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Forty-One Graduate from College in Commencement Exercises Dr. Walter Maier and Dr. Leslie R. Marston Bring Addresses

President of N. A. E. Presents Youth's Need

On June 3, the final Sunday morning of the school year, the annual Baccalaureate Service was held in Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Church. Dr. Leslie R. Marston, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, Bishop of the Free Methodist Church, and well known authority in the field of child psychology, gave the main address of the morning.

Following the organ prelude played by Mrs. Carapetyan, the faculty members and seniors marched into the church to the music of *Pomp and Circumstance* as a processional. The college pastor, Rev. C. I. Armstrong, led in the invocation. The music program of the morning was given by the A Cappella Choir under the direction of Prof. Caro Carapetyan. The choir sang *Praise Ye the Name of the Lord* by Grechaninoff, and *The Beatitudes* by Panchenko. After the opening hymns of the service, the president of the college, Dr. Stephen Paine, introduced the speakers of Baccalaureate Sunday and announced the remaining events. After the offertory, Dr. Armstrong read the Scripture and Rev. William F. Smalley, father of Bill Smalley, a graduating senior,

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Clyde Taylor Presents Appeal for Missions

Featuring Clyde Taylor, missionary secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, as speaker, the annual Houghton College missionary service was held in the church Sunday evening, June 3.

After a congregational song service, a New England trio of Houghton graduates, including Doryce Armstrong, Ruth Orlip, and Phebe Lambourne, sang "I Will Trust Thee." Dr. Paine introduced Mr. Taylor, who has had fourteen years of personal missionary experience, having spent three years in Peru and eleven years in Colombia. A graduate of Gordon College, the Rev. Mr. Taylor taught in that school after returning from the mission field and was also pastor of a church. In an address packed with information and challenge, Mr. Taylor declared that foreign missions are at the crossroads.

Mr. Taylor is now active in Washington coordinating the work of various mission boards and handling their contacts with the government in such matters as passports. Having been able to aid the cause of missions in influencing pertinent legislation, he declared that the greatest need of the national missions

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DR. LESLIE R. MARSTON

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DR. WALTER A. MAIER

Famous Radio Preacher Challenges Senior Class

As the climax of a year's activities in Houghton, the annual commencement exercises were held in Houghton church on Monday morning, June 4. With a large percentage of parents and friends of the graduating seniors present, the program was highlighted by the commencement address by Dr. Walter A. Maier and the presentation of diplomas to eighteen high school seniors and four Bible school seniors, and the conferring of baccalaureate degrees upon forty-one college seniors.

The processional, *Pomp and Circumstance* by Elgar, played by Edna G. Carapetyan, accompanied the traditional march of the graduating classes and the faculty members who had guided their education. After the invocation by Prof. Enock C. Dyrness, Vice-President of Wheaton College, Dr. Paine introduced the guests on the platform. Dr. Carter of the New York State Department of Music Education was present to greet the seniors. A senior from Houghton's Division of Music, Miss Elizabeth Abbott, sang *Lo Hear the Gentle Lark*, accompanied on the flute by Lois Hardy and at the piano by Phyllis Perry.

Following the musical selection, Dr. Paine introduced Dr. Walter Maier, internationally known preacher of the "Lutheran Hour", who gave the commencement address on the opportunities of educated Christian youth today. Dr. Maier declared that this year's class is facing greater opportunities than any other graduating class in history. To

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High School, College Senior Class Programs Held Saturday, June 2, in College Chapel

Preparatory Exercises Held Four College Seniors Speak

Houghton Preparatory seniors climaxed their commencement week activities at the annual High School Class Day program in the chapel on Saturday morning June 3. The traditional exercises featured the valedictory, salutatory, and class orations and the senior will and prophecy.

Ruth Krein and Ara Carapetyan of the high school junior class led the senior processional to the music of "Pomp and Circumstance". Following the invocation by the Rev. Mr. Drew, father of Louise Drew, Beverly Barnett welcomed the audience and delivered the salutatory oration. He contrasted the progress of the negro in the seventy-seven years since he obtained his civil rights with the social position he has gained. The difference in these areas should put America to shame, Beverly concluded.

