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AGAIN '36 TAKES CLASS DEBATES

Final Struggle Upheld Successfully by Marion Whitbeck and James Bedford.

BY DEAN THOMPSON

The final struggle for interclass forensic supremacy was waged over the question, *Resolved: That a tax of 95% should be placed on that part of a person's income in excess of \$50,000 a year.* The juniors, Marion Whitbeck and James Bedford, upheld successfully the negative and received the unanimous decision of the judges from the sophomore debate, Mary Paine and Merritt Queen.

Miss Paine, as first affirmative speaker, stated that wealth should not be concentrated in the hands of a few at the expense of the majority and pointed out that thus a few wealthy men, in fact only 13%, control the destinies of 87% of the population, the low salaried workers. She also contended that the new tax would affect only 1/2 of 1% of the total population and that, according to Adam Smith, one of the greatest economists, citizens should contribute to governmental expenses in proportion to their income.

Mr. Queen, the second affirmative speaker, expanded upon the benefits resulting from the adoption of the proposed taxation system. After rebutting his opponents contention on the evils of a socialistic state, he attempted to prove that the tax burden would be relieved, that profits could be turned back into industry, that business would be essentially more democratic, and that it would re-

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Pres. Emphasizes Positive Phase of Education

In his chapel address of Tuesday, President Luckey presented the student body with some practical suggestions as to some phases of study that should not be overlooked while attending an institution of higher learning.

Passing briefly over the negative aspects of a college career, he emphasized the positive phase of preparation of the youth to take his place in the present social order. An unmistakable trend toward socialism and dictatorship was pointed out and the unique value of courses in sociology, civil government, and economics cited. If the young man is to be the important factor in the future it is vitally important that he be well versed in the science of government and familiarize himself with the basic constitutional structure upon which good government has been founded. This course of study not only fits one to take his place in the councils of government, but from merely a "bread and butter" standpoint, this social-economic research will be by far the most usable in later life.

President Luckey brought out the importance of studying history, to gather with social and political science in the light of prophecy. Since prophecy has proved inerrant to this present time, one can certainly place his feet upon its truth for future times.

HOUGHTON PROFS SPEAK AT E. L. INSTITUTE

Last Tuesday evening Professors Paine and Shea took prominent parts in the Epworth League Winter Institute held in the Short Tract M. E. Church.

After an enjoyable supper in the church, the Leaguers joined in the opening devotional exercises of the Institute, of which the Rev. Mr. Lloyd Clark acted as dean. In the first period, Mr. Clark taught a class in Administrative Methods while Dr. Paine conducted a session of Bible study and Professor Shea lectured to still another group on Social Problems.

The second hour was spent in general assembly, when Dr. Blaisdell, of the Fillmore Hospital staff, spoke on vocational guidance, taking for his topic, "Why I Chose Medicine." In the third hour Dr. Miller, of Alfred University, lectured on "The Philosophy of Life."

Miss Katherine Benjamin, of Rushford, as Epworth League Local Union president, had charge of the Institute. The next Institute will be held on Tuesday night, November 27, at Belfast, where Miss Moxey and the president of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary will be among those who will speak. A cordial invitation is extended to Houghton's young people to attend this next gathering of Methodist youth.

District Attorney Guest at Student Banquet

Mr. Ward Hopkins, District Attorney for Allegany County, was the guest speaker at the Student Ministerial Association banquet, one of the outstanding events of November's second week which attracted a mixed group of over seventy students and several of the Faculty.

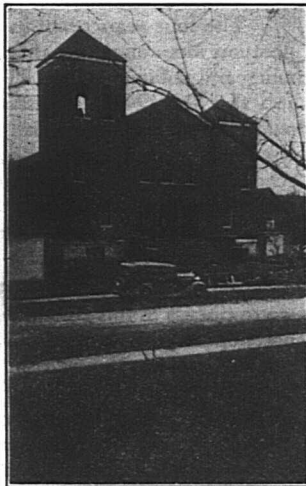
At 5:30 p. m. the banqueters were seated in the larger section of the dining hall and, under the direction of the head waiter, Mr. A. E. Van Ornum, were promptly served a delicious repast. The menu card listed: roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, pickles, and fruit salad. This course was followed by coffee and ice cream. Mr. W. E. Foster with his trumpet furnished music suitable to the occasion.

