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Edgar C. Raine Presents Instruc- tive Lecture Over One Hundred Views Shown

Last Thursday evening Edgar C. Raine, noted lecturer and official of the Treasury Department of the U. S. Government, spoke to a large audience. Mr. Raine's lecture was the third of the Lecture Course. The lecturer has spent about thirty-eight years in Alaska, and has visited every city and town in that northern country. Every year he visits not only every town in Alaska, but also towns and villages in British Columbia and twenty-eight towns in Siberia in the interest of our Government.

Mr. Raine showed over one hundred views including scenes from British Columbia, Yukon Valley, Alaska and Siberia, thereby giving the audience an insight into the life of the North as it was and as it is now. One was surprised at the prices paid for various commodities—\$5.00 for a radish or an onion in the early days, and no less than twenty-five cents for anything even today; amazed to see the luscious vegetables grown near the Arctic Circle; thrilled as nuggets of gold—some larger than a watch were portrayed; amused at the thought of playing baseball or tennis at 11:00 P. M., by the light of the midnight sun; chilled at the idea of traveling hundred of miles behind dogs when the thermometer registered 65 degrees below zero; awed at the grandeur of the landscape and the immense size of the magnificent glaciers.

The pictures of the sun taken on the shortest days of the year, of the dog teams, and of the various villages were of special interest to all. Another noticeable feature of Mr. Raine's lecture was the superb language in which it was couched.

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Christian Workers Hold Meeting in Belfast

H. C. VanWormer Speaks

On Sunday, December 16, the Christian Workers had the privilege of taking charge of the evening service in the M. E. Church at Belfast where Rev. John Mann, one of our alumni, is pastor. The meeting was opened with an inspiring song service lead by Joseph Shipman after which a short time was devoted to testimony. The double mixed quartet, and a trio composed of Miss Ries, Miss Hall and Mr. Shipman furnished the special music numbers.

Mr. Van Wormer, who was the speaker of the evening preached on the text "The Time is Short," taken from I Cor. 7:29. He emphasized the fact that life is uncertain and the time brief in which to prepare for the never ending eternity that lies just ahead of every one of us. The congregation was very attentive and their souls were stirred as they listened to the old fashion gospel message. God's presence was felt throughout the meeting and the hearts of the Christians were encouraged by the promise, "My word shall not return unto me void but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it."

Christmas Greetings from Pres. Luckey

"For unto you is born *this day* in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

The anniversary of *this day* is just before us; and, while it is sad to confess that pride, and greed, and selfishness are manifested, nevertheless it cannot be denied that at this time of year much of this is set aside and the heart of man is more tender, the smile of sympathy is more general, and the helping hand is more often extended.

Our appreciation of the event is most beautifully symbolized in the giving of gifts, and surely this is appropriate for the coming of the Christ Child was the most wonderful gift ever made to man. But let us remember that, or birthday anniversaries, gifts are made to the one whose birth we celebrate. Also let us remember that Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . , ye have done it unto me."

May God bless every one of you students as you go to your homes for the Christmas season. The best gift you can give to father, and mother, to brother and sister, is yourself. Father may not express his feelings and Mother may try to repress the tears; but oh! their hearts are hungry for you. Take time to be with them and to talk to them, and show your love by your acts.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am,
Yours in the Master's Service,
James S. Luckey.

How Christmas Is Celebrated in Germany

There is no time in the year that is more inspiring than the Christmas season. Very well do I remember the days of my boyhood that I spent among my own people across the ocean. As soon as the autumn leaves had fallen we children were looking towards Christmas. In many circles of the country, Christmas is only a time when presents are given to the friends, and the different members of the family come together for a reunion. To me it meant more than just that.

Yes, we children too were waiting for the presents that father and mother had bought for us. I don't know whether I could tell how Christmas is celebrated in the whole country, but I can tell how we celebrate Christmas at home.

