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Soph Debaters Defeat Seniors In Series Final

Fox and Queen Lose a Close Decision to Roughan and Willett.

Discuss Installment Buying

"Class of '39" Will Be Added To Engravings on Forensic Loving-cup.

A vote of two-to-one in favor of the sophomores decided that the debate loving-cup shall henceforth bear the engraved letters of the Class of '39. This debate, the final one of the season, was held in a special chapel on Wednesday morning, December 2.

An interesting and difficult question—Resolved—That installment buying is detrimental to American society—supplied the proverbial chip and the foundation impetus for the most appealing forensic discussion in this year's interclass debate series. The affirmative was upheld by the veteran senior debaters, Miss Hazel Fox and Merritt Barnum Queen. They were opposed by the plucky sophomores, Miss Lois Roughan and Edward Willett.

The initial pop of the debate, in the form of the well known Gracy Allen Mother Juice rhyme, was introduced for the affirmative at the outset of Miss Fox's constructive work. The whole debate was sprinkled with bits of humor—an element which previous chapel debates lacked. Having won the undivided attention of her audience through the medium of wit, Miss Fox lost no time in the presentation of the affirmative's case. She demanded of her opponents how installment buying bridged the gap between production and consumption.

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President Is Again Seen Strolling About Buildings; Reported Gaining

Everyone has rejoiced to see President Luckey quite frequently making visits to the Administration building. It was only about three weeks ago that he returned from Plattsburg. Only about two weeks ago he made his first visit to the building. The climax of his recent activity was reached on Saturday at the Founder's Day Convocation program.

At this time, President Luckey, with the aid of Robert, walked down the aisle, mounted the platform and stood without assistance to confer the first honorary degrees in the history of Houghton College. It was with mingled feelings that the audience saw this fruition of our President's desire.

It was a surprise to the Alumni group in the evening to have Pres-

Churches Observe World-Wide Event, Bible Sunday Dec. 6

Next Sunday, December 6, is designated as Universal Bible Sunday. Pastors of Protestant churches everywhere are asked to exalt in their sermons, the place of the scriptures. The slogan printed on the literature sent out by the Bible Society for this day is: "I seek thy precepts."

Houghton Sunday School will have a special program in observance. Dr. Small will discuss the influence of the English Bible on American language and literature. Henry Randall will show what the Bible can do for us today. Other topics to be discussed are, "The Bible and Art", and "The Bible and the Life and Ideals of the English Speaking People."

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Open Road for Boys Leads to Open House for Girls at Gaoyadeo Dorm

Perhaps the *Open Road for Boys* is all right, but the preference among Houghton students is the *Open House for Girls*. The boys and the girls certainly did take to the idea last Saturday. It might be suggested in the event of a future open house, that the fellows instead of the girls would be far more capable as guides. For instance little "Herbie" Stevenson, Harlan Toot-hill, and several others seemed to find their way without difficulty.

A few pranksters conceived the brilliant idea of concealing treasured articles, such as pictures of some loved one, for the sole purpose of causing anguish to the owner. The fiends! It wouldn't have been quite so bad if they had put them in a place where they could be found. But to hide them under text books which won't be touched until just before exams next January is positively inexcusable.

Imagine the embarrassment of one girl who had dozed off right after dinner only to be awakened when a

Has Flawless Technique



Roman Totenberg

Totenberg Thrills a Capacity Audience in College Chapel To Inaugurate Artist Series

Varied Program, Including Two Unaccompanied Numbers, Displays the Unique Ability of This Young Polish Virtuoso.

Is Hailed As a Sensation in New York City

Capable Piano Support by Professor Alton Cronk Aids in Making a Most Difficult Repertoire Worthy of Commendation.

Roman Totenberg and his famous "LongStrad"—1725—inaugurated the 1936-37 Artist Series at the chapel last Tuesday evening. Houghton College should consider itself extremely fortunate in having

listened to the musical genius of one who is destined to become the highlight of the New York Season. Totenberg created a tremendous sensation at his New York recital at Town Hall, a short two weeks ago, and is to appear at Carnegie Hall for the Rockefeller Foundation this week.

A comparative new-comer to America, this young Polish virtuoso has captured his audiences and proved conclusively his ability to rank with those other great masters who have followed in the steps of Paganini. To us, Totenberg displayed flawless precision of technique and tone, and demonstrated that intense interpretive feeling which can emanate only from an instrument that is at one with the soul of him who draws the bow.

Mr. Totenberg began his program with Handel's *Sonata in D major*, in which the theme for violin is imitated in the accompaniment for the piano. Next he played unaccompanied the familiar Bach *Prelude in E major*. The greatest part of this composition is played on the E string, called the "Chanterelle", or singing string because of its peculiar incisiveness of tone, its penetrating quality of timbre likened to a thread of scarlet.

The young guest artist projected
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Outstanding Men Awarded Degrees

A tremendous cheer greeted President James S. Luckey as, smiling broadly, he entered the chapel room Saturday morning, November 27 during the Convocation to confer upon three distinguished guests the first honorary degrees ever to be granted by Houghton College. Dr. J. O. Buswell and Dr. Herman Cooper received LL.D. degrees and I. F. McLeister was granted a D.D. degree.