After the removal of the dishes Professor Stanley W. Wright introduced the speaker of the evening, District Attorney Ward Hopkins. The great responsibility resting upon the shoulders of Christian ministers formed the theme of Mr. Hopkins' talk.

Nehemiah was cited as an ideal for every godly man. A comparison was given in types of lives between men who lived selfishly and those like the Old Testament prophet, who lived in enthusiastic service to others. Mr. Hopkins advised that prospective ministers of the Gospel make it their business to acquire, not wealth but knowledge, yet not knowledge for its own sake, but for its use in generous public service. Another Old Testament character, Ezekiel, wrote "—and I sat where they sat," and from this the pastor should take example that his ministry may be characterized by true sympathy.

Mr. Hopkins is well known in this vicinity as a friend and benefactor

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THE NEW CHURCH

The New Church Has a Great Task

It has been said recently in Houghton that a vision without a task is a dream, a task without a vision is drudgery, but a vision and a task constitutes the hope of the world. It could be as well said that a vision, divinely inspired and a task sacredly performed, constitute the hope of Houghton College and the church.

In view of the tremendous day in which we live, when prophecy is being amazingly fulfilled, when the forces of iniquity are being intensely accelerated, and when the harbingers of the Lord's second coming are increasingly about; what greater vision can Houghton Church have than that of a dynamically evangelistic Gospel center? Should a new era in this village, in western New York, and even in Wesleyan Methodism through an aggressive spiritual leadership commensurate with the challenge of the hours? It is the conviction of many praying people that

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DR. RUSSEL CARTER DISCUSSES HOLIDAYS

He Says the American People Distort True Significance.

Dr. Russell Carter, Superintendent of Public School Music in New York State, addressed the student body in the chapel period on Thursday, November 15, concerning the manner in which the American people distort the true significance of national and religious holidays.

Taking Hallowe'en as a primary illustration, Dr. Carter remarked that everyone knows that the evening of October 31st is a time for Young America to "lose what little balance it has and go off on a howling tangent." But almost everyone has forgotten that November 1st is All Saints' Day, and should be kept in remembrance of the Christians of all ages.

The observance of Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter are in like manner examples of fickle America. "They have taken," Dr. Carter stated, "the trivial, insignificant point in holiday meanings, and magnified them until they have forgotten the real causes for such occasions." He summed up his talk by urging that Christian people should not lose the significance of sacred holidays.

Annual Alumni Home-Coming Is Rapidly Drawing Near

SPEAKER TELLS OF RADIUM'S WONDER

Dr. Luther Gable Fascinates Students with an Interesting Presentation.

BY JAMES BEDFORD

Few of us realized that we were to be carried into unknown realms of thought as we entered the chapel Tuesday evening to hear, "the astounding story of radium" to be given by Dr. Luther Gable. This was one of those lectures that was not found to be common in content, stated in delivery or uninteresting in detail. From the first Dr. Gable captured our attention and fascination seemed to grow upon us as the lecture progressed.

He began his lecture by stating that, "radium is the most powerful and potent agency ever placed in the hands of man." He proceeded to prove this as he told of its contradictory powers of destroying and healing.

Radium is very scarce we were told. In fact, it is so scarce that there are only three pounds of this precious substance in the world at present. Should it be concentrated in one place we could not look upon it because of its brilliancy.

The true discovery of radium does not belong to Professor Curie, as we had thought, but to Professor Becquerel who worked with the Curies. However, we decided that much credit was due to the persistence of Dr. Gable and his friends who boiled up those six feet of cement sidewalk for six months in order to get back their lost radium sulphide.