The class prophecy was presented by Mary Lou Karker and Marian Warner as a pretended chat over teacups in New York City ten years from now. Bob Carlson read the class will, which left to the incoming seniors "a goodly inheritance". The class song was sung by the graduating seniors, and musical solos were rendered by Louise Drew and Helen Burgess.

Daniel Derr gave the class oration on the subject "World Evangelization by Radio". He noted that recent discoveries in radio by the army might be

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The graduating seniors of Houghton College climaxed their class activities with the annual Class Night exercises in the chapel, on Saturday, June 2. The program centered around the valedictory, salutatory, class, and mantle orations. Following the processional, played by Miss Hamilton, Don Phillips, Vice-President of the senior class, led in the invocation. The class chorus, "I Want to be Out and Out for Jesus", was then sung by the seniors.

After welcoming the friends and guests, Ruth Brooks, salutatorian, delivered an oration on the subject, "Freedom in Order to Build". Miss Brooks emphasized the fact that freedom, rather than being taken for granted, should be valued and constructively employed. Pointing out that the home is the thing most looked forward to by servicemen, she said that a home is "a place that is well lived in" and should be built as a foundation unit of society. In discussing the building of institutions, Miss Brooks said that we should build better constructive institutions so that fewer corrective measures would be needed. Discussing the problems of the secondary school and the college, she mentioned as the most important institution the Church, which can "re-build not only human lives but also whole communities and nations." As her concluding point, Miss Brooks said that our nation should be built on the

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BANQUET HELD FOR ALUMNI AND SENIORS

A dinner in honor of the graduating senior classes, replacing the annual alumni banquet, was served in the college dining hall on Saturday evening, June 2. There was a large number of alumni present including nearly thirty members of last year's graduating class. These alumni entertained the graduating classes of all departments. The menu consisted of pineapple juice, chicken and biscuits, sherbert, green beans, whipped potatoes and chocolate fudge cake. Carol Gilliland led the group in singing and Jack Derr conducted devotions. Following the banquet the seniors and alumni adjourned to the chapel where the A Cappella choir presented a program of secular music. Prof. Stockin, assuming his new position of president of the alumni association, conducted a brief business meeting. The group adjourned by singing the Alma Mater.

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Our Heritage at Houghton . . .

This spring a thousand, yes, several thousand, sophisticated seniors were graduated from American colleges and universities. All of them had taken courses and had passed most of them. All of them at least pretended to know a little about literature and science, and even life. Most of them had at least something of a hollow feeling at the last singing of the *Alma Mater*, even if it was only a wish for another year of neglected classes and campus bull sessions. For graduating seniors, college had meant a period of classes and quizzes, friends and "steadies",—a time of accumulating knowledge and experience.

Wearing "mortar boards" and gowns no different from those donned by all the other graduation classes in the nation, Houghton seniors still had a distinctive quality as they left our campus. It has become traditional to grow sentimental about one's *Alma Mater* during commencement week, and most of us felt a twinge of emotion when we thought about the seniors, our friends and leaders, leaving Houghton. However, one needs only to think about the commencement programs of last week to realize that there is more than an "old gang" or "dear old school" loyalty involved in the heritage of this graduating class.

From the senior testimonies and their lives on campus to the orations of class night, one could see a thankfulness, a determination, a confidence, a purposefulness. Not that these graduates know all the answers—they know the Answer. If after one or two or three years at Houghton, this has not yet fully impressed us, it has been only because the obvious is all too often made inscrutable by our failure to think. Houghton has given to these seniors what most of America's college students are seeking, a meaning of life. The addresses of Dr. Leslie Marston and Dr. Walter Maier fittingly emphasized this fact. The world is not merely an accumulation of elements, a vast complexity of whirling electric charges; Houghton graduates know the universe as more than a cosmic disturbance of primal energy. For them, the universe is familiar because they are acquainted with its Maker and Sustainer. While many grope, dissatisfied, in a philosophy of moral expediency, this group faces life with values based upon the Giver of value.