Dr. Cooper is Assistant Commissioner of Education in Charge of Teacher's Preparation and Certification of the University of the State of New York. He was graduated from the University of Upper Iowa in 1916 with the degree of B.A. In 1921 he received his Masters degree from Columbia. Since 1933 he has been in his present position. Dr.

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ALUMNI HONOR DOCTOR LUCKEY DURING DINNER

One hundred and forty-two old students and Alumni met in the dining room of Gaoyadeo Hall for the annual Homecoming banquet. During the dinner, music was furnished by an ensemble group under the leadership of Prof. John M. Andrews. Throughout the evening preceding the program, a lively conversation and laughter were prevalent.

Preceding the after dinner speeches the Ambassador quartette sang for the group. The toastmaster, Willard G. Smith reviewed the beginnings of the Alumni Campaign and introduced the president of the Luckey Memorial fund, Mr. Paul Steese, who presided over the remainder of the program.

Mr. Steese first made a few introductory remarks concerning the contributions of President Luckey to his life, and the Rev. J. D. Wilcox discussed briefly the numerous side of Dr. Luckey, drawing a few serious conclusions. Mr. Oliver Christy who returned to Houghton this year after an eight-year absence, also spoke highly of President. Mr. Christy especially mentioned that as a Sunday School teacher he made a lasting impression through his continuous emphasis that "the root of all sin is selfishness." He feels that President Luckey is the most altruistic of all men. President Luckey talks to the student as a father to a son; he talks to the instructors as a comrade. On one occasion Mr. Christy asked President Luckey: "Why did you not stay at Harvard?" The reply was somewhat as follows: "Well, Oliver, life is not all for ourselves; it is for others."

Mr. Willett Albro added tribute to "the man of the hour", and spoke of the faculty as the most unselfish of educators". Dr. Hollis Stevenson, who roomed at President's home during his four years at Houghton,

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SLIDES, MOVIES SHOW GROWTH OF THE SCHOOL

Alumni, students and townspeople crowded the Houghton College Auditorium last Saturday evening, November 28, to see the pictorial record of Houghton's growth. Methods used in showing these pictures contrasted as greatly as the pictures themselves and seemed almost typical of the Houghton that is. Slides of the older days were shown by lantern by Prof. Perry Tucker, and Willard G. Smith projected motion pictures of present day activities.

The scenes, groups, and graduation exercises of the past were included in the first part of the program. As each picture was flashed on the screen Willard Smith, aided by the alumni in the audience, explained it.

High spots of daily life in the Houghton of today and special events comprised the "movie" program.

Of particular interest and attraction were the pictures of last year's graduation. These were in natural color and recaptured the colorful dignity of the academic parade.

Other noteworthy scenes were those of the celebration held at last year's Homecoming when the college was received into the membership of the

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Editorial

PEACE OR ?

Houghton College was visited recently by a representative of the Emergency Peace Commission in the interest of promoting an active peace program (1) through the present campus organization, or (2) by the formation of a separate study club.

The program, as outlined, was very general: student demonstrations by means of posters and programs, organized study of proposed national legislation having international significance, and the organization of local peace promotion.

The ideals toward which the plans worked were as follows. First, better international relations. To this end, the settlement of international disputes by arbitration, adherence to the World Court, the removal of profit from war, and abolishing high tariff in the United States were proposed. Secondly, pacifistic policy in the administration of the United States. This would involve limitation of arms and armaments, government control of munitions, anti-war legislation, lowered tariff, and the substitution of voluntary enlistment in the ROTC in place of compulsory military training in our colleges.

We of Houghton College are presumably unanimous in sentiment against war. Nevertheless a peace movement, as well as any other movement to be successful must be definite. In the interview, the term "pacifism" was used interchangeably with "peace". Whether there was a distinction we were unable to ascertain. We were also unable to distinguish whether we were expected to fight in case of a defensive war, or not in any case. Some of the controlling board, she said, were out and out pacifists; some were only moderately so. We were not informed as to whether low tariff or free trade was to replace high tariff—a valuable source of revenue and industrial protection.

These are only minor points it is true. The shell of the plan is agreeable to us all. However, we can find only a part of the kernel. Its redeeming features are that it attempts to eliminate the causes of war rather than doctor the effects, and that its policy begins at home.

The domestic portion of the program was by far the more definite. Attention of college students, as a group, should be fastened upon legislation pending in Congress. For, after all, this is a critical period in the world's history. As a group, the college does have influence in determining the vote of the local congressman. It is our civic duty to keep ourselves well informed in this matter. In Houghton, this falls within the fields of the Social Science and Forensic Clubs more than any other campus group.

Many figures of national importance are sponsoring this movement. They believe it is worthwhile. If it is to be significant in affairs national and international, it should prove significant and worth-while in Houghton. Is it? H. G. A.

COLLEGE PICTURES

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American Association of Colleges Choir trips, the Albany Convocation, Music Festival, campus scenes, Alumni, all flashed across the screen, re-

calling strides in the growth of Houghton College.