Thoughts of greater things came to us as he told of men, who had been severely injured by wild animals, being healed in a remarkably short time by being submerged in radium mud. Later we were assured of those things as he told us of the present use of radium in hospitals to heal the malignancy of cancer.

Another remarkable feature of this dominant force is its almost indestructibility. One gram, which incidentally only costs sixty thousand dollars, will diminish but one eighth of its power in one thousand six hundred and eighty years. In twenty thousand years it will still be a milligram in size and will be able to kill one individual in two hours if held over the spinal column.

Radium, we are told, is going to pieces constantly and is sending off fire, heat and gases of helium and radon. The latter of these two is given off in such quantities that its use in medicine is very common. This radon gas is also 100,000 times more powerful than its source. We learned that it is this radon gas that is the mystical power in the water of Hot Springs, Georgia, to which President Roosevelt often goes. "In fact, there are forty-two such springs in the world, each of which might be a fountain of youth," said Dr. Gable, "if it were not for the automobile."

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OPEN DISCUSSION ON DINNER PROGRAM

A Main Feature of the Event Will Be the Dedication of Ho'ton's New Tabernacle Church.

The annual alumni Home-Coming will occur Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Nov. 30, and Dec. 1, 2. Plans for this event are complete and a great deal of effort has been put into making it the most enjoyable of these occasions.

The great attraction this year is the dedication of the new church, marking as it does a great advance in vision and opportunity. The alumni will want to see the new building, worship in it, and rejoice in the progress which it marks. The service of dedication will be of interest to alumni as well as to local students, citizens, and church members. Especially will those who were students eight or ten years ago enjoy hearing once again the Rev. David Anderson, who will preach the dedicatory sermon. A dedicatory responsive service will be used. The church choir will sing two beautiful and appropriate anthems.

A new feature this year is the tea given by the council of Gaoyadeo Hall to all visiting alumni. It will occur on Friday afternoon from 4:00 until 5:30, just the time when the incoming visitors wish for something to occupy their time, and for an opportunity to meet others.

The alumni dinner program will be similar to that of three years ago when open discussion was so much enjoyed. The topics this year are: 1. What can Houghton do to better prepare her graduates for the teaching profession? 2. Should a student loan fund be instituted by the alumni? 3. How can the campus be improved? and it is hoped that alumni will be prepared to discuss them freely.

Among those taking part in various programs whose names have not been previously mentioned are: Rev. David Reese of Elmira who will give the chapel address on Saturday, Dec. 1, and Mrs. Paul Steese who has consented to sing in Sunday School on Dec. 2. Those who heard her last Sunday will be delighted to hear her again. The entertainers for the Saturday night program are still a profound secret. Apparently we shall have to wait until the hour arrives before we shall know the personnel.

Inasmuch as the present faculty and student body constitute the hosts and hostesses for this occasion, it is expected that Home-Coming alumni will be given a most gracious reception and that their stay will be made most pleasant.

No one ever gets anywhere until he gets rid of the idea that his first effort is going to startle the world.

Before you can discipline others successfully you must discipline yourself.

Some of us are beginning to think that we are members of the group of people who can be fooled all of the time.

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Editorial

The opinion has been voiced that Houghton ought to be more modern and up to date like other institutions. Can she, and fill her rightful place in the field of Christian education? Please note that I said Christian, not religious education. I desire to raise the following questions, although the answers will rest more largely with the alumni than with the student body.

What makes Houghton College just Houghton College and not something else? Why is Houghton different? Can Houghton remain Houghton and change her standards? Can Houghton alter her ideals and purpose and justify her existence in the face of the fact there are thousands of colleges in our land dedicated to non-Christian education, many of whom are nearly bankrupt? Is Houghton filling a vital place in the realm of higher, Christian education? If she is, and we believe so, then why should she mimic some other institution?