This year, while the majority of American commencement addresses were more or less platitudinous or uncertain, Houghton College exercises focused upon the central reality of the Person of Christ. Next year, there will be different speakers, new topics, another group in caps and gowns to hear the addresses. Next year, like last year and some sixty-odd other years, a year at Houghton will be climaxed by a reiterated emphasis upon the basis of our school. In life during war or peace, co-called critical eras or just uneventful decades, there is bound to come change, crisis, decision. What Houghton has contributed to the seniors and to us seems to be the only reliable key to the meaning of omnipresent Change.

Trite and hackneyed as frequent repetitions of the place of Christian education may seem, they are needed to help us evaluate properly our own benefits. The end of another school year has meant the end of a year of "building on the Rock." For the seniors, four such years have closed, and they leave the campus to test their foundations in life. We feel confident that they will find that theirs is a permanent basis for life, permanent in its simple verity.

Values which are more than oratorical pompousness, confidence which is far removed from blind persistence, life which is Christ and not "a dizzy whirl about a central emptiness"—these things we have found at Houghton. As we anticipate another year in Houghton, a year of continued building, we are thankful for what our school has given us. Whether editing the *STAR* or just living on campus, we intend to be sensitive to our school's ideals. Ours is indeed a rich heritage.

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basis of freedom and should "show freedom to the rest of the world." In summing up her discussions of the problems of freedom, Miss Brooks said that we should be "of service not only to ourselves but also to our fellowmen and to our God." Following this address the seniors sang the class song, which was written by Ruth McCamman.

Leola Avery, treasurer of the senior class, delivered the traditional mantle oration, passing on the mantle as a symbol of the ideals, traditions, and purposes of Houghton. She asked Mary Dukeshire as representative of the junior class to safeguard these values. Miss Dukeshire replied in verse, discussing the rivalry and comradeship between the two classes during the past three years.

Ruth McCamman, graduating senior in the Division of Music, played as a piano solo *Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 6* by Liszt, which was well applauded.

Ina Jackson, the valedictorian of the graduating class then delivered an oration on the place of mathematics in modern life. Saying that the former "school boy's horror" was "perking up," Miss Jackson emphasized the value of math in both the abstract and applied sciences. She said that mathematics furnishes the basis for all relational thinking, and in that capacity has influenced both our conception of the universe and our philosophy of life. In closing she said that everyone should have a thorough knowledge of the fundamental arithmetic and algebraic relationships in order to generalize and draw conclusions scientifically. After the close of her oration, Miss Jackson delivered the valedictory message, saying that the seniors may take with them "that spirit of Christ—that which is Houghton."

William Smalley, honor graduate and 1945 *STAR* editor, delivered the class oration on the subject "Peace Through Good Will." Mr. Smalley emphasized the fact that the seniors in Christian colleges are a select and privileged group and that many of this year's Houghton seniors plan to enter service occupations. He quoted Mr. Wendell Willkie as saying, "At the feet of this group lies the good will of the world." Stating that the United States has been looked to by other nations as a refuge and an ideal, he warned that our attitudes of superiority and commercialism were endangering this respect. He said that because of American giving and not because of American grasping, that because of our missionaries, teachers, and doctors, we can retain this friendly attitude. Emphasizing that we should show an impartial attitude of good will toward all nations, he advocated racial equality and an unvengeful attitude toward our enemies in this war. Saying that the cause of this war was selfishness, Mr. Smalley said that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ as carried by teachers, doctors, and missionaries, should rebuild devastated areas and reorientate devastated lives. Urging the seniors to be of service in this mission, he said that the cooperation of all would be needed, and concluded by quoting Rossetti's sonnet, "On the Refusal of Aid to Nations." Following the singing of the *Alma Mater*, Jesse Dove, senior in the Division of Religious Ed-

News from Our Servicemen Here

And at the Front

James H. Hurd (ex '40) visited Houghton with his wife, the former Mary Madwid, on Baccalaureate Sunday. He was recently honorably discharged from the Navy, after two years of service. He was the cook (S. C. 3/c) on a submarine in the Pacific. Mr. Hurd plans to return to his father's grocery business in Scranton, Pa.