Music for the entertainment was furnished by the Ambassador's Quartet and by Walter Ferchen at the piano.

These Foolish Things

A new splash in athletic endeavor is promised Houghton with the probability of "crew" for next spring. Doughty oarsmen, because of lack of an eight-oar shell, are practicing in the bathtub in the Lucas home. Although this contraption will not move as easily as a shell, Coach Park Tucker expects that the exercise will be good for the boys. Membership in the crew is still open. The only position filled at present is that of coxswain ("coxun" to you), held by diminutive Bill Grosvenor. Rumor reports that Park Tucker conceived the idea while taking a bath. Other reports scoff at this idea as being highly improbable.

In walks Urban-Durban to report that the aforementioned tub is called Rosy. You know—"ring around rosy".

Speaking of bathtubs, what would you do if, coming home some night, you found a horse in yours? Of course! You would pull the plug out.

Tip for financially embarrassed sheiks: Esther W. and Margaret K. are safe bets to take out—they can't go to the Inn for a couple of weeks.

Those tin cans on the top of the radio in Pignato's barber shop ge everybody. Guesses range from the probability of their being an aerial to a modernistic lamp. In reality they are only three tin cans.

Guess what this represents: "Woof woof. Whoops, made a mistake. Woof, woof. Whoops, made a mistake." Give up? It's a dog barking up the wrong tree.

Urban, now limiting his attentions to one woman, is a bit on the losing side. In protest against the young lady's habit of not letting him date her, he is growing a beard. Says he, "If things don't perk up soon, I'll have a beard like Santa Claus."

Mary had a little lamb.
It swallowed a watch one day.
CENSORED.

Gaoyadeo Mails Box To Zion Hill Mission

In accordance with the usual custom, the girls of Gaoyadeo again packed a large Christmas box, for the Zion Hill Mission last Monday. Into it went all kinds of articles such as clothing, toys, etc., which might bring more comfort and pleasure to the people of the mission. Last year Mr. Blanchard, the superintendent, in expressing his thanks for the box, stated that it had a total value of at least \$25. The girls have endeavored to make this year's fully as worthwhile.

Miss Kathryn Jones, the senior representative, was chairman of the committee in charge of this Christmas project. She had as assistants Miss Margaret Watson, of the junior class, Miss Marjorie Updyke of the sophomore class, and Miss Marjorie Roberts of the freshman class.

PERSONNEL OF THE SENIORS

Worth Cott

Worth Cott was born on , in Fortville, Pennsylvania. He received grade school education in Lincoln Falls, Pa., his high school and college at Houghton. During his high school career he played on the basket ball team, was elected president of his class during his junior year, and was again class president when a senior.

The next year he enrolled as a freshman in this college. Worth stayed out of college for the next two and a half years to travel the roads as a salesman.

He has been a member of the Pre-Medic and other clubs, and last year was Assistant Business Manager of the Boulder. When he was asked for the inevitable statement, he announced: "To me, Houghton means more than merely my Alma Mater. It is a place where Christian standards and ideals are upheld."

Lynn Einfeldt

On September 5, 1916, in Greenwood, Wisconsin, a son, Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Einfeldt.

Some time later, Lynn attended grade school in the Randolph Central School of Randolph, New York. While in high school at the same place, he included in his extra-curricular activities membership in the Future Farmers of America. Having taken a vocational course, Lynn graduated from high school in 1932 and the following year took a post-graduate course. During his high school course he was honored by winning third prize in a State Essay Contest.

Lynn came to Houghton soon after to attend college. Among his student activities he mentioned membership of the Pre-Medic Club, Ministerial Association, the Chapel Choir last year, and the A Cappella Choir this year. In addition, Lynn has taught a weekly Sunday School Class at Podonque for the last three years and was this fall elected president of the Mission Study Class for the second succeeding year.

When he was asked to make a statement concerning his past four years here, Lynn said: "I cannot evaluate Houghton's contributions to my life, for it has enriched it in many ways, but the greatest value I have received from four years spent here is the ability to think for myself."

Obstinate Wooley Tries Choir Delay

At the moment when hope of extricating the mud-entrenched bus had all but fled from the spectators and workers, the obstinate Wooley pulled itself out of an unyielding mud hole to take the choir to the Central Presbyterian Church in Buffalo, Sunday, November 29, for the first concert since the fall tour.

After a supper served by members of the church music committee, the choir members made ready to sing. The splendid acoustics of the church auditorium together with a receptive audience made the concert an enjoyable one. One of the new compositions, "Lord of Spirits", by Reissiger, was added to last year's repertoire to make a more varied and interesting program.

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the minds of his audience into thoughtful worship as he played the *Prayer* from Handel's beautiful Oratorio, "Te Deum". Sure and deft was his use of the bow on the strings as he poured out the cry: "Verleitet uns, Herr, zu schirmen uns heut vor aller Sund." In it he reached a sonority and depth of tone that was stirring and intense. No one thought to applaud when his song was done; the depth of reverence was too great.