There is almost no Christian home where Christmas would be celebrated without having a Christmas-tree. This tree would be decorated in the best way possible. Christmas eve or the "Holy Eve" as we would call it was always spent in the house of the Lord and the wonderful Christmas-story would be read by a boy or girl of the Sunday-School class. Two Christmas trees were standing on either side of the altar. The pastor delivered his message and then followed the Sunday-School program. Nothing else could please us children more than to recite the scriptures and the promises of the Lord. At the end of the program all the lights would be turned off and only the candles on the trees would be lighted. The organ then would play a Christmas prelude. It still thrills my soul when in mem-

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Pres. Southwick to Read "Julius Caesar"

Happy New Year will be in the atmosphere when we return, and with it will resound through the evening atmosphere of January fourth, the voice of America's silver-tongued orator bringing to us a great message from the 16th century. President Henry Lawrence Southwick of The Emerson College of Oratory and the world's Shakespearian reader, will read for us Shakespeare's Julius Caesar.

For the past six years, President Southwick has personally conducted tours through literary England and is well acquainted with all the haunts of Shakespeare.

We who received upon our minds the mental picture of King Lear which President Southwick painted there with his mental brush two years ago, can assure you all that you have a rich treat in store.

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Large Audience Hears Cantata

Chorus of 130 Voices Directed
by Prof. Herman Baker

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 18, the Houghton College Chorus of 130 voices, directed by Professor Herman Baker presented Hawley's famous Christmas Cantata, *The Christ Child*. One of the largest audiences of the season gathered in the Chapel to hear this beautiful work.

Prof. Baker again demonstrated his ability to train a large chorus. All the chorus numbers were very effective. The attacks were clean, and the releases excellent. Especially effective was the "Silent Night, Holiest Night." The ladies' chorus, "Peace on Earth," was very well rendered, as was the mens' "Let us go now even unto Bethlehem." The final chorus, "Praise the Lord, ye Heavens Adore Him, was a fitting climax to the entire work."

The soloists were Miss Edith Davis, soprano; Miss Florence Hall, contralto; Mr. Vernon Howse, tenor; and Mr. Hollis Stevenson, baritone. All except Mr. Stevenson were newcomers as soloists.

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Rev. A. O. Northrup Preaches Here

Church Partakes of
the Lord's Supper

On Sunday morning, December 16, Brother A. O. Northrup of the Hess Road Charge preached a very practical message from the text: "He that is born of God doth not commit sin." The occasion was the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Brother Northrup also spoke in the evening, at this time using as the foundation for his message the temptation of Jesus. He particularly warned the young people not to yield to desires for wealth, fame, or worldly aggrandizement, even though Satan may show paths leading in these directions. He always makes the way of the cross seem fraught with difficulties, but he hides its glories.

Brother Northrup's messages were very practical and stimulating to young men and women who have lives to invest.

Christmas Again

"Bah! Christmas again. The time for the annual exchange of hastily boughten ties, handkerchiefs, socks and collars", Jack Brown growled cynically.

"Jack you must be getting old to express such sentiments" said Will the younger brother. Ever since you graduated from college last year you have been a regular grouch. You act as though some one had jilted you."

"Humph! Lets drop the matter," said Jack heatedly, for Will had not realized how close he had come to the truth. "Well at least there will be that party Sis is getting up. Do you know who is coming? I'll tell you what let's do. Do you know that Pittsburg diamond I bought for a quarter? It's a regular dazzler. Well, wrap it up and give it to Aunt Margaret. I'll bet that she never had a date in her life. We'll put in a card something like this, "From a devoted admirer."

The guests assembled. Sis had her college chum over for the day. Jack had tried to slip out. He seemed ill at ease. He was obviously embarrassed when introduced to Jane's friend. She murmured the usual trite formula under her breath.

The gifts were distributed and while Aunt Margaret received many but Jack's was not among them. Helen Smith, Jane's chum, received a little square package. She opened it. There was the ring. Helen's face was suffused with blushes. Excusing herself she went to the kitchen for a drink. Jack quietly slipped away.

A few moments later Will went to the kitchen. The door was closed. Thinking that it had closed by accident he walked unannounced just in time to hear Jack say, "I'll get another ring tomorrow, Helen. This is really a fine Christmas after all."

—R. E. D.

Meaning of Christ- mas in France

The French people, as a whole, look forward with joyous anticipation to the Christmas season not because it gives them an opportunity for heart-felt religious devotionals with us who have come to know Christ as a personal Saviour. That day is for them, as well as for the unsaved Americans, a day of feasting and pleasure. Rich and poor forget their troubles, their responsibilities, and their burdens to rejoice with a lightened heart.