Alumni visitors on the campus during commencement week-end included: John Whitney Shea, staff officer with the Army Air Force; Lt. (j.g.) "Jack" Crandall ('39), skipper of an LCI which participated in a number of landings in the Pacific; Lt. Warren Woolsey (ex '43), bombardier on a Flying Fortress which operated from a base in Italy.

Ensign Allen R. Smith ('43), communications officer on an ARL, met Lt. (j.g.) Frank Houser ('43), an officer on an LCI, met somewhere in the far Pacific recently. Allen saw Frank's ship go by his one morning, but did not have opportunity to signal it. A few days later he saw it about a thousand yards away so he got his signal man to work. Sure enough, Frank was aboard and invited Allen to come over to his ship. A small boat was let down and soon two Houghtonians were talking over old times. "It sure is great to meet someone from good old Houghton," wrote Allen.

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each one was leaving behind a testimony of a personal relationship to Christ. He said that all the shortcomings of college life were now forgotten, and that the duty of each person is to God. Declaring that there is no such thing as a secular profession for a Christian, he quoted Luke 12:31, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." "Success," said Dr. Paine, "means realizing the will of God in your own personal life." After conferring the baccalaureate degree upon the forty-one graduating seniors, Dr. Paine presented diplomas to them individually.

Presenting next the candidates for the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, Dr. George E. Moreland enumerated the accomplishments of Prof. Enock Dyrness of Wheaton College and Dr. Walter A. Maier of the "Lutheran Hour". As each was presented, Dr. Paine greeted him and conferred the degree, after which Dr. Ries invested the candidates with the Houghton academic hood, and Dr. Paine presented diplomas to the candidates individually.

After the benediction by the Rev. Arthur A. Wright, father of Gladys Wright, Dr. Paine led the recessional, followed by the guests, faculty members, and seniors of all departments. While the high school graduating class was one of the largest in recent years, the college senior class was one of the smallest for several years, because of the loss of men to the armed forces.

uation, pronounced the benediction and the seniors marched out in the recessional.

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led in the morning prayer. Before the address of the morning, the choir sang Psalm 86 as arranged by Holst.

Having been introduced by Dr. Paine, Dr. Marston delivered the commencement address on the text, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." The former president of Greenville College declared in his introduction that nothing short of a nation-wide revival will save this generation from paganism and the next from savagery. Referring to Jesus' invitation to accept the yoke, Dr. Marston said that America has rebelled against yokes of any kind. We have desired freedom, he said, and freedom has generally meant irresponsibility and sometimes license. As the result of nineteenth century naturalism our nation has accepted a new morality based on the essential rightness of human nature. Pointing out that the former ages have perhaps committed as great sins, he said that our waning consciousness of sin marks this as a pagan age. Quoting figures from a survey by the American Council on Education, the speaker said that only twenty per cent of young people had any clear idea that drinking was wrong, plus the fact that many of them admitted drinking without scruple. "Sin," Dr. Marston said, "has become a profession."

Not only a new morality but also a new education based on selfishness now dominates our school system. This program of education has been concerned only with "adjusting the child to the program of the age and we have lost our footing on the Rock of Ages." While it left the student to draw his own conclusions from the available facts, it has also left him without a moral, philosophical, or spiritual basis for his life. Dr. Marston quoted the statements of several university students as compiled by Adler of the University of Chicago and Dorothy Thompson, noted columnist.

As his final point, Dr. Marston said that modern religion has discarded the idea of restraint, has become a "yokeless religion." Referring to an inscription in a supposedly Christian university in the South, "No God is greater than his man," Dr. Marston said that the modern pulpit has lost its scriptural ministry. The movie has become more influential in the moral thinking of the nation than any other institution, the speaker declared, quoting a survey of New England school principals.