The Kreisler composition sometimes listed as *Praeludium et Allegro* completed the first half of a program from the classics of music literature. The stormy and intricate second theme in the high register made a sharply marked contrast to the deep rumble bass of the piano accompaniment. Totenberg achieved a beautiful sensitive clarity of tone which the composer would find it hard to surpass.

The South American, Nin-Kochanski, has captured the element of intricate rhythm, energy and animation in his *Suite Espagnole*. Montanesa portrays the poetic calm of a popular song, sung in the indolent manner, while *Tonada Murciana* flings the fire and enthusiasm of the dance itself amid the shadowing sounds of castanets, eminent in the pizzicato passages. *Saeta* is a beautiful, deep, sombre, soft, yet seethingly alive, and reminiscent, in part, of the music of the Jew. This third piece is often sung at funerals and at the pictures and statues of the Madonna. The final folk-dance, though mournful in strain, reaches a terrific crescendo and combines the Spanish custom of song tunes with those of the dance.

Paganini, the first violin virtuoso, had talon-like fingers that were as agile and dexterous as any since have been. He delighted in displaying this accomplishment of dexterity, and his compositions are known to tax those most facile in velocity. His *Two Caprices*, from *Ventiquattro Capricci per violino solo*, op. 1, are no exception to this rule, and it was in the performance of these two that Totenberg may claim greatness. He was master at all times of the terrific intricacies of spiccato bowing, swift arpeggios, difficult chords, the sliding fourth finger and pizzicato, as he played the melody on one string and accompaniment on another. The twenty-fourth Caprice is a true example of Paganini "fireworks"—a brilliant technical show piece for the accomplished virtuoso only.

There were three short pieces in the last group. The familiar, much arranged *Melodie* from *Orpheus*, by Gluck; the new *Piece en Forme de Habanera*, by Ravel; and the *Mazurka Obertas*, by Wieniawski. Gluck had a reputation and flare for the strongly dramatic situation, but this *Melodie* remains a beautiful air, legato in line, and minor and questioning in spirit. Typically modern, though unusually slow in tempo for an habanera, Ravel herein keeps to his theme of repetition, and definite, monotonous rhythm. The Wieniawski *Mazurka*, the popularity of which is due perhaps to its melodic simplicity, found great favor with his audience.

Professor Alton Cronk most certainly demonstrated his capabilities as an accompanist during the evening's performance. With only two days in which to become familiar with a program that would tax the skill of the best in this field, Professor Cronk gave to the artist that sympathetic,

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ALUMNI CORNER

Mann Describes His Trip Thru Old Wales

John Mann ('24, '26, '28) a native of Mold, North Wales, and three times a graduate of Houghton visited his home land this summer. At the request of a member of the alumni staff he has written an account of the trip including such places as Stratford, Oxford, London, the birthplace of Methodism, the little church where the great Wales revival broke out, his own childhood home, and the grave of his mother.

One would say that his visit to Stratford was something of a triumph of strategy, for he managed to enter the Shakespeare theatre after the chains were drawn. He says, "I was anxious to attend the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre where a great Shakespeare troupe was to play *King Lear*. After waiting in line for over an hour the long line started to enter but when my row was about to enter, a chain was put across and we heard, 'Sorry, but that's all.'

"Determined, I found a way in. I was enchanted by the play, being permitted to live in the 16th century under the atmosphere that inspired the great Shakespeare. This one play spoiled me for the so-called Shakespearean plays that are traveling among the high schools of this country.

"I went sight seeing too—Shakespeare's birthplace, the Ann Hathaway cottage, the little nook where William and Ann were permitted to be together only under close scrutiny, the quaint, old-fashioned homes, the utensils, the old church, Shakespeare's grave, and the old town—all these things make Shakespeare live anew."

Oxford seemed an inspiration to Mr. Mann for two reasons: Chaucer and Wesley. He says, "I wish I could have spent more time here. However, I was here long enough to say:

'A Mann ther was at Oxenford Also That unto logyk hadde longe y-go.'

The University is scattered all over the city. Nearly every town in England is built around its one great English Church, but in Oxford there are many beautiful churches. Here again I tried to take in the spirit and influence of the great Wesley and the first Oxford Movement.

London can be "done" with thoroughness and dispatch if one is prepared, Mr. Mann proved. "I was anxious to visit thirty-three places that I had picked out on the map before arriving. In the two days that I was there, I actually visited thirty-one of them. Anyone who has been in London knows that the worthwhile sights are in groups, dotted here and there all over the city.

"I will mention some of the most interesting places I enjoyed. The Tower of London was begun by William the Conqueror in the eleventh century. It was here that the Lady Jane Grey saw her husband's body brought in. The Traitor's Tower speaks of untold suffering, and with it are connected such names as Sir Thomas More, Anne Bolyn, and Katherine Howard. In the Bloody Tower are kept the Crown jewels and various other royal paraphernalia, valued at millions of dollars, the king's crown alone being worth a single million.

Alumni Tea Is Opening Event of Home Coming

The initial event of Homecoming week-end was the Alumni tea held in Gaoyadeo Hall from 4:00 to 5:30, Friday afternoon, November 27.