If Houghton College is to adopt the policies of other institutions, the majority of which are not dedicated to the training of the soul as well as the intellect, then why Houghton College? Is there any need of Houghton when we consider that there is another college in this county or near it, to say nothing of the colleges and universities in and around the vicinity of Buffalo and Rochester? Why not consolidate Houghton with Alfred or St. Bonaventure which might afford greater facilities for the student? But I hear some one say: "O but we could not unite with St. Bonaventure because that is a Catholic institution." Quite true. But why should not evangelical parents send their children to a Catholic institution or vice versa? The answer is just this: Catholicism and Protestantism differ widely, and parents wish to send their children, and the children desire to go, where there will be fellowship of kindred minds and the fostering of cherished convictions.

This being true that they differ in their interpretation, just so does Modernism, or the New Protestantism, as it is now called, differ from evangelical Christianity. The gap between evangelical Christianity and the New Protestantism is as wide as Catholicism and Protestantism, if not wider! Having been born, baptised and reared a Roman Catholic, "born again" in a Wesleyan church, married into the Reformed church, educated in Houghton, read widely works of the most prominent Modernist, and now preaching in a denomination which is an avowed and militant modernistic denomination, I know whereof I speak.

Why did you choose Houghton College? Why did I make Houghton the choice of my Alma Mater? I chose Houghton solely for the reason that Houghton fostered the ideals for which I stood, and for no other reason.

From what source does Houghton derive her income and support? Is it from the New Protestantism? Ask the President. Do the Liberal ministers send their children, or the members of their church to Houghton? Not if they can hinder it. Does the New Protestantism advertise and support Houghton?

A few of the present student body believe that Houghton's reading stand should contain magazines which support the "New Protestantism" and which ridicule Evangelical

Christianity, the very thing which Houghton teaches. They also ask that on the shelves of the stack room should be found books which foster infidelity and skepticism. A few, and thank God it is only a few, feel this necessary for a completed education. I wonder if Houghton makes any claim of giving her students a completed education? I think not. Any one who graduates from college and carries off a sheep skin has not a completed education, and he who thinks so is laboring under a mighty delusion!

The four years spent in college are simply years of preparation when one grinds his tools. Imagine one both sharpening and dulling his tools all in the same process. Yet some feel that the "New Protestantism" should be available for study in Houghton, especially for "Theologs". If Houghton were only a seminary and not both an arts college and Bible school there might be some sufficient reason for studying the question both pro and con. But inasmuch as Houghton is not a mere theological seminary or graduate school why allow such literature to be available for promiscuous reading?

I know only too well that this is not a popular thing for me to discuss in this column. But it is precisely because it is not popular that it needs to be said. And I already hear rumblings of severe criticism from all quarters, and the accusation that I am afraid of change. I am not afraid of change, but when I consider that many freshmen come to college without an adequate conception of the truth of Christianity, and who are not deeply rooted and grounded in the faith of the Fathers, I seriously question the plan of purchasing anti-Evangelical literature for promiscuous reading. Let those who have a background sufficiently stable to read such literature purchase their own books and let Houghton College students have a little concern for those who make no profession of grace, many of whom are desirous of knowing the truth, but are yet in a fog.

May Houghton College always be able to say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Faithfully and respectfully yours,
 W. Aubrey Arlin.

Star Sport Flashes

From the upsets and unexpected massacres of Saturday (Nov. 17) on the college grids arise several new claimants to national supremacy and possible Rose Bowl recognition. The Red Raiders of Colgate struck swiftly and surely on two occasions to beat Syracuse 13-2 and knock the powerful Orange from the list of the nation's undefeated eleven. Pittsburg ruined the Navy's hopes of a perfect season when the Panthers crushed the sailors 31-7 at Annapolis, outclassing the Middies in all departments of the game. While this was happening the Yale bulldog was startling the football world with its 7-0 win over Princeton, the first loss in 16 contests for the Tigers. Yale scored in the first quarter on a 41 yard pass and for the remainder of the game withstood the Tiger juggernaut, several times within the shadow of the goal posts.

