

"Rejection of Bible Is America's Poverty"

Rev. T. Christie Innes, General Secretary of the American Tract Society, was the speaker of the Baccalaureate service of the 1947 graduating class.

Speaking on "America's Poverty," Rev. Innes introduced his subject by reading a lengthy editorial from a prominent American magazine. The editorialist admitted the need for something more than materialism if our country expects to continue in its present position of world leadership. There are "moral issues" at stake.

"The terrible plague of our nation," said Rev. Innes, "is a complacent disregard for the Word of God." Basing his assertion on the words of the prophet Amos who predicted a famine and a thirst for the hearing of the Word of God, the speaker of the occasion declared that America is now experiencing this famine and thirst. The complete rejection of the Bible is "America's Poverty."

"Our nation," said Rev. Innes, "is marked by two things. They are self-indulgence and wild excess." In an appeal to the youthful members of the graduating class he avowed that this day calls for the kind of character that can and will say "No!"

Admitting that our country lays the blame for its present moral laxity and increase in juvenile delinquency problems to the disturbing influences of two world wars and a depression, the basic cause for our condition, said Rev. Innes, is our "500,000 divorces in a year." In the words of the English historian, Lord Macaulay, the speaker charged that "the ones to destroy (our) own nation will be the citizens of (our) own country."

In a specific application to the graduating seniors Rev. Innes concluded his address by appealing to the audience to seek the "will of God—nothing more, nothing less, nothing else."

H. W. Ferrin Delivers Missionary Message

One of the highlights of each school year is the June Missionary Meeting. Sunday, June 1, Howard W. Ferrin, president of Providence Bible Institute, brought a forceful message on "World-wide Missions and the Lord's Return."

The service was opened with music supplied by the Gospel Messengers. Carlton Booth of Providence Bible Institute sang two numbers, including "What Shall I Give Thee, Master?"

Dr. Ferrin said that in II Peter we find two attitudes toward the Second Coming of Christ. "The first is the attitude of the scoffer who says, 'Where is the promise of His coming?' Peter responds to this by history and arithmetic. He tells them that they are willingly ignorant of God's former acts of judgment, and furthermore a

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Delegates Convene At General Conference

The General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America will convene Tuesday evening, June 24, at Houghton, and will remain in session through the weekend.

Prof. Willard Smith, General Chairman of the convention announced that at least 1500 delegates are expected to attend this conference. Dr. Luckey, Chairman of the housing committee, has secured rooms in Rushford, Canandaigua, Hume, Higgins, and Belfast and has an agreement to secure cabins in Letchworth Park. In addition, beds will be placed in the gym, Rec hall and other places.

Chairmen of additional committees are: Wallace Mason, Office Manager; Dr. Ries, Exhibits and Publicity; Prof. Alton Cronk, Parking, Policing, Guides.

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Message By Dr. Ockenga Climaxes 1947 Commencement Exercises

DAYTON GIVES PRIZE ORATION

On Thursday evening, May 29, the annual speaking contest was held in the college chapel. From the six contestants the judges chose Isabelle Dayton as the winner of first prize, with Donald Lugtig as their choice for second prize.

The general theme of the speeches was, "This Atomic Age." The theme was divided into six phases and each speaker developed one phase. Because of the difficult subject, the traditional method of drawing "cuts" one hour before the contest was abandoned. This year the topics were assigned one full day in advance.

Miss Dayton's subject was "Social Changes Resulting from the Discovery of Atomic Energy." In recognizing the effect of an atomic war on the distribution of population, Miss Dayton said that defense from the atom bomb "would necessitate the disintegration and reorganization of cities and towns." Society itself would suffer a general "break-down" of values. "The peace-time world," she concluded, "finds that it has more than it can handle, and something that will undoubtedly affect every phase of life."

Mr. Lugtig spoke on the beneficial aspects of atomic power. He likened the world situation to a man standing with a chasm in front of him and a fire at his back. He said that our situation is precarious and the only way of escape is world control of atomic energy, even at the cost of individual sovereignty.

The remaining four speakers dealt with other influences of atomic power.