Faculty members and alumni were invited to attend and renew friendships with classmates and other acquaintances. Those assisting in making this tea enjoyable were Miss Rachel Davison and Miss Frieda Gillette, who poured, Miss Kartevold, and the social committee of the dormitory in charge of Arlene Dusch.

During the tea, incidental music was furnished by Walter Ferchen, pianist, and Arlington Visscher, violinist.

"St. Paul's Cathedral is a huge edifice and truly reveals the genius of Sir Christopher Wren. It was my privilege to attend an evening service there. I also traced the path taken by the funeral party of the late king. Leaving Paddington station, I took the train for Windsor Castle, where the King's body is interred in St. George's Chapel.

"Back of St. Paul's Cathedral is a very narrow street, known as Aldersgate Street. It was in a little chapel there that John Wesley received the heart warming experience which led to his founding of the great Methodist Church. In this place I felt that I was walking upon holy ground, and I came away with a similar experience. The building is now occupied by a branch of the great Barclay's Bank."

The religious part of Mr. Mann's pilgrimage brought him to the birthplace of the Welsh revival. "This took place in South Wales," he says. "I first found the little chapel where the revival broke out, and then the new church which was built to accommodate the people. I saw the little Sunday School in which Evan Roberts took such an active part, the coal mine in which he worked, and nearby, the home where he was born and lived throughout those great experiences."

Mr. Roberts is still living and Mr. Mann planned to see him. "I was given a letter of introduction to him in case I should go to the vicinity of Cardiff. But I was not privileged to do so. Mr. Roberts is in a very precarious state of health. He is resting at the home of a friend in Cardiff. No longer does he preach. But if he feels urged by the Spirit to give a brief exhortation, he will do so. Never otherwise. The little town of Loughor, where the revival flames spread so rapidly, was about fifteen miles from my home."

One's native land seems to bring a feeling of pride and patriotism to the heart of the traveler. Mr. Mann speaks thus in praise of Wales. "It is one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Its scenery is rapturous and ancient history. It has given to the world many of its outstanding leaders. In fact for its size it has contributed more to America than any other nation."

Speaking further about the trip he says, "I stood on the spot where Llewellyn, the last of the Welsh princes was killed. He, it will be remembered, was the prince who, in a fit of anger, killed his dog to dis-

NEWS FLASHES

Isabelle Hawn ('32) and Clyde Stull, both of Middleport, New York, were married at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Georgia Wilcox, on Thanksgiving Day. They will reside at Hemlock, New York, where Mrs. Stull teaches Latin and History.

Francis Miller ('33) of Rushford and Bertha Swartz of Buffalo were married on Thanksgiving Day in the Delevan Avenue Baptist Church in Buffalo. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are both teachers in the Newfane, New York, High School.

Mrs. John Quinn (nee Ruby Fuller) and two sons Francis and Donald of Forestdale, Vermont are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Georgia of Eastport, L. I., are the proud parents of a son, Ronald Everett, born Nov. 22. Mrs. Georgia will be remembered as Ruth Alice Myers (ex '39).

Keuka Professor Writes A Letter of Appreciation

Prof. Herbert D. Winters, head of the department of History at Keuka college and representative of that school at the recent Houghton Convocation, wrote a letter of appreciation for the STAR. He says in part:

"It was a real pleasure to visit your campus and to be made a recipient of Houghton hospitality. I was impressed with the spirit of earnestness which I found there, and I am happy that I could be with you as a silent spectator on the day which marks a new milestone in your progress as an institution."

Sincerely yours,

Herbert D. Winters

cover later that the dog saved his child's life by upsetting the cradle and killing a wolf that had attempted to attack the child.

"I stood also near the place where the Welsh women walked around the mountain, wearing red flannel shawls, and thus made the French invaders believe that the Welsh had a large army. They saved the day. The French took leave, never again to attempt an invasion. I was also in the town where Edith Cavell was buried."

He continues: "I greatly desired to visit the coal mine where as a lad I spent eight and a half years, beginning at thirteen." To satisfy his desire, Mr. Mann went down two and a half miles and dug some very hard, brittle anthracite coal.

It was in 1913 that Mr. Mann first came to America. He worked in various places in and around New Castle, Pa., attending God's Bible School in Cincinnati for one year and later was graduated from the high school, theological department, and college at Houghton. While here, he supported his wife and three children by serving the Wesleyan Church at Higgins, Congregational Churches at Curiers and Java Village, and the Methodist Church at Belfast. Since his degree was conferred in 1928, he has been a Methodist minister, first at Machias and then at Scio, N. Y. where he is now located.

His son, Arthur, is a freshman in the music department this year.

RELIGIOUS WEEK

Sunday Services

Dr. Buswell

Dr. J. O. Buswell, president of Wheaton College, preached in Houghton Church Sunday morning, November 29. In an inspiring message about "Christ Ruling the Heart," he discussed the Ephesian account of Christ's inheritance in the saints and the saints' inheritance in Christ.

"If you are God's inheritance," he stated, "he identifies you by the seal of his Holy Spirit. However, there is danger of covering up this mark of a Christian with other things and rendering it as ineffective as a postage stamp that is covered by a large Christmas seal. Special care should be taken to avoid this because of its own value and what it represents. It is the guarantee of the future hope and blessing that awaits the saints."

