate their lunch at a small table which was decorated with large and small suckers as favors, some of the fellows found it quite difficult to sit at such a small table in such wee chairs, but they got along very nicely after all. At ten o'clock the attic was cleared and left to its nightly vigil. Mr. Strapp gave us the following announcement:

"All Seniors will meet at Lupton's at 5:30 Wednesday morning. Tomorrow will be Senior Day."

Most of the Senior Class was surprised to

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All things considered, the Glee Club has had a successful concert season. Professor Baker is musical director of our Glee Club, Alton Cronk, accompanist, and the officers as follows: Wilbur Clark, president; Professor Herman Baker, vice-president; Lowell Fox, secretary; and John Kluzitt, business manager. The Glee Club itself is composed of: Wilbur Clark, Virgil Hussey, Ralph Jones, and Paul Roy, as first tenor; Lowell Fox, John Kluzitt, Alfred Kreckman, and John Mann, as second tenors; Charles Howland, Joseph Kemp, Joseph Shipman and Hollis Stevenson, as baritones; Oliver Christy, Alton Cronk, Wilfred Bain, and Gerald Scott, as basses. The program was well balanced by the assistance of the Orchestra which included the following men: (violin) Scott, VanName, Thomas; (cello) Kluzitt; (mandolin) Kemp; (cornets) Donahue, Ferguson; (clarinet) Shipman; (drums) Stebbins; and (piano) Kreckman.

The program was divided into two parts with a slight intermission between. First the Glee Club sang "A Musical Invocation" and "My Anchor Holds," after which the Orchestra per-

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EDITORIAL

We have been wondering just recently why students come from distant places to Houghton. Some, beyond a doubt, could get just as good an education, scholastically at least, nearer their homes. Why then do they come so far to school? Is it because Houghton is less expensive? Perhaps this is the reason why some come, but on further thought, is that what really calls many of them here? We believe that there is a better answer than mere inexpensiveness.

This evening if one had been in the College halls he would have heard the sound of students' voices in prayer coming from many of the rooms. Yes, this was the regular class prayer meeting night and though the summer is here and all enjoy being out doors, still many spent the hour in talking with God. The same was true Tuesday night at the time of the service in the chapel, and Thursday morning undoubtedly many will attend the early watch meeting.

Is it not because of this spiritual atmosphere in Houghton that many are willing to come a long way to school? We believe that this is the reason why a large percent of our students attend here. So many schools of higher education are upholding unchristian ideals and emphasizing the material and utilitarian phases of life instead of the moral and religious that Houghton is a direct contrast to them.

Not one member of the class of '27 is sorry he entered these halls in the fall of '23 and as we go from here we hope that our lives may be a credit to our Alma Mater, and that we may uphold her principles. We also hope that Houghton may grow both with students who will be a help to Houghton and those to whom Houghton may be a help. All of us are glad to have had the privilege of attending this school and heartily recommend it to any young person who wishes a good scholastic education based upon Christian principles.

At last we have come to the end of another school year. For many students it will be the last year which they will spend in Houghton. It is always interesting to watch different ones as they go out from these halls and take up new spheres of work. This year Houghton has twenty-six college graduates besides six additional theologs. Certainly thirty-two young people such as these ought to do much in making this world better in which to live. Practically this entire body of students are either taking up the teaching or preaching profession and the majority will be located within fifty miles of their Alma Mater. If each one of these thirty-two will uphold the principles of right living, and we haven't a reason to doubt but what they will, the Christian influence of Houghton will be permeated throughout all the western part of New York. Certainly Houghton has an important mission to fulfill in the preparation of Christian teachers, preachers, missionaries, and also in other important vocations of life and just as long as she continues this noble work we owe her our best support. May our Alma Mater continue to grow in size and deeds thus enabling her to broaden out her sphere of usefulness to a world that is in such need.

Graduating students, let us remember Houghton in the years to come as the place where we got our start and if that start is a good one certainly she deserves a good share of the credit.

Anna Houghton Daughters Entertain Seniors

On the afternoon of May 19 at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Herman Baker, the Anna Houghton Daughters pleasantly entertained the Seniors of all departments. After a short social hour, the following program was given: Piano duet, by Martha York and Thelma Crandall, Vocal solo by Mary Perry, and a Reading by Marion Fox. Light refreshments were served.

The seniors wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Society for the delightful reception.