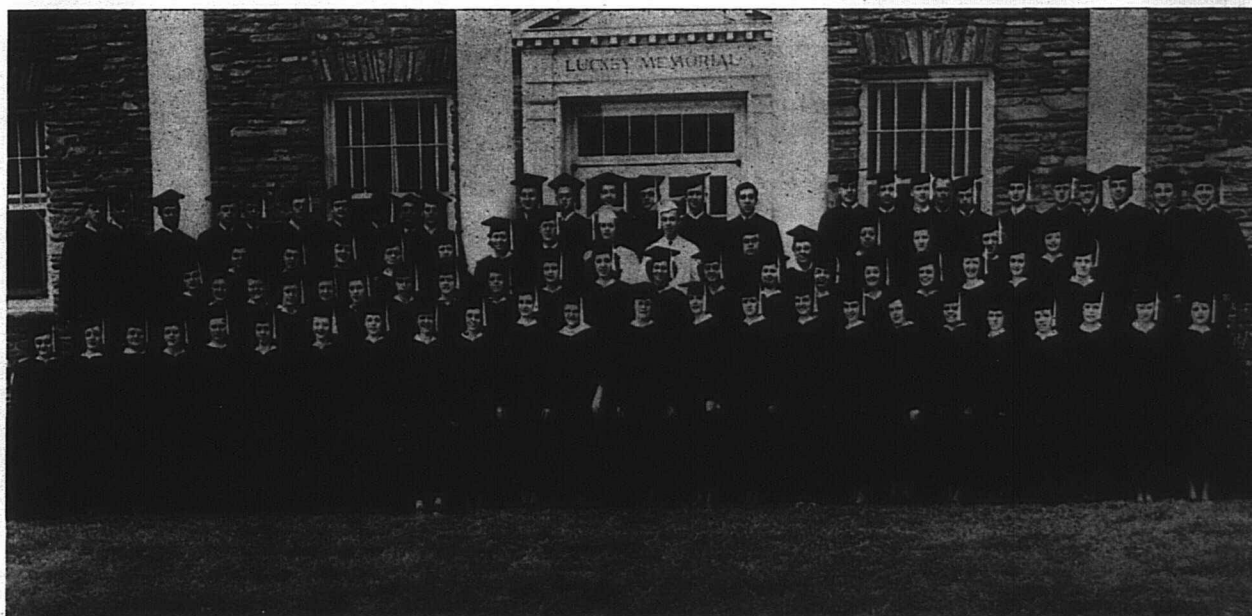
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"From now on you're on your own." With these words Pres. Stephen W. Paine completed his charge to the graduates Monday, June 2, when ninety-three members of Houghton's class of 1947, the "Lighthouse Class," were graduated. The annual commencement exercises, held in the Houghton church at 10 a. m. featured Dr. Harold Ockenga, pastor of the Park Street church, Boston, Mass., as speaker.

Using Matthew 7:24-27 as his text, Dr. Ockenga, aggressive in Christian work for many years, asked the question, "What is your philosophy of life?" He said that Christian young people going into the world today are facing a world through an intellectual revolution which is destroying Western culture and Christianity. Therefore, it is a necessity that they know what their philosophy of life is, for the world knows what it does not believe, and Christians must know what they do believe.

Dr. Ockenga compared the culture of Rome with Western culture, and then showed how Christianity caused the heathenish Roman culture to crack and fall, finally uniting with the Grecian culture to form Western civilization as we know it. But, says Dr. Ockenga, we are abandoning our culture and turning to a new seed message which will destroy Christianity. This new philosophy, Dr. Ockenga claims, is the theory of relativity which originated in the field of physics, but has been taken into history, education, ethics, morals and religion. Dr. Ockenga supplemented these facts with illustrations from his wide range of knowledge and experience. He said that the world is on a merry-go-round and no longer has

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Have They Failed?

The closing of school in the spring occasions varied feelings among the student body. For the freshmen their first year of college is ended and they look forward to the summer with elation. They are college students now and they will have a new prestige when they go home. The sophomores have outgrown the novelty of college life, and they approach vacation with a more serious attitude. Some of them expect to work and others will stay for summer school. The juniors face the summer months with the hope of finding a position that will be in keeping with their major field of study. Some of them plan to pass part of the summer studying backgrounds for their senior subjects. Of the seniors, what can be said? They leave with commencement day challenges fresh in their minds. They are determined that by God's help they will serve their best.