Western New York

Students of western New York had charge of the young people's service Sunday evening, November 29. Those participating were Eunice Kidder, Olson Clark, Everett Elliott, Gordon Stockin, Cecil Elliott, Claribel Saile, Grace Parker, Gordon Wolfe, Harold Skinner, Richard Slater, Marvin Goldberg, and Willis Elliot.

Richard Slater gave a short talk on "Why I am thankful to be a citizen of the United States." He particularly emphasized the spiritual opportunities of this country.

Marvin Goldberg told why he was thankful that he had been a student of Houghton College. The main things that he misses in a secular school are the Christian atmosphere, prayer before classes, Christian groups, chapels, and legitimate social groups.

Finally, Willis Elliott expressed his thankfulness for Jesus Christ. Reading the Christmas story, he showed how Mary, the angels, the shepherds, Simeon, and Anna all praised God for His son. The speaker then joined his praise with theirs.

Results of Sin

"Sin and What It Causes" was the subject of the Rev. Mr. Pitt's sermon Sunday evening, November 29, as he spoke from the first chapter of Isaiah.

"Sin," he said, "causes rebellion, ignorance, rashness, God's wrath, barrenness, purposelessness in worship, and a limited approach to God."

By her sin, Israel placed herself in the margin of the responsibility of Sodom and Gomorrah. Her purposelessness in worship made her sacrifices an abomination in the sight of God. This same purposeless attitude is seen in the church, and is abhorred by Almighty God. All of these sins have but one of two destinies. They will be cleansed or judged. God pleads with man to accept the cleansing."

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flexible support that allows the accompaniment to be an intrinsic part of the whole. In the *Piece en forme de Habanera*, we heard a beautifully lyric, cleancut prelude as played by Prof. Cronk. Congratulations to you, Professor. We hope it will soon be our privilege to hear you in the role of accompanist to another great artist.

Evangelical Student

We would bring men TO CHRIST, and not to our peculiar views of Christianity. Our first care must be that the sheep should be gathered to the great Shepherd. There will be time enough afterward to secure them for our various folds. To make proselytes is a suitable labor for Pharisees. To beget men unto God is the honorable aim of ministers of Christ.

—C. H. Spurgeon

THE SOUL WINNER

I have sometimes thought I must have a day or two of rest, but I frankly confess that rest is very little to me, for I think I hear the cries of perishing souls, the wailing of spirits going down to hell, who chide me thus: "Preacher, can you rest? Minister, can you be silent? Ambassador of Jesus, can you cast aside the robes of your office? Up! and to your work again."

—C. H. Spurgeon

If we do not commend the gospel to people by our holy walk and conversation, we shall not win them to Christ. Some little act of kindness will perhaps do more to influence them than any number of sermons.

—D. L. Moody

TAKE US WITH YOU

A lady was pleading with a poor, sinful girl who had wandered far from her mother's God to come to Jesus for pardon and peace. Suddenly the girl turned upon her. "And have you been to Him?" she asked.

"Yes, indeed I have."

"And has he given you rest?"

"He has. Oh, thank God, He has. He is my Saviour and my Friend."

"Then take me with you. It would be easier to go with one who has been before."

The personal touch—this is what the world needs.

—Anonymous

GRASPING THE LIGHT

On the recent stratosphere flight that attained an altitude of nearly fourteen miles, it was discovered that the sky grew darker as the altitude increased. At the top of the flight, sky brightness was only one tenth of that viewed from the earth. In spite of the presence of the sun this world is surrounded by outer darkness.

At the same time other delicate instruments demonstrated that the sunlight increased its brightness. It is our air evidently which keeps the light of the sun and banishes the blackness of outer darkness.

So it is with the light of God and the human soul. He shines brightly and clearly in the darkness. The darkness does not comprehend that light (John 1:5). It is only when the Holy Spirit brings the light to our hearts that the outer darkness is banished.

Student Prayer Meeting

Ruth Miner spoke on the subject of prayer in the students' prayer meeting Tuesday evening, December 1. The power and need of prayer in the life of the students was particularly emphasized. "Many battles," she said, "are lost because we fail to pray."

In the meeting a very encouraging note was struck as many students told of new visions of Houghton's spiritual needs and of indications that God will meet those needs.

Sportorials

by "Walt" Schogoleff

With only two games left to be played, the class basketball series will be brought to a close when the sophomores meet the freshmen on December 11 to decide the title. In comparison with that in former series competitions, the brand of basketball displayed so far this year has been below par.

In general, the floorwork and teamwork of all the teams have been inferior. The scoring thrusts were merely attempts to rush the ball thru the opposing ranks, rather than to break clear by heady passes and organized play. Similarly, the defensive team centered its efforts around the ball, trying literally to wrest the ball from the offensive team.

The old-time basketball rules were revised favoring the scientific aspect of the game. Teams that attempt to play a hit or miss type of game are doing so under a great handicap. Captains and coaches, let's keep this in mind in preparation for future games!