The churches are well decorated with the richness and beauty of the Catholic religion. The cradle is the achievement of the artist's skill. The choir gives its best numbers. Thousands attend the "messe de minuit," (midnight mass). All the streets are illuminated. The "Cafe's concerts" are full of those seeking pleasures.

The family gather from the farthest corners of France to celebrate together the "reveillon," (midnight supper).

But New Years is the day for the gifts and is much more celebrated by the French people than is Christmas.

We who understand the real and true meaning of Christmas, do not fully appreciate the advantage of the light of the Word of God which reveals to us the significance of God's gift. The French people, although sincere in their worship, fail to grasp the idea of a personal saviour; they do not realize that Christ came to save each individual soul. God to them is far away. Heaven has to be gained

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Ruggles Family En- tertains Athenian Society

"Capacity Audience" Present

—The Family—

Ma Ruggles
Sarah Maud
Susan
Kitty
Peter
Clement
Peoria
Eily
Cornelius
Baby Larry

Bea Neal
Inez Huffington
Vera Barker
Edna Roberts
Nelson Dennis
Devillo Frank
Marjorie Plumpton
Mae Rich
Herman Knowles
Leon Hines

Due to the fact that the seats for Christmas Cantata occupied the Chapel rostrum, the scene in the Ruggles home took place in the Vocal Studio. An audience of over 200 people clapped enthusiastically as Ma Ruggles bustled about setting the breakfast table. The applause broke into a hearty laugh as the nine little Ruggles' tumbled in and scrambled for seats. Baby Larry enjoyed his meal immensely, but heartily abhorred the thorough scrubbing that Sarah Maud gave him afterward. A little later, when the family was arranged for the dinner party to which they were invited, they were seated in a row in front of the proud mother and given "two solid hours in training and manners." Then they left for the dinner party, Baby Larry firmly grasping Sarah Maude's hand, and all equally "agog" with the anticipated pleasure.

Benlah Brown, the reader for the pantomime, added much to the success of the feature.

"THE LIGHT ETERNAL"

Immediately following the Ruggles' Pantomime was given the lovely pagent "The Light Eternal," making a sudden break from the "rediculous to the sublime." The pagent, dealing with the birth of Christ at Bethlehem, created an atmosphere very conducive

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Shall Houghton Have a New Church Building?

Committee Gives Partial Report

This is the question that is now being considered very seriously by the members of the local church. In fact, a committee has been working for weeks over the answer to this question and their partial report, as adopted by the Quarterly Conference recently held, is as follows:

"We recommend that no further changes be made in the present church building than are necessary to accommodate our present numbers.

"We recommend the following steps toward the building of a new church: First, that the committee be instructed to secure an option on the W. J. Houghton property as a site for the new building; second, that the committee be instructed to prepare for presentation to the church, plans and estimates for the erection of a new church building."

The further activities of this committee will doubtless arouse interest on the part of students and townspeople when the definite reports are presented at a future church meeting.

—P. E. W.

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Seniors Win Over
High School

Two Extra Periods Played
Score 30-26

The mighty forces of the Seniors were very nearly tumbled from their Basketball kingdom by the skillful playing of the High School boys. At the end of the first quarter the High School was leading by a score of 7-3. It really looked bad for the Seniors and they surely looked troubled. The Seniors came into the second quarter and fought hard to gain a small margin in the score at the end of the first half.

The crowd was frantic; nearly all were cheering for the defeat of the Seniors, except a few Seniors who couldn't be heard above the clamor of the High School supporters. The Seniors won with hardly a voice to be heard cheering them on. This is a great deal to their credit. Let's all turn out and cheer for our class teams.

A big roar filled the air. The second half had just begun. The High School soon managed to overcome the Seniors lead and tie the score by the speed of "Mixie" who broke through the Seniors defense. The third quarter ended with the Seniors a few points ahead. The High School tied the score in the early part of the last quarter. "Foxie" fouled "Mixie" and was thrown to the floor, his wind having been knocked out. "Foxie" soon recovered with greater determination to save the Senior record. "Mixie" missed both shots which would have made the High School victor at the end of the fourth quarter. The battle for baskets went on. Near the end of the last quarter the High School was one

From High Church Spires

From high church spires the Christmas bells ring out,
And over land and sea the echoes fall:

"To you is born this day in Bethlehem
A Saviour which is Christ, the Lord of All."