At the close of every year a group composed of members of all classes leaves school. For them there will be no return in the fall. For them there will be no congratulations from friends and relatives. For them there is no challenge in the commencement address. Commencement is for the successful. They have failed.

Fortunately this group is few in number; but because they are a minority does not mean that they should be ignored. Their future is every bit as important as the future of the most successful student. Their adjustment to life requires as much attention as that of the most hopeful graduate. Their lives will be equally as long, their problems just as acute. They demand attention.

Why do they not return? There are those who have difficulty with college discipline. Others have been defeated by heavy schedules. Some are arbitrarily dismissed because of a peculiar temperament. Not a few are disillusioned by the observed discrepancies between ideals and practices. Others simply choose something else.

Regardless of the cause this group demands attention. For the most part they must help themselves. It will be necessary for them to face their situation and expose, not the branch, but the root of their difficulty. When the direct cause is discovered it must be acknowledged. If they are at fault themselves, they must admit it. If another person has contributed largely to their failure one of two things must be done. Either the whole thing must be dismissed from the mind, or, the offender must be confronted. In either case, it is imperative that a solution be reached. Unsolved differences breed bitterness, and bitterness brings spiritual and mental ruin to the wronged person.

Have they failed? In some instances they have. In others they have not. Need they continue in failure? No. As long as a man's spirit remains unbroken he cannot lose. Readjustment will be required. Face it. Accomplish it. Does loss in one thing imply a necessary loss in all? Not in the least. Loss has often occasioned new discovery. The principle of finding by losing has been established by experience. Apply the principle by sincere effort and the coming days will be secure.

—J.B.H.

"Think less of what you have not than what you have; of the things you have select the best; then reflect how eagerly you would have labored for them if you had them not. At the same time, however, take care you do not through being so pleased with them accustom yourself to so overvalue them as to be distressed if ever you should lose them."

—Marcus Aurelius

Across the Desk

It is natural for us to think very highly of our senior class in Houghton college and I am making no apology for so doing. The same can be said relative to our junior and sophomore classes. It seems to be quite the thing to speak of the freshman class as Frosh and Greenies, and they are gracious enough to take it in the spirit in which it is given. But, honestly now, we do appreciate our freshman class each year. Most of our country's presidents have been freshmen in college, believe it or not.

If I am to judge from the recommendations received for the incoming men of the freshman class, Houghton college is in for a very happy year with these new fellows, I mean, new to us. The great majority of them are devout Christian young men who are coming here to prepare for work in this needy world work that is Christian. These men are in earnest and, I trust, will make good in every way. It is not too early to pray for these fellows. They are to face a new type of work. The religious and social aspects of college life even in Houghton calls for adjustments that are not always easy to make. Let us put our freshman class on our prayer list now and not neglect to keep them there. Of course a warm welcome will await them although the sophs may drag them through the water in the tug of war. And they may not.

—Dean Wright

Dr. Paine will deliver the commencement address at Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois, June 9.

Graduating Theogs Hold Class Night

The graduating class of the Division of Theology and Christian Education presented their Class Night exercises, Friday, May 30, at 8 p. m. in the church. Several in attendance expressed the conviction that the service was manifestly committed and controlled by the Spirit of God.

Opening with a prelude by Bert Jones and the processional of the class, the first part of the service was highlighted by the Strong Memorial Bible Reading Contest. Six contestants read in the contest. The first prize was presented to Esther Smeenge and the second to Arvilla MacCallum.

Mrs. Edna Culp Lennox, the instructor in public speaking, and Dr. C. A. Ries, who conducts the course in homiletics, remarked privately on the high quality of the reading in the contest. Other contestants who pointed the way to a more effective public reading of the Scriptures were Marcia Forsythe, Virginia Swauger, Truman Ireland, and William Bruce.

The theme which was presented in the second half of the program was based on the class motto, "That the world may believe", a portion of John 17:21. Russell Clark, the president of the class, introduced the theme chorus, his own composition, which was followed by the song, "Ready", sung by a girls' trio composed of Alice Omdal, Mildred Bellrose, and Ruth Cowles. Ruth Cowles delivered the first ad-

Star Review

by ANNA RABENSTEIN

Each edition of the Houghton Star represents a great deal of unseen and unrecognized effort; for the Staff has the prime responsibility of portraying the life of the college and its students in a thorough and accurate form.