Nevertheless, in spite of the lack of unpolished play, the current series has been considered a success because of the interest and class spirit it has inspired. All of the games have been well attended, with enthusiastic rooters backing up their teams. In addition this year's circuit race has been unique in the fact of the evenly matched teams.

Among the outstanding features of the series has been the playing of the scrappy high school team. This classy little aggregation has been outstanding because of its teamwork, speed, sportsmanship, and aggressiveness. Although the seminary quintet lost half of its games, the results do not tell the whole story. This commentator believes that there is just one factor that has withheld the championship from their grasp, and that is old man experience.

"Tex" Leonard says that heretofore the varsity basketball squad has received letters as gifts. Previously, all that was required of the varsity aspirants to earn the insignia included a few practice sessions and the wearing of a basketball suit at the annual varsity-alumni game. Under the new regime, the boys are sweating twice a week in passing and shooting drills. If the athletes survive the ordeal, they will handle the letters awarded at the end of the year with an increased feeling of accomplishment.

The sport fans of the country are now focusing their attention on the oncoming Rose Bowl football classic on New Year's Day. Who will play against the Washington Huskies in this game has not yet been decided by Ray Eckerman, athletic director of the university, and of the Tournament of Roses committee. However, in a recent telegraphic poll, twenty out of thirty-three football experts cast their votes in favor of the Louisiana State Tigers as probable contenders. When the final choice is made it will select one out of the trio, Louisiana State, Alabama, or Pittsburgh to replace Stanford as the representative for the East.

TWO GAMES STILL REMAIN IN INTER-CLASS COMPETITION

The standing of the teams follows:

| | W. | L. | Pct. |
|-------------|----|----|-------|
| Freshman | 3 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Sophomores | 2 | 1 | .666 |
| High School | 2 | 2 | .500 |
| Seniors | 1 | 2 | .333 |
| Juniors | 0 | 3 | .000 |

Alumni and Students Tour Girls Dormitory

On Saturday afternoon, November 28 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. the girls' dorm. for the first time in the history of the college, was thrown open to all who wished to inspect the rooms. A result of the combined efforts of the dean of women, Miss Kartevold and the social committee of the dormitory, the occasion of "open house" provided an enlightening two hours for all who took advantage of the opportunity, both for fellows and visitors.

The purpose of the plan was to display to the Alumni and students the improvements in the dormitory and the various types of girls' rooms. The committee in charge provided guides for the occasion who showed the visitors any part of the dormitory they wished to see.

HONORARY DEGREES

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Cooper served in the Army as captain during the last war.

Dr. J. O. Buswell was born in Wisconsin, where his father was a minister. In 1917 he obtained his B.A. from the University of Minnesota. Joining the army as chaplain, he served in the Meuse-Argonne offensive and was decorated for distinguished service. Ordained as a Presbyterian Minister in 1918, he continued with his education receiving the degree of B.D. from McCormack Theological Seminary in 1923, his M.A. degree from Chicago University in 1924, and a D.D. from Evangelical Theological College in the year 1927.

Dr. Buswell became president of Wheaton College in April, 1926, the position which he holds today. During his administration, the college has grown from 400 students to well over a thousand. Dr. Buswell was recently elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of America.

Dr. McLeister is a former Houghton student and has, for the past seventeen years, been a trustee of the college. Dr. McLeister is the founder of the Wesleyan Young People's Society, and has acted as Connectional Sunday School Secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and editor of the Sunday School publications. In 1927 he became editor of the *Wesleyan Methodist*, and for the past two years he has presided over the Board of Trustees of Houghton College.

ALUMNI BANQUET

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spoke in appreciation of the life of Mr. Luckey. He remarked that "there is not a person, outside of father and mother, whom I esteem as highly as President Luckey."

With the singing of a verse of the Alma Mater the banquet was dismissed. President Luckey dined with the group and retired early to his home. The alumni appreciated greatly the presence of their beloved President for this brief time at the banquet.

Soph-Senior Debate

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Fier contention was that installment buying is detrimental to the American people because it demoralizes society, in that it places false standards before the people. To prove her point Miss Fox revealed the fact that contracts are sometimes loaded with ambiguous clauses which, when contested, have always favored the seller. The exorbitant rates of interest charged, as well as the large amount of goods repossessed, were other points used in supporting her argument.

The first speaker for the negative, Miss Roughan, seemed eager to dive into the spray lashed up by her opponent. This enthusiasm was evidenced by the alacrity with which she replied to the affirmatives question. She gave a rather unique answer, in the form of a gayly painted cartoon-poster, showing two cliffs separated by none too pleasant looking water. The cliffs were joined at the crests by a bridge having for its substructure the letters CREDIT. Satisfied that the audience, as well as the judges, were convinced as to the truth of her refutation, Miss Roughan proceeded to set forth the platform of the negative. That installment buying is not detrimental, since it stimulates industry and stabilizes business was her main contention. "Mass production and mass consumption, through the medium of installment credit, support the truth that installment buying is financially sound," contended Miss Roughan.