Dr. Marston said that as a result of these three movements, youth has been set adrift on the sea of life without a chart, compass, or any goal in life. Instead of having a pattern, modern life, Dr. Marston said, quoting the words of another, "has become a dizzy whirl about a central emptiness." He declared that we in America have been consuming our heritage of freedom without realizing it with our ideals of "yokeless conduct." Challenging these conceptions, he said, "If life is to achieve freedom it must submit to a yoke." The human life needs a yoke, and unless America yields again to the yoke of Christ, paganism will capture the loyalties of modern youth, the speaker warned. Dr. Daniel Poling, president of World Christian Endeavor, found in a world tour that young people most frequently asked him "What will

A Challenge to the Church . . .

The Christian Church as a whole is failing the American soldier. This is particularly true, it seems to this observer, of the Protestant branch of the Church. In his own Bomb Group in Italy the Catholic priest, "the Padre," as he was familiarly known to most of us, was present at every briefing before every mission, although many of those briefings were at four and five o'clock in the morning. Every morning the Catholic men went out to their ships comforted by a brief Absolution service. The Protestant men said their own prayers, if they chose.

Army chaplains have done a great work, but the most of it has been individual contributions—deeds of personal courage, of dogged devotion to high duty, of simple, unassuming sacrifice. But that the majority of soldiers find that the average chaplain has little or nothing to offer is attested by the extremely meager attendance at most services. And the fact that soldiers in the States stay away from civilian churches in droves indicates that the Church as a whole is at fault, rather than the chaplains only.

What does the soldier expect from the Church? Not entertainment, dancing, parties and that sort of thing. The USO and canteens do all that so much better. Not brilliant moral essays, nor intellectual treatises on moot points of abstruse ethical problems, nor yet saccherine-sweet little messages to the effect that we should all be bright and cheery sunbeams of light and joy wherever we are. The average soldier is not intellectual; nor is he feeble-minded. Not constantly reiterated injunctions to be a good boy, to refrain from using the naughty words and go out with only clean and decent girls. Most soldiers have a fairly clear idea of right and wrong.

The American soldier wants from the Church—and has every right to expect—a clear-cut, vital message of faith. He wants to find in the Church adequate motivation to keep him in the path he knows is right. He wants a quiet confidence in God that will carry him through the things that may lie ahead. Most of all, it seems to me, he wants to see ordinary people, people like his parents, his friends, like himself, who have somehow caught the vision and are living a life of personal victory.

Soldiers are quick to sense hedging and to spot compromise. They despise such hypocrisies. They're quick, too, to sense the genuine article and to pay it the supreme compliment of imitation. The military forces are a gigantic field, ripe unto harvest. If the majority could be won to the Church, the Church could regain its rightful place in the vanguard of social, political, even international affairs. But if the Church continues to fail these men in their hour of greatest need, they will never again turn to her. And it well may be in the next few decades that the Church will need these men as desperately as they now need the Church.

Lt. Warren Woolsey.

a man die for?" If Christianity does not present a challenge to answer this question, the speaker said that militant paganism with its challenge, such as that presented by communism, cannot help but dominate. While communism has declared war against tobacco, alcohol, and sexual impurity, according to an interview with a Russian youth, Dr. Marston said, "The church has lost its youth appeal on this very point of pampering and indulgence."

Using as data an editorial from a large university's student newspaper, an article by Dr. Clarence McCartney, national moderator of the Presbyterian church, and a *Harpers* survey of youth in two hundred colleges, Dr. Marston said that modern youth is looking for discipline, for guidance, for a yoke. Dorothy Drucker, summarizing the *Harpers* survey, said, "Perhaps for the first time we have a generation that is not clamoring for more freedom but for less freedom and more security."

In concluding his address, Dr. Marston said that youth's loyalty is changing so that youth is beginning to ask for a yoke. The speaker challenged the audience that nothing short of a personal surrender to Christ and a vision of the Christian mission would adequately satisfy the demands of youth. As a final message to the audience, Dr. Marston said that a national youth revival must captivate the youth now ready for great dedications. "Tomorrow will be too late."