When the "Stars" come out on Thursday night, we grab them from our boxes and are immediately absorbed in four news-packed pages. But did you ever realize what it is like to read the story of the Stars for one year? We tried it and here is what came up.

Summer school...picnics, "hilarious hay-ride," "moonlight excursion," (who studied and when?)...Fred Kling a little puzzled about Mexican elections.

Record fall enrollment of 720, 345 frosh!, and an even man-woman ratio...first-week activities, initiation, Letchworth...Artist Series...Purple and Gold...and, oh yes, study.

Routine grind...Founder's Day...Dr. Reisdorph and the fall revivals...water, water—where?...and Lucielle Browning...Bouquet of the Week...Boulder campaign...Hallowe'en in Lower Slobbovia...A Cappella Tour Season...36 shopping days 'til Christmas!!...Ray Lev...the Houghton Who's Who...Paul Veroneff's pertinent message on Russia (guess we'll appreciate that spaghetti a little more)...Christmas on the campus, the "Messiah"...VACATION (why don't they invent bigger letters for that word?)...Thanksgiving...the first real snow... "Oh, did you get that for Christmas?"

...Dr. Emerson...final cramming, "yellow envelopes"...Rev. Ferguson...blizzard strands choir in Rochester (how many blocks did Mimi run for a paper with their picture?)...

Beau and Arrow Time...another Boulder campaign!...Dr. King, the new Dean...the thrill of a snowstorm: cars parked on the campus, huh?...parties and vacation...debate and choir tours...Seher, Kingsbury head honor list...Committee plans civic improvement...research papers.

Spring fever, and fires...class "Stars" and what a sensation the frosh created...Sadie Hawkins Day and Lawrence Tibbett...Mary Dukeshire to teach Frosh English...Boulders, with the dedication to Miss Fancher...Dr. Harold Ockenga as Commencement speaker...Senior Star... "lasts" for the seniors.

It looks like Houghton had a busy year, doesn't it, but it was "thousands" of fun. We hope the '47-'48 Star file will be as jam-packed and as vitally interesting to read in review.

dress, "United Messengers", a thought-provoking consideration of the unity of love in the Holy Spirit which was the subject of Christ's prayer for His disciples and its relationship to the carrying of the gospel to "the regions beyond."

Following the message, Russell Clark and the trio sang, "Let Me Burn Out For Thee". David Flower then delivered a challenging, heart-warming address on the subject, "A Universal Message." At the close of the service one soul sought the Lord's blessing at the altar.

Professor F. W. Wright conducted the contest. Rev. Floyd E. Banker gave the invocation, Dr. C. A. Ries led in prayer, and Dr. C. I. Armstrong pronounced the benediction.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Class Day

The high school class day exercises were held in the chapel Saturday morning, May 31. After the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance", which was played by Mrs. Philip Mack, the group was led in prayer by the Rev. John E. McGraw, father of one of the high school seniors.

Following the invocation, Max Nichols, student body president, welcomed the parents and friends. His oration, "Miracle Drugs" was timely and interesting. Shirley Burns then sang the familiar "Danny Boy." The oration, "The Immortal Jew", which was chosen the best in the senior class, was given by Joan Carville. Miss Carville attempted to show the Jew, persecuted and driven about as he is, holding his head high, proud of the fact that he is a Jew. "It is the persecuted not the persecutor which will reap the rewards in the days to come."

The class song with the words written by Anna Belle Russell followed, sung by the entire class. The class poem was given by its author, Anna Belle Russell.

A musical interlude played by June Gilliland helped the audience to mentally leap the years to 1975 to an imagined opening meeting of a missionary convention held in the great Moody Tabernacle, Chicago, Illinois. The greeting was given by Dr. Max Nichols, prominent practitioner of Chicago, who announced that the initial meeting was in charge of the Houghton high school class of '47. He then introduced the "widely known song leader", Ian Lennox, who led the congregation in the singing of "Oh For a Thousand Tongues". The prayer was offered by Dr. Robert Fraser, president of the Providence Bible Institute. Dr. Nichols then introduced Mr. Arthur Homburg, Marshall Field executive, who helped sponsor these meetings.