A Surprise Party

A surprise party for our only piano graduate, Leona Thomas, was given by Miss Hillpot's advanced and graduate pupils, Friday night, May 20, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Crocker. "Tommy" refused to go upstairs when she arrived at Crocker's with Mr. Allen who carried an important note from Miss Burnell, proving that she did not even suspect what had been planned. Persuasion finally brought our Senior to the apartment where a happy group met her. Games which had previously been planned were started at once, and not a minute was wasted till the young people were forced to sit down for a dainty lunch. Even after that more games and tricks were introduced. Then Miss Hillpot told them that the time allotted was not only up but passed, so coats were donned, farewells said, and the students left in as merry a mood as when they came.

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cordially greeted the Seniors in his address of welcome, and this spirit was continued throughout the response by Mr. Steese, President of the Seniors, and the toasts offered by Miss Davidson, Mr. Meredith, Mr. Christy, and Miss Benning. President Luckey closed the program by a most apt, though brief address on "The Significance of Graduation."

For the good time which the Seniors enjoyed they wish to express their appreciation, first to the Juniors for their gracious hospitality, and second to those who provided entertainment, — Miss Baker for her readings, Mr. Mann and Mr. Jones for their vocal solos, and Miss Meade, Mr. Kluzitt, and Mr. Kreckman for their instrumental music.

THE CLUB CONCERT TOUR

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formed "Misere" (from Il Trovatore) and Sousa's "The Thunderer; Ralph Jones then rendered a vocal solo, "The Old Refrain." Part one came to a close after the Glee Club sang two southern melodies: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and "The Levee Song." Part two commenced with the vocal march "Away! Away!" sung by the Glee Club. Alfred Kreckman then gave a piano solo, "The Witches Dance," after which Virgil Hussey gave his reading of "How Rubenstein Played." The Orchestra followed with numbers entitled "M'appari" (from Martha) and "A Frangosa." The finale was given with our Alma Mater.

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**Senior Doubles Entertain Senior Singles**

Friday, May 13 the Senior Singles on invitation of the Senior Doubles filed to a place which bore the sign "Home Sweet Home When All Goes Well" and "Calf-ateria." Clever place cards such as "Put on a color" "30 gallons capacity" "Long dot" "Private Pete" and "ouagmire" marked the place of each guest at the table. A most delicious dinner was served. After the disappearance of the eats the crowd went to another apartment where lively entertainment was afforded. Perhaps the best was the boys threading needles, "Dot" and Clyde Meredith's eating breakfast food flavored with red pepper, and the electric bed. To close the evening songs were sung to the school so soon to be our Alma Mater. The Senior Doubles surely knew how to entertain.

**Arbor Day Again**

• Campus, side hill, walks, and tennis courts were rejuvenated under the swift hands of busy workers May 17th. Inside, the buildings took on a fresh sparkle as woodwork and windows received a thorough scrubbing. Of course the best part of the day was the picnic supper out on the point.

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**Christ Our Life**

Last Sunday morning Rev. Pitt preached from Col. 3:1-4 on the topic, "Christ Our Life." All life whether physical or spiritual has a source. The spiritual life is one risen with Christ. Although man has the same physical body and perhaps the same occupation, yet his life is absolutely changed. We must go back to the source to find the principles and laws that govern the new life. Christ, the source, gives power to become the sons of God and gives man not only a right to bear His name but to partake of His fellowship. This power is a direct gift.

The difficulty of comprehending this truth lies not in the intricacy of the doctrine and philosophy, but in the challenge of the Cross. Men stumble over surrender to the Cross. The cause for the declining birthrate both of physical and spiritual life is the cost of life. The suffering and the responsibility involved are too great.

The new life never becomes an independent one. People speak of living it by virtue of Christ's example, but we cannot know God as Father through following His example. We may imitate and still we are dead unless Christ has entered to live and administer His will. If there is a single element in human life that is Christian, that element is an impartation.

One can judge the character of the creature by its aptitudes—the things it takes to naturally and follows with interest. The new man in Christ Jesus reads the gospel, follows its teachings, and is responsive to it. He is absolutely at home in the will of God. The proof of the Bible is a victorious life that is responsive to all the teachings of the Book. All the conditions set forth in the Word constitute the natural environment of the new life. There is a Book and a life that answers to the Book.