For all mankind those Christmas bells ring out
The angel message which will never die:

"To you is born this day in Bethlehem
A Saviour which is Christ, the Lord Most High."

O'er snowy, sparkling fields and ice-bound brooks,
O'er sleeping villages and mountains tall:

"To you is born this day in Bethlehem
A Saviour which is Christ, the Lord of All."

Ring out, O, bells! Ring out, cathedral chimes!
Ring out to all that dwell beneath the sky

The Christmas message, till the Lord of Lords
Shall be the Lord of All, the Lord Most High.

—A. Pool.

point ahead. Dyer was fouled. He stepped up calmly and tied the score just before the whistle blew.

The team played an extra five minutes only to tie the score again. They started the second extra period and even until the last minute then the Seniors seemed to put forth every effort and scored the winning points.

This was probably the best game of the 1928 series.

"JULIUS CAESAR"

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President Southwick requests that we read *Julius Caesar* before January 4th in order that we may better appreciate the drama as he unrolls the scroll of the plot in re-visualized oral pictures.

With sincere admiration for one of America's great men I humbly pay this tribute to my great teacher of Oratory, President Southwick.

B. M. Rothermel

Unaccountable

Freshman, after waiting fifteen minutes in the ice cream parlor to be served: What do you mean by keeping me waiting all this time looking like a fool?

Waiter: I am sorry to have kept you waiting, but I cannot account for your looking like a fool.

—Exchange.

Horse—"What's wrong with your car? It squeaks dreadfully."

Radish—"Sure, and I can't help it. The axles are made of pig iron."

—Exchange.

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"THE LIGHT ETERNAL"

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to the real Christmas spirit. A strong sense of sincerity was given in the scene between the characters of the angel Gabriel and Mary, the mother of Christ. A deep reverence was also made manifest by the shepherds, who so loyally followed the Star to the tiny manger in the lowly stable.

The scenes throughout were faithfully portrayed and revealed careful preparation. The stage itself was beautifully decorated with evergreens. The production of the pageant was a pleasing change from other Christmas programs of former years, and should create interest anew in the future work of the Oratory Department.

It is also interesting to note that the author of the pageant is Carolyn Freeman, who is a sister of Mary Freeman, a student at Houghton this year. Miss Carolyn Freeman is a professional composer of public school music works and a writer of pageants and plays, especially designed for religious purposes in church and school.

At the close of the program a "White Christmas" offering amounting to eight dollars was taken for the Y. M. W. B.

CANTATA

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The contralto, Miss Hall, was also fering with a very severe cold. In spite of this fact, however, she displayed a beautiful voice. It was very pure in tone quality.

The contralto, Miss Hill, was also very pleasing. In her few solos she showed the large, clear voice which is so essential to a good contralto.

The tenor, Mr. Howse, has one of the most beautiful tenor voices ever heard in Houghton. It is very full and rich and he has control of it at all times. He obtained some very powerful climaxes which he sang as easily as he sang the soft legato passages. One never felt that he was straining.

Mr. Hollis Stevenson has been baritone soloist for several years. It is unnecessary to dwell upon the beauty of his voice. Suffice it to say that on Tuesday night, he sang with great feeling, expression, and dramatic ability.

Mr. Wesley Gleason was a very effective and at all times a sympathetic accompanist. His Prelude to each part was very well played. Prof. Leo Lawless officiated at the second piano.

The programme started with three songs by the Glee Club—The Musical Invocation, 'Teach Me to Pray,' and 'Silent Night, Holy Night' (Adams). 'Adeste Fideles' was used as the professional. The chorus immediately after its arrival upon the platform sang two Christmas carols, 'O Little Town of Bethlehem,' and 'Joy to the World.'

This performance can rightly be considered the most successful attempt of the chorus. The number was better mastered and delivered with more expression and freedom than any preceding number. Prof. Baker is to be sincerely congratulated upon his success.

After the performance the members of the Chorus presented Prof. Baker with a beautiful mirror and picture, for his studio, in appreciation of his work for them.

Carp—"You call yourself a mechanic, and you don't even carry a pair of pliers.

Don—"If I was a farmer I wouldn't carry a cow around."

Debating is like apple pie,—a little crust and a lot of applesauce.

A sock on the foot is worth two in the eye.

"And do you mean to tell me you laughed in the face of death?"
"Laugh? I thought I'd die."

—Exchange.