Out in the midwest, Wisconsin's Badgers battered Illinois into submission 7-3 giving the Illini their first reverse of the campaign. Meanwhile Minnesota's steamroller continued to crush their opposition by blasting out a 35-7 victory over Chicago. In other leading games Ohio State walloped Michigan 34-0 and Notre Dame defeated Northwestern 20-7.

Out on the west coast, Stanford's formidable squad handed the Olympic Club a 40-0 drubbing to maintain their season's record of no defeats and one tie. The Bears seem to be practically certain to represent the west in the New Year's day classic if they get by California this week.

Way down south the Gales of Alabama tripped Georgia Tech 40-0, again demonstrating the power of their undefeated and untied team. Louisiana State won from Mississippi 14-0, also maintaining their clean slate and Rice beat Texas A&M 25-6.

No longer can the east boast of an undefeated contender for the national grid championship. In one day's play Princeton, Navy and Syracuse were swept from the unbeaten ranks. Likewise in the midwest, Illinois suffered her first loss of the season. Unbeaten teams now include Minnesota, Stanford, Louisiana, Rice, Temple and Alabama. One of these six teams is likely to receive the Rose Bowl invitation. However, there is a possibility that Pittsburg or Colgate will get the bid. The last two weeks of the season will probably solve the situation.

The Juniors won their second victory of the class series Wednesday night when they took a 42-23 decision from the Seniors in a rough and loosely played game. In the preliminary the Junior girls bowed to the Seniors 25-7. At no time during the tilt did the Juniors flash their usual brand of ball but they managed to cop the verdict due largely to a last quarter rally. Next Wednesday's schedule games between the High School and the Sophomore has been moved up to Monday, Nov. 26th. The girls' game will be played on Monday afternoon and the boys' tilt will occur immediately after chorus rehearsals the same evening. This Sophomore-High School clash promises to be a close and interesting affair. At present three teams are undefeated—the Juniors, Sophomores and High School, which means that after this game the unbeaten list will consist of but two teams. The Sophs are favored to win from the High School but the latter undoubtedly has the best team that they've ever had and may upset their highly rated adversaries.

The American All-Star baseball team, headed by "Babe" Ruth, which is making a fall and winter tour of the Orient, appear to be having a very successful trip. In many leading cities, crowds of more than 50,000 have turned out to witness the games between the Americans and their own leading college and

COMFORT SPEAKS TO OWLS CLUB

The Editor of *Perry Herald* Challenges Group With the Power of Present Day Newspapers.

BY DEAN THOMPSON

On Thursday evening, the Owls Club held a public meeting in the auditorium of the Music Hall. Over forty persons including members of the *Star* staff, Forensic union, English Department, and the printers were present to hear Mr. Guy Comfort, editor of the *Perry Herald*, speak on journalism.

The program opened with a selection by a mixed quartette and the meeting was turned over to Mr. Comfort who discussed the fundamentals of news. He said, "Today's news is tomorrow's history and therefore it must be accurate and honest. The letters in the word *news* stand for the north, east, west and south approach in writing up all campus activities. That is, news should be reviewed inclusively."

He next traced the history of gossip from its older religious concept of being related to God to its present newspaper status. Godlike people had an interest in their fellow beings and received news concerning them. Then gossip came to be circulated by news-mongers, and after a time towns equipped themselves with town criers. However, in the fifteenth century came the discovery of movable type of such revolutionary importance that the present day newspaper is the custodian of one of the greatest powers ever known as it correlates every interest and acts as a clearing house for thought. The importance of movable type was illustrated by reference to the rapid spread of the teachings of Martin Luther who was thus able to make known the new faith to the people of Europe.

Propaganda was contrasted with *think*. The greater part of *think* is *ink*, a drop of which will make the world think, while *propaganda* becomes the direct opposite of unbiased news. Mr. Comfort pointed out the dangers of propaganda and cited World War incidents to illustrate its dire effect on those who had not learned to properly evaluate public sentiment.