Rev. Maurice Moore, a returned missionary from Australia, who was to be the evening speaker, was asked to give his testimony preceding the solo, "Let Me Burn Out For Thee", sung by Dr. Joan Carville. Miss Carville is a returned missionary from Rangoon, Burma.

Inspiring messages concerning the need for missionaries in India and Japan were presented by Miss Barbara Rudisill, a missionary nurse, and Colonel Lowell Fancher, U.S. officer in the American Army of Occupation. The main address of the convention concerning "Leprosy" was by Miss Elizabeth Edling, of Africa, who had made an extensive study of this dread disease. She mentioned the different types of the disease and also the cures. In her message she pointed out the similarity between leprosy and sin. It was a stirring message which opened the people's eyes to the danger of sin.

The congregation was led in singing "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go" by Ian Lennox, closing the "prophecy". The class Valedictory by Elizabeth Edling followed.

The Girls' Trio which was comprised of Shirley Burns, June Gilliland, and Joan Carville, sang "The Angel's Serenade."

Rev. Cecil Russell then gave the benediction and the recessional, played by Mrs. Mack followed.

Prep Banquet

At last the juniors can sigh with relief. The junior-senior banquet is over. This great social event of the year for the high school was held Thursday night May 29 at the Hare Homestead, the "Treasure Island" for the evening. Yes, that was the theme of the program.

After the "ohs" and "ahs", because everything was special, the group scanned the place cards and found their seats at the tables. You guessed it, chicken and biscuits with all the trimmings including strawberry shortcake.

After all the tasty morsels had been vanquished the program began. The Toastmaster, Tom Williams, introduced the junior class president, who welcomed the faculty and seniors to the occasion. The response was given by Robert Fraser, the senior class president. The toastmaster then introduced Prof. Elwood Stone, the junior class advisor, who gave the greetings.

After Joan Carville sang, "Mighty Like A Rose", Prof. Wesley G. Moon, Principal of the high school gave a few remarks concerning his school days. After this speech the group was favored with a violin solo by Marguerite Krause.

The main speaker of the evening was Prof. Gordon Stockin, college professor of classical languages and former principal of the high school. Prof. led the group on a delightful journey for treasure through books. He showed what treasures books hold if we would only search for them.

After the Alma Mater was sung the group made their way back through Letchworth Park to Houghton all agreeing that it had been a swell banquet.

145 Register For 1947 Intersession

An unprecedented number of students, approximately one hundred forty-five, signed the register as the Intersession officially began on Monday, June 2.

Noticeable among the registrants was the high percentage of veterans. Several new students passed through the registrar's office during the afternoon.

Undoubtedly the large number this year have been attracted by the unusually good selection of courses offered during the interim between the regular school year and the Summer Session.

The convening of the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Houghton, during the latter part of the Intersession, has caused some of the courses to be accelerated, thereby completing some courses in three weeks. This was done so as to provide greater housing facilities for the expected fifteen-hundred guests.

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If you have had time to regret the fact that you neglected to buy your *Info* while you were here, we have made a special concession for you. Seal one quarter of a dollar in an envelope and mail it to Isabel Dayton, Houghton, New York, and you will receive your copy by mail.

SMITH ANNOUNCES IMPROVEMENTS

Prof. Willard Smith has announced some of the improvements which are scheduled for Houghton's campus during the summer months.

The main item planned for this summer is the construction of a food storage room to be located behind the girls' dorm. This room will provide space for unpacking, for cleaning of vegetables and will add refrigerator and storage space.

In connection with this, a plan for remodeling the kitchen is to be carried out. The arrangement of the kitchen will be improved and some facilities will be rebuilt in order to expedite the preparation of meals.

Also this summer, a water conditioning house will be constructed to soften the water used by Houghton. At the college farm, a hog house will be built to increase meat production for college consumption.

The girls' dorm will receive new linoleum in the bathrooms, and the tubs will be replaced by showers. It is also planned to redecorate the suite rooms and possibly to secure new furniture for the reception rooms.

A paint crew will be at work during summer vacation doing both inside and outside painting. There will also be a group engaged in general repair and maintenance. In this connection, Prof. Smith announced that Clyde Wells, of Bradford, Pa. had been hired by the college to assist in maintenance and repair.