From Other Papers

Handell's *Messiah* seems to be a favorite Oratorio this Christmas. Several colleges represented on our exchange list are giving this beautiful number: Greenville College Chorus of Greenville, Illinois; Elon College Chorus of Elon, N. C.; Wheaton College Chorus of Wheaton, Illinois; Fredonia Normal School Chorus.

We understand that the following schools are closed on account of the Spanish Influenza epidemic: Syracuse University, University of Pittsburgh, University of Tennessee, Culver Military Academy, University of Kansas, University of Missouri, Virginia Polytechnic, University of the South, Lewis College of Quebec, and Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Indiana.

The notice in *The Spirit of P. S. H. S.* that Earl Tierney's *Pike Lions* recently defeated Pete Steese's *Ebenezer's H. S.* team in a game of basketball. A little competition between our alumni, heh?

The Value of Time.

Time is money—we have no right to waste it.

Time is power—we have no right to dissipate it.

Time is influence—we have no right to throw it away.

Time is life—we must value it greatly.

Time is God's—He gives it to us for a purpose.

Time is a sacred trust—we must answer for every moment.

Time is wisdom—we have no right to be ignorant.

Time is preparation for eternity—we must redeem it.

Selected, W. M.

College bred is made from the flower of youth and the dough of old age.

—Exchange.



We Note That

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Practice for Purple - Gold series begun. Who'll win this year?

The Boulder Staff has installed another desk. From all appearances it must have been purchased at an antique shop, but a little varnish will make it look like new.

There are only 12 more days of Leap Year. Girls take note! Boys, Beware!

All the pictures for the *Boulder* have been taken. We won't have to "doll-up" for another year, to have our pictures taken.

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It's time to wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a JOYOUS NEW YEAR.

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RAINE SPEAKS

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Mr. Raine also gave a very interesting talk at Chapel Friday. He told more about the reindeer industry, giving more details regarding its history and economic value to the Esquimos. At the close of the address he told several interesting incidents and answered questions asked by persons in the audience.

CHRISTMAS IN FRANCE

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by works of righteousness and deeds of penitence. Christ came to be a close and loving friend to the human heart, and yet to them He is a Master ready to punish. The Bible is unknown; its message of salvation misinterpreted; their souls remain in darkness; the Cross with its vicarious sacrifice is not understood.

Oh, let us, followers of Christ, take to heart the need of these sincere souls who are walking in darkness, not knowing that the price of redemption has been completely paid. Let us at this Christmas season remember that it was also for these that Christ Jesus was born, for these Christmas was to be the happiest and most blessed day of the year.

May God lay upon our hearts a burden of prayer for unsaved France.

Stephanie Pierre.
Houghton College.

CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY

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ory I hear the congregation of about two thousand sing the different Christmas carols. "Silent Night, Holy Night," it sounds through the large church and everyone present feels the spirit of Christmas. The contrast is rather great between the customs of the different countries, and sometimes a longing overcomes me and I would like to be back again among my former friends.

The church service is now over and we all go to our homes where we have the family service if I shall call it that. At this time the gifts are presented to the members of the family. Once more I would like to look into the faces of all the happy recipients. The Christmas tree is lighted at this time and again the glow of the faces makes one feel that this must be Christmas. One of the children is chosen to recite the Christmas story. Songs follow the recitation; yes, even the baby, only a year old, is joining in singing the songs. The whole evening is spent in singing, and the children are listening to grandfather or grandmother, who tell how they used to celebrate Christmas in the olden days.

The next day is Christmas and we are awakened in the morning by the ringing of all the church bells in the neighboring villages. The children are the first to get up and look at the tree to make sure that they did not leave anything under it the night before. The whole family then goes to church. A special program is given this morning. The band of the Y. M. C. A. and the organ together are playing, and the mixed choir of about two-hundred voices join in the great "Hallelujah Chorus." It is so uplifting that it makes one think the angels were singing the praises of the Lord. The day is kept holy for the Saviour of men is born and every heart is glad for the return of his birthday. Following that Christmas-Sunday is one more day on which all the relatives visit each other. It has become a custom of the country to do this. In some parts of the country they even have three Christmas-holidays.

It truly is a time of rejoicing, for the human race it gives the chance to be free through Him who gave himself as a ransom for many. Therefore, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord and sing his praises forevermore.

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