After this address the A Cappella Choir sang *If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee* by Neumark, and *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* by Wesley-Parry. Dr. Armstrong then pronounced the benediction and the service ended with the recessional, *Festal March in C* by Baptist Calkin.

What this groping world of ours needs is the Lord Jesus Christ put into active leadership. —Dr. Maier.

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day, he said, while these seniors are leaving college, there are fifty million men fighting, fifty million engaged in industry to supply them, ten million who have died in battle, and thirty to fifty million homeless. The world is being swept by the results of intellectual atheism in the teachings of modern universities.

Proposing the question of how young people are to meet this challenge, Dr. Maier declared that the answer did not lie in cultural elevation. The war, he observed, is being fought by the most highly civilized nations of the world. Training man only intellectually means producing a more clever criminal. Quoting a wealthy and educated man who committed suicide, the speaker said, "I have everything that I want, but somehow I am depressed by a melancholia that grips at my heart and leaves me no peace."

Neither is there any hope in social or family position or the communism and revolutionary movements which are ravaging the modern world, Dr. Maier affirmed. Our hope, he said lies in the development of Christian citizenship to be used in a constructive way, a citizenship which will protest the activities of godless men.

Psychologists have found, he noted, that 2% of a community can influence the whole group if they are completely devoted to their cause. He challenged Christian college youth to be that two per cent and never to listen to those who say that there is no place for Christian-trained minds among the intellectuals who are trying to cope with the problems of today. Most outstanding scientists, for example, those who have perfected the radio, were outspoken Christians according to statements compiled by the speaker and his students.

Dr. Maier expressed himself to be in favor of the establishment of a commission among Protestant churches to study the differences between various bodies and to establish a common doctrinal basis in conformity to God's Word for the united action of Christian people.

In closing the address, he urged the seniors to become outspoken for Christ. He concluded, "God bless you; God be with you in Christ; God make you resolute for that Saviour."

The final event of the important occasion was the presentation of diplomas and conferring of degrees by Dr. Paine. In addressing the high school seniors, he urged that life should be run as a long-distance race, not a hundred-yard dash. Quoting Hebrews 12:1 and 2, he encouraged them to "run with patience the race that is set before us." After this charge, Prof. F. G. Stockin, principal of the Seminary, presented the candidates individually to Dr. Paine to receive diplomas.

Prof. Frank H. Wright, Chairman of the Division of Religious Education, next presented the Bible School graduating class, to whom Dr. Paine said, "Your best preparation for service is a personal acquaintance with the Lord Jesus Christ." Dr. Paine then presented diplomas to the four graduating seniors of that department.

Of the last group to be graduated, the college seniors, Dr. Paine said that

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Phillips, Derr Speak In Theologs' Program

Religious Education majors of the senior class climaxed the year's activities with the annual Houghton College Theological Class Night. The program was highlighted by addresses by Don Phillips and Jack Derr centering around the theme "To Know Him and to Make Him Known." The program began with the processional in which Hazel Johnson and Robert Hammond acted as marshalls.

The annual Strong Memorial Bible Reading Contest was held at the beginning of the service. Jesse Dove played a piano solo and the Scripture was read by Grace Baumgartel. After the contest winners were announced, Clifton Little sang "The Stranger of Galilee." Don Phillips spoke on the theme "To Know Him" and emphasized knowing Christ was very life. As the basis for his address Don used the Scripture verse "Reckon ye yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." To know Him, he concluded, the Christian must die to self. Jane Canfield and James Shoe sang "Deeper" as a duet following this address.

The other half of the theme, "To Make Him Known," was discussed by Jack Derr. He said that there is only one way to honor Christ, and that is by a clear, undistorted presentation of Christ Himself. In a stirring conclusion Jack said that to neglect the goal of making Christ known is to neglect God, and that Christianity consists of making Him known. The graduating theological students then sang their class chorus, "To Know Him and to Make Him Known." After Wesley Potter pronounced the benediction the seniors marched out, using "Lead On, O King Eternal" as a recessional.