Mr. Queen presented the concluding constructive work for the affirmative. Mr. Queen seemed to find it expedient to spend the greater part of his time in refuting the case of the negative, but after receiving the time warning he spent the remaining two minutes presenting the second phase of the affirmative argument. The result was a well planned case, hastily presented, but carrying insufficient proof, due to lack of time. However, the masterful way in which he summarized is deserving of commendation.

The final constructive speaker of the debate, Mr. Willett seemed charged with a last minute fighting spirit. Holding himself at ease under the pressure of the clashing issues, Mr. Willett cleared the way for the negative's case by dropping, as it were, a monkey wrench into the affirmative's machine. Following this hasty refutation, the remaining issues of the negative were presented in true varsity style. "Not only does installment buying benefit the consumer," contended Mr. Willett, "but it is socially advantageous, in that it provides an incentive to save. Thus it improves home conditions as well as strengthens individual initiative."

A two minute intermission was granted the debaters, by Miss Frieda Gillette, chairman of the debate, after which the rebuttals were opened by Miss Roughan of the negative. She was forced to hammer at her opponents' case extemporaneously since, in her haste, she had picked up the wrong set of refutation cards. Next Miss Fox of the seniors presented a convincing rebuttal likening the installment situation to a plan of diet. "Should we eat ice cream for the first few years of our life and then because of the debt created, eat potatoes and crust during the remaining

Frosh Confident of Victory Over Sophs; Juniors, Seniors Contend for Cellar Position

As we go to press, there are two remaining games in the class series. The frosh are confident of winning the title and the junior-senior clash is expected to be a close battle—these are the resulting reports derived from statements given by the class captains in recent interviews.

On the Friday evening of Dec. 4, a spirited battle will be held between the two upper classes for the cellar title. When interviewed about the possibilities of a senior victory, Captain Walt Schogoleff made the following statement:

"To all appearances, this game will be one of the closest and hardest fought games of the series. The junior team has been hitting the come-back trail, as evidenced by their game with the sophomores. Moreover since the juniors have been deprived of victory for so long a time, they will be out for blood in their final encounter. The seniors, however, will have the stronger line-up and if the breaks do not interfere, they should emerge victorious. The breaks may decide the game.

"Jeeve" Thompson, captain of the junior aggregation gave the following information.

"In this game, the junior team is without a doubt the under-dog. In consideration of past performance and the strength of the line-ups, the team will have to play its best brand of ball to come out on top. Another disturbing factor is the juniors' lack of reserve material. If for some reason or other, one of the first-string men has to leave the game, it will place the team under a great handicap. However, the boys are going in there, with the determination to atone for their past performances by

years, or should we deny ourselves luxuries until we can afford to pay for them on a cash basis?" The latter seems the wiser thing to do, she maintained.

The final rebuttal for the negative was presented by Mr. Willett, and that of the affirmative by Mr. Queen. Both debaters seemed equal to their respective tasks and defended them so well that it was evident that the judges would have no easy task in deciding their votes. The most noticeable argument, characteristic of both concluding rebuttals, was the often reiterated claim that the opponents had failed to meet the issues.

Having rested the debate with the judges, Miss Gillette received and opened the ballots, awarding the decision to the underclassmen by a 2-1 vote.

Judges for the debate were the Rev. Mr. J. R. Pitt, Prof. Stanley Wright, and Miss Fancher.

Among the week-end guests other than alumni were: Mr. and Mrs. William E. Foster and Mrs. Henry Lietzke of Lansing, Mich.; Misses Marjorie and Ruth Ortlip, Stephen Ortlip and Miss Marion Scheimer of Fort Lee, N. J.; Miss Ruth Hoffmaster of Akron, Ohio; Miss Elizabeth Dilks of Clayton, N. J. and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Driscoll of Grand Rapids, Mich.

decisively trouncing the sages' quintet."

The climax and finale of the series will be reached on Dec. 11, when the undefeated frosh battle the second place soph team to decide the championship. If the frosh are victorious in this encounter, they will cop the series medals. However, if the sophs do the trick, another game will have to be played to decide the issue. Statements were obtained from the captains concerning the probable outcome of the game. The yearling leader, Glenn Mix, divulged the following:

"Concerning the past performances of both teams, the frosh should have little difficulty in taking the soph forces into camp. The first part of the game may be very close, but but the yearlings are noted for their last period spurt and should pull well into the lead before the final whistle sounds. In case of difficulty, there is plenty of good reserve material that can be used."

From the co-captains, Crandall and Tuthill, the following statement was obtained:

"So far in the series, the sophs have not displayed the type of basketball they should be capable of. If the team snaps out of it, and comes to life, it will give the frosh a run for their money. The second year team is admittedly very weak defensively. However, if they can more than match the scoring punch of their opponents, they have a good chance of snatching the prizes. Every resource at the team's command will be thrown into the game to score the victory."

It will be interesting to note just how these predictions have been carried out when the series toll is taken. Maybe a suprise or two is in order.

Christmas Gift Suggestions

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- Fountain Pens, Parker Sets

FOR HIM:

- Watch Chains *
- Tie Clips *
- Fountain Pens, Parker Sets

FOR EVERYBODY:

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- Banners *
- Stationery
- Fountain Pens
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