Secretaries Wanted

Dan Cupid is no respecter of positions. Although he works best in "moonlight and roses" he can also find his way into the heart of an efficient hard-pounding office girl.

Miss Karla Wilde will be leaving Dr. Woolsey's office this summer to trade her typewriter for a can opener as she takes up domestic responsibilities. As the wife of the incisive Ken Kouwe, the present Miss Wilde will doubtless have her hands full keeping Ken happy and contented. Mr. Kouwe was student council president this year, and he has a way of becoming unhappy when things get out of line.

Roberta Somerville, Dr. Paine's reliable filing system, will leave the college president to become assistant to Ward Hunting. Miss Somerville's position has already been delegated to Ruth Cowles, graduate of the '47 class.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

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Church, there will also be representatives from the Wesleyan Young People's Society, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Young Missionary Workers' Band.

The Book Committee, which is the Board of Trustees of Colleges and Schools and the Controlling Board of the Church, will meet on June 20 to receive annual reports and to consider recommendations to the General Conference.

The General Conference will consist of representatives from twenty-five different conferences in the United States and two foreign representatives, one from Australia and one from Africa.

School Purchases New Bell System

The Business Office has ordered a clock for Luckey Memorial and a new power supply and control for the bell system from the I. B. M. Corp.

The extra senior gift of \$150 will pay for the cost of the clock and for a portion of the other equipment.

The power supply and control panel will synchronize the clocks in the school and will cause the bells to ring simultaneously and at the proper time.

FACULTY APPROVES COUNCIL PETITIONS

Faculty approval was recently granted to two student council petitions. Submitted by the '46-'47 council, the petitions were "for the purpose of enhancing student activities."

Acting in the interests of future Boulder staffs, the council requested that the editor and business manager of the annual be elected in the first semester of the school year. According to this plan the two officers would be chosen early in their sophomore year and would act as "observers" for a period of six months. During this time it is presumed that valuable experience would be gained and the two leaders of the succeeding staff would be properly orientated. It was claimed that the previous method of spring elections has left editors with little or no knowledge of procedure. The faculty accepted the proposition and voted that the editor and business manager be elected during the first week of October.

The other petition was a request for advance notification of all major tests. In order that instructors and students may have ample time for preparation, the faculty voted that at least one week's notice shall be given before all unit tests. It is felt that ample announcement will tend toward more efficient review methods and a reduction of failing and borderline grades.

Houghton Adds Five New Faculty Members

Houghton will receive several additions to the faculty for the year 1947-48, according to a recent release from Dr. Paine's office.

George E. Failing, graduate of Houghton college '40, will assume a post as Assistant to the president. He will work in public relations. Mr. Failing has an A.B. degree and will complete his work for a M.A. in Religion this summer.

Two additions to the music department are: Mary Lou Griffis, A.B. in music from Asbury college, Wilmore, Ky., Class of '47; and Betty Erhard, Houghton college '47. Miss Griffis will be an instructor in piano. Miss Erhard will join the department as an instructor in voice.

The library will be supplemented by the addition of Doris Kopp, Houghton college '47, who will return as clerical assistant to the librarian.

Mrs. Wesley Moon, Houghton college A.B., '33, will assist as an instructor in the Mathematics department, with the possibility that she may also assist in the Science department.

Capacity Crowd Attends '47 Class Night In Chapel

The class of '47 presented its class night exercises on Saturday evening, May 31, in the college chapel. A capacity crowd of friends and relatives of the seniors was on hand for the occasion.

John DeBrine, the class president, offered the opening prayer invoking God's blessing on the service.

The salutatory was given by Paul Kingsbury. The subject of Mr. Kingsbury's address was, "Our Goal and the Battle of Humanity." He opened his remarks with an analogy, comparing the present class to a mountain climber resting before the completion of his ascent. The emphasis was placed on Christ's command, "Go ye . . ."

Margaret Fancher and Janette Fortran, accompanied by Bert Jones at the piano, played a cello duet, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

The class oration, "Recruits for World Conquest," was given by Winifred Jacobson. Her speech was centered on the thought that a man's value for his religion can be judged by "how much he propagates it." Miss Jacobson said that there were ten of the graduating class who expect to go to the mission field. "Houghton college gives its students a vision to fill their place in a suffering world," she said. A special emphasis was placed on the impending brevity of time for missionary projects when Miss Jacobson said, "The work that centuries might have done is crowded into one hour."