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School Plans for Summer

According to reports received from the office of the business manager of the college, this summer will be an unusually busy one for the maintenance and repair staff. In addition to the usual upkeep of the buildings and grounds, several projects are already under way or planned. The amount of work done will depend on availability of workers and materials.

Gaoyadeo Hall will receive considerable attention. Twenty-seven rooms in the center section will be refinished. The chapel auditorium will get a new coat of paint.

The saw mill to produce lumber for the new dormitory is already under construction. It will probably go into operation before the end of the summer. Detailed plans are being hurried to completion for certain remodeling of existing buildings to provide additional rooms for students. Additional practice rooms are scheduled for construction in the Music Hall basement. It is hoped that a 150,000-gallon reservoir for the water system can be completed before winter sets in. Early in the summer, work on the adjusting of class rooms and facilities for the Preparatory in the Old Administration Building will proceed.

New Faculty Member for Music Division Announced

Dr. Paine recently announced that David H. Heydenburk, present head of the department of music at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, has been appointed to a position in the music department for next year, subject to the approval of the trustees. Mr. Heydenburk received his B. Mus. degree from Oberlin Conservatory of Music in 1924, with a major in piano and a minor in organ. After graduation, he did graduate study at the American Conservatory of Music at Chicago and at the University of Southern California.

For nine years, from 1925 to 1935, Mr. Heydenburk was an instructor in piano in Wheaton College and also taught organ and theory subjects. After spending one year as instructor in piano and harmony at Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tennessee, he became instructor in piano at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. While there, he has also taught organ and theory subjects, and has been active in musical gospel team work. One of three brass groups of which he had charge toured the California coast and made three cross-country tours, visiting Houghton twice. Mr. Heydenburk has also been organist in various churches, including the Church of the Open Door in Los Angeles.

Having served for several months in the Army, Mr. Heydenburk has been active in organizing the "Christian War Veterans of America", a corporation for the promotion of Christian veteran activity, with its headquarters in Los Angeles, California. This is the first organization of its kind in the history of American veterans' organizations. Mr. Heydenburk was also chairman of the committee which arranged the widely publicized Finney memorial service in the Moody Memorial Church in June, 1942.

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useful in various ways on the mission field. James Paine concluded the program with his valedictory address, "Why Post-War Plans Fail". Discussing planning in relation to education and the inherent causes of the war, he concluded that "Experience is the acid test of education," and "Any human plan made without reference to His Plan is doomed to failure."

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Class of '44 Holds Reunion

The graduating class of 1944 held a class reunion in the College Inn on Saturday, June 2. There were over thirty members of the class present and letters were read from all those who could not attend. Each member of the class told about his activities during the past year and old friendships were revived. The class song was sung by the group and a recording of it sung by Dick Elmer was played. Members were present from various seminaries and advanced schools. Bill Calkins took pictures of the group, which will be sent to them later. Several of the members of the class were able to stay for the remaining commencement activities.

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movement is a united front. Mr. Taylor mentioned the large fields yet unreached by the Gospel, including areas in Asia and most of Europe. He said that our challenge is the greatest that has ever confronted the church because of new facilities, such as the airplane and the radio, which can speed the cause of missions.

For his major point, the Rev. Mr. Taylor emphasized the new foes which missions must face, including American vices and commercialism, and their penetration into foreign countries. The two major foes of Christianity today, Mr. Taylor said, are Romanism and Communism. Mr. Taylor said that Communism threatens the entire cause of missions in Asia and that Romanism is endeavoring to dominate the United States and her Latin American relations.

Concluding his address, the Rev. Mr. Taylor said that the church needs a vision, a living, saving Christ, a sense of personal responsibility for lost men, preparation in knowledge of the Bible, and a determination to go the limit for the cause of Christ. At the end of the program, the annual Houghton College missionary pledge was received for the support of Houghton's missionaries.