This life waits for the coming of Jesus, recognizes His great commission, "Go ye" and is capable of entire absorption into these. The carnal nature which remains in believers is not capable of this absorption; rather it cripples. Holiness is an actual experience that is gauged by two heart beat tests: the great commission and the coming of Christ. If we walk in the light, we are bound to find it not as a gradual process but as a transformation.

**Do You Know That**

Rev. J. C. Long is home for a few days. Dr. Woodhead of Bradford, Pa. was buried in the Houghton cemetery Thursday May 27. Mrs. Caroline Baker and Miss Belle Moses attended the Librarian's Institute at Olean Friday.

Virgil Hussey and Oliver Christy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Hussey in Jamestown.

Wilbur Clarke and Seely Austin went fishing at Silver Lake Saturday. They caught a pickerel reported to weigh five pounds.

Vanus Rosbach of Forksville, Pa., a member of the Seminary class of '25, has been in the hospital suffering from blood poisoning in his hand. We are glad to hear that he has improved.

Friday evening an attempt was made to steal the Nash sedan belonging to John Cott. However in trying to turn down the hill the thieves ran into the opposite bank. About a half an hour later, the car was found by Lowell Fox and Carl Steese, with the engine still running full speed. Damages to the car include bent fenders and axle, a punctured radiator, and the engine nearly burnt out.

**Athletic Association Elects Officers**

The Athletic Association are to be commended on their selection of officers for next year. Mr. Fox, who will take the place of Mr. Steese as President, is well qualified for the position. He has been captain of the Purple teams for the last two years besides taking an active part in every branch of sports. The other officers are: Vice-President, Stanton Miller; Secretary, Alta Albro; Treasurer, Willet Albro and are equally as well qualified for their respective positions.

Students, we earnestly urge you to support these officers and give athletics their due place in your school life.

**ANNA HOUGHTON DAUGHTERS**

The Anna Houghton Daughters met in Miss Rork's room last Friday afternoon for a business meeting. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Miss Dora Burnell; Vice-president, Mrs. L. J. Boardman; Secretary, Mrs. Herman Baker; Assistant Secretary and Reporter, Mrs. C. B. Whitaker; Treasurer, Miss Helen Davison.

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hear this announcement, as the choosing of Senior Day had been left in the hands of a committee, to plan the day as they saw fit. This is a new found tradition which will be an annual event.

At the first twitter of the birds, many Seniors popped out of their beds and prepared to journey to Lupton's at 5:30. At the stated time our class mother with her class children left Lupton's for—we knew not where. Finally we arrived at McCarthy's Creek. Right away the fellows got to work and started a fire (regardless of the rain). Then all the Seniors ravenously hungry after their early morning walk, speared slices of bacon and soon the dripping grease was adding zest to the flames. The time flew swiftly by and before we knew it we were tramping back to the school building, ready to make the entire day a big success.

At 8:15, as the last bell was ringing, all the Seniors, wearing their class colors and singing the class song, marched up and down the aisle of the study hall, then after two hearty yells we passed to our various recitations. The intervals between classes were spent in singing and giving yells. With the beginning of the afternoon classes the Seniors, their enthusiasm not abated, staged another event. "Rover" Boardman, decorated in Gold and White (the Senior colors) headed the procession, and was followed by "Jip" Roth (the tiny dog) decorated in Junior colors. Again the Senior marched around the study hall singing their song. The dogs helped them out in the yell for "Seniors, Seniors, Seniors."

Why are they shortening the class period this afternoon, everyone was asking. The

were soon to find out, for at 2:45 after all the Seniors were seated in the front of the study hall, the president said that the program would follow without further announcement.

The program was given in this order:

Traditions, ..... Lillis Fancher  
Class Picture ..... Erwin Englis'  
Class History ..... Alice Folger  
Diagnosis of Senior Class Margaret William  
Illness Proves Fatal ..... Grace Sherman  
Class Will ..... Thelma Crandal  
Spade Oration ..... Phyllis Estabrook

Due to unsettled weather conditions the spade oration was made indoors. However as the underclassmen left the building they took especial notice of the Japanese Barberr which was planted on either side of the walk at the High School entrance.

The last surprise was a surprise to the Senior Class when they received the following invitation. The Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen invite the Senior Class to a party, Friday evening, May 27th, at the gymnasium. So you see they are looking forward to another jolly time Friday night.

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