The class song of the seniors, written by Ruth Cowles and composed by David Flower, was sung by the entire class. Bert Jones gave the mantle oration and passed the mantle on to Kenneth Clark, the official representative of the class of '48. Mr. Jones willed to the coming seniors the originality, talents, and desires of the '47 graduating class.

Miss Burnell, the class adviser for the past three years, was presented with a radio and an electric toaster. The class male quartet and the girls trio combined to sing "Ship Ahoy."

The valedictorian, Hazel Seher, spoke on the subject, "The Fourth 'R'". Her thesis was that religion should be as important as the three "R's" of our educational system. She stated that the Bible, which was America's first text book, has steadily decreased in use. Concerning Bible reading in the United States, Miss Seher said that 13 states require it, 26 allow it to be optional, and eight forbid it altogether.

Modern teaching "centers around the eat, drink and be merry philosophy," she said. As a result of this neglect the average criminal age has dropped from 48 to 18. "We as a nation vaccinate our children against smallpox," she said, "yet we neglect to vaccinate them against moral diseases. The word of God is the immunization. A democratic state cannot endure without religion."

The senior male quartet sang, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning", after which John DeBrine gave the affirmation of faith for the class. David Flower closed the program with prayer.

College Sets 720 Limit for 1947-48

The student body of Houghton college will be limited to a total of seven hundred twenty, according to the latest information received from Miss Rachel Davison, Registrar. The registrar's office has already received more than a sufficient number of applications to fill the college to capacity.

The number of freshmen who will be allowed to register next year is dependent upon the number of applications cancelled before school begins, the number of students who will not return next year due to academic or disciplinary reasons, and in some measure upon the number of rooms which will be available for students.

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any solid rock on which to stand and so make moral progress. The only remedy is to revive a belief in God, the Kingdom, and the soul of man.

Finally, Dr. Ockenga gave a challenge to the graduating class that they should determine to be on the solid rock rather than the merry-go-round, and he renewed his first challenge to know what they believe that they might stand in all the winds of doctrine and worldly philosophy. Dr. Ockenga believes that today the small Christian college will do more to develop young men and women who will be able to stand than all the large universities of the world.

Also featured on the program was Mr. Carlton Booth of the Providence Bible Institute. Mr. Booth sang "Living Above", a song written by Mr. Clarence Jones, director of radio station HCJB of Quito, Ecuador. Mr. Charles Finney, professor of organ at Houghton, played the organ prelude, "Prelude and Fugue in C" by Bach, "Hero's March" for the processional, and "Grand Chorus in March Form" for the recessional.

The class of 1947 has been called Houghton's "Lighthouse Class" since their freshman year when they chose Matthew 5:14, "Ye are the light of the world," for their verse, and the lighthouse as their symbol. To carry out this symbol a song was even written for them called "The Lightkeeper's Song." In many other ways this class has carried out their theme throughout their four years at Houghton.

Five students were elected from this class to the Houghton College Honor Society. They were John DeBrine, Leon Gibson, William Greenburg, Paul Kingsbury, and Hazel Seher. Graduating summa cum laude was Hazel Seher, and Paul Kingsbury was graduated magnum laude. Carl Becker, Jr., Laura Copp, and John DeBrine received cum laude honors.

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Prof. Cronk Plans Niagara Excursion

Prof. Cronk announced today that he is planning a trip to Niagara Falls for a limited number of students. Twenty-five will be the maximum. Those first to sign the list will have priorities.

The excursion is for the purpose of sight seeing in the Niagara Falls area. A bus will be chartered and the group will be gone all day. The day, according to Mr. Cronk, will be June 14, one week from this Saturday. All those interested consult Mr. Cronk.