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Swauger and Smalley Win Annual Oratorical Contest

The annual oratorical contest of Houghton College, the first event in the series of pre-commencement activities, was held in the college chapel on Thursday evening, May 31. Because of the illness of Mrs. Lennox, instructor of speech, Miss Josephine Rickard presided and introduced the six contestants. Four freshmen, one sophomore, and one senior competed for the honors of first and second place.

The first contestant, Wayne Teachout, spoke about "Faith", or taking God at His word. Ethel Kidman's oration, "Our Heritage", was unique in that it was developed as the life story of a young soldier. Evelyn Moffett, in "America's Most Treacherous Foe", said that the immorality and low standards of modern youth have been undermining the foundation upon which our nation has been built. "Japanese-American Diplomacy" was the subject of the fourth speaker, Natalie Horton. She gave a brief resume of what has transpired between America and Japan during our nation's history. Bill Smalley, the fifth contestant, spoke on "Peace Through Good Will", emphasizing the need for international good will and cooperation if the world is to have lasting peace. Virginia Swauger spoke on the subject "Peace—and the Prince of Peace". She pointed out the need for a general, world-wide acceptance of the Prince of Peace.

The judges of the contest were Mrs. Shirley Babbitt of Rushford, New York; Mr. B. J. Hasper, a lawyer from Belfast and clerk of the New York State Assembly; and the Rev. Robert Lytle of Fillmore. After the musical interlude, they announced the first and second prize winners as Virginia Swauger and William Smalley, respectively.

Large Enrollment for Summer; New Dean

Registration for the Intersession summer school at present totals sixty-four students, the registrar's office announced today. The official registration took place on Monday afternoon, June 4, but several students have registered since that date. The total enrollment, which is a record summer school registration, includes three freshmen, five special students, and two transfer students. William Acevedo, of Colombia, S. A., and a graduate of Houghton Preparatory in this year's class is entering college as a freshman. Yoshiya Tsujimoto, from East Aurora, has registered as a freshman and plans to later transfer to Cornell University to prepare for agricultural missionary work in India. The remaining freshman is Natalie Hazelwood, the sister of Constance Hazelwood Taylor, whose home is in Collingswood, New Jersey. William Carlsen is a junior and a transfer student from Nyack, where he was active in school journalism and photography.

The special students include Mrs. DeRuiter, missionary from Belgian Congo and the mother of William DeRuiter, and Mr. and Mrs. Lehman, missionaries from the Methodist mission at Rio de Janeiro.

Miss M. Etta Whitney, missionary on furlough from South China, is serving as Dean of Women for the summer session. She is also enrolled as a student, having taken previous work before going to the field at Nyack Missionary Training Institute, and six weeks of work at Columbia University last summer. Miss Whitney spoke in the college chapel several weeks ago, relating her experiences in the Japanese concentration camp in Hong Kong, where she was interned for six months. Miss Whitney returned to this country on the first trip of the Gripsholm, and she plans to return under the Christian and Missionary Alliance to work in the interior of South China.

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Potter Wins Bible Reading Contest; Earl, Conley Second

The annual Strong Memorial Bible Reading Contest was included in the Theological Class Night Exercises on Friday night, June 2. This year there were five contestants for the first and second prizes of ten dollars and five dollars. Prof. Frank H. Wright, chairman of the division of Religious Education, presided over the contest and announced the winners. Alfred Booth, a senior, read II Corinthians 11:16-31; Mary Conley, a freshman, read Isaiah 55; Harris Earl, a junior, read Deuteronomy 8:1-14; Clifton Little, a senior, read I Corinthians 13, and Wesley Potter, also a senior, read Acts 17:21-31. The judges were Worth Cott, Hugh Thomas, Mrs. Hugh Thomas, and the Rev. Mr. George Schroeder. Wesley Potter was awarded the first prize of ten dollars in this year's contest, and the other prize, five dollars, was won by Mary Conley and Harris Earl in a tie for the second place. The contest is a long standing tradition among commencement week events.