HOUGHTON FRIENDS RETURN TO FIELD

"Ask of Me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession," Psalm 2:18. This challenging verse of scripture was the verse Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Jackson used as theirs when they went under the Christian Missionary Alliance Mission Board to French Indo-China in October, 1922. The Lord did really bless them, and their inheritance was great. In 1943, Mrs. Jackson, Merrill, and Betty returned to the States. Mr. Jackson remained at Cygon which is one hundred sixty miles inland. The Lord graciously spared the life of Mr. Jackson during the war and during a time of illness. If passports and other necessities come through before October, Mrs. Jackson is planning on returning to this land which greatly needs the Word of God. Most of the mission work done in the mountains beyond Cygon has been done in the Mois tribes.

Let us earnestly pray that God will make it possible for this sincere Christian woman to return to French Indo-China in the fall and that He will continue to shower His blessing upon Mr. Jackson.

July 11th is the sailing date of the General Meigs from San Francisco and on it, the Lord willing, will be the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hess and their six children, returning to the Philippine Islands.

Their furlough in 1937 was sixteen months long, all of which they spent in the States. In 1945 they came to this country for their second furlough after living one year in the jungles and two years in a Japanese internment camp.

In this camp the Japanese had a plan of starvation for their prisoners giving them little food, most of which was starch. All but one converted native as far as is known, stayed true to the Lord during those years that tried the spiritual, mental, and physical being of every Christian who lived through them. After the war, one missionary started out again with his message of salvation equipped with only a Bible and a hymn book.

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SPEAKING CONTEST . . .

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Arthur Northrop indicated that within ten years public utilities of whole cities will function by atomic energy. In the future, according to Doris Goodrich, one pound of uranium will be used to replace as much as 1370 tons of coal. Stanley Soderburg declared that America is morally reprehensible for dropping the first atom bomb on thickly populated areas. A "warning" bomb should have been tried in places of less concentration. He emphasized the fact that our greatest mistake was "failure to recognize God's power" to accomplish more than could a devastating bomb. Otis McDonald concluded the speeches by reminding the audience of the great missionary challenge of this new scientific era.

The contest judges were David Richardson, Fillmore; Beverly Taylor, Fillmore; and Lawrence Wood, Rushford. Mr. and Mrs. Harland Hill provided musical entertainment while the judges made their decision.

'47 Class Holds Campus Service

On June 1, 1947, the Baccalaureate service of the 1947 graduating class was held on the campus in front of the college library. Under an overcast sky and the threat of rain, the faculty, students, and friends of the seniors gathered for the final Sunday service of the school year.

The '47 class was the first to have their Baccalaureate service on the campus. Plans had been made to have the commencement exercises outside also, but inclement weather made it impractical.

The Sunday morning service was opened with the invocation offered by the Rev. Walter Kopp of Titusville, Pa. The A Cappella Choir then sang "Alleluia".

In the absence of Rev. William J. Kouwe, father of one of the graduating seniors, Dr. Armstrong, the Houghton pastor, read the scripture and lead in prayer. Following this the choir sang "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire."

Rev. T. Christie Innes, General Secretary of the American Tract Society, was the Baccalaureate speaker. Speaking on "America's Poverty", Rev. Innes appealed to the senior class to seek the "will of God, nothing more, nothing less, nothing else."

The choir sang in closing a special arrangement of "Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah." Rev. J. R. Flower, father of one of the seniors, pronounced the benediction.

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thousand years is only as a day with the Lord.

"The second dangerous attitude is that of the sulker who says, 'It's too late to have another revival. Christ is coming too soon to do anything about that.' These people are Jonahs. Jonah did not want to believe that God is a God of mercy and will postpone judgment as long as He can. Jonah was angry while thousands of people were on their knees.

"God has deferred the second coming of His dear Son because 'He is not willing that any should perish.' It is the Christian's solemn responsibility to preach the Gospel till Jesus comes. His command is: 'Occupy till I come!'"

The speaker closed with a story and application. "There is a story told of a lady in England who asked her prosperous husband if a part of their beautiful harvest might not be given to feed the poor. Scoffingly he gave her a negative reply. The crops were to be gathered, and she was near death. Her cruel husband approached her bedside and said, 'All right. You may have my harvest for the poor; you may have as much of it as you can walk around with a burning torch in your hand.' The dying woman crawled out of her bed in agony but she steadfastly dragged her expiring body around the ripening field, torch in hand. God wants some of us to carry the torch to the ripened fields even if it seems as though we would have to crawl."