All news is composed of content, intangible spiritual ideals, and form or mechanical construction. The best news is that which is treated from the viewpoint of the fine historical institutions, namely home, church, state, education, and industry. The effect of such news in building and influencing a community is tremendous.

Mr. Comfort told of types of newspapers, the plain, unadorned news type, the editorial type, and the creative type which leads community life. The principles of the news story are: to condense the main points in the first paragraph, to insist on absolute accuracy, and to hit the issue squarely.

The meeting was terminated by an informal forum where everyone thoroughly enjoyed himself. Tentative, prospective course in Journalism were discussed, as were caption writing, the subhead, and editorial content.

professional teams. The king of American sports seem to be taking long strides in becoming the major sport among the Japanese especially. These athletic relations with foreign countries have not only proved very interesting but they promise to become a token of good will between the United States and other nations and are being considered as a means of fostering friendly connections in all branches of foreign questions.

ALUMNI NEWS

Mr. H. J. Ostlund '09-'12
Writes Ho'ton Friends

Not long since, Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Houghton received from Mr. Harry Ostlund a very interesting letter. In it he tells something of his work, and his whereabouts; hence we thought it might be interesting to other alumni. Mr. Ostlund has been for a number of years a professor in the University of Minnesota in the School of Business Administration. He writes in part:

"I was in Washington several weeks last fall and while there dropped in on the L. F. Houghtons several times—I have been sticking pretty close to Minneapolis these many years save that during 1929 I was in New York City most of the year save when gallivanting over the rest of the country from coast to coast and from north to south. Unfortunately I was never able to get through the Houghton neighborhood any nearer than Buffalo. The week of October 1, I was East again for a few days in White Sulphur Springs in West Virginia but on business and as usual in a hurry.

"There are times when I get real hungry to be on a farm again. In fact, if I could have the sort of place I wanted and some reliable person to operate it, I would be tempted to buy one to which I could retire when the time comes, and on which I could work, making improvements summers."

The Crockers Send
News from Michigan

Dear Alumni Editor Houghton Star:

Without doubt the *Star* could continue to shine without anything from the undersigned, but we question whether it could truly reflect the honor due our Alma Mater without an occasional word from the Michigan Conference district. We are still "firm and loyal" and only long for the opportunity to keep better acquainted with the growth of our school. To say that we appreciated the Houghton College quartet in their tour of the Conference last June would be putting it mildly. They truly reflected what we have been boasting Houghton to be.

There have been a number of changes in location among the former Houghton students here. Brother Eddie Zuber is now located at Pittsford, Rev. G. L. Densmore at Williamston, Rev. Wm. Gearhart at Allendale Hudsonville, Rev. Fenno Densmore at Tallmadge (Grand Rapids), and "yours truly" at Hastings. Rev. Gerrit Visser is still at Coldwater, and Rev. Clyde Meredith is carrying on for his sixth year at Holland.

Rev. and Mrs. Erwin H. Enty spent eleven days with us very recently and helped in special evangelistic meetings, as well as adding greatly to our store of knowledge concerning many of our classmates and former Houghton students. They also spent three weeks in October in evangelistic singing at the Wesleyan Church in Jackson, where they were privileged to minister to a large number by means of the radio. Bro. Enty is a graduate of the Theological Class of '28.

We are personally looking forward to a real treat—a visit to Houghton in the near future. The only thing we are sorry about is that it will be impossible to stay over the dedication of Houghton's new church Nov. 25. Ever for Houghton, Ernest & Dorothy (Bennett) Crocker

These Are Coming

We hear that Rev. Ralph Davy of Morris Plains, New Jersey, who preached us such a splendid sermon last year, is hoping to return for the Home-Coming occasion again this year.

Eddie Zuber ('31) expects to be with us next week.

Hollis Stevenson, president of the class of '29 is making arrangements for his class reunion. Here is at least one class president who is on the job. What a Home-Coming we would have if all the other nine college class presidents should be with us with large representations from their classes. Whom would they include? Mark Bedford ('25), teacher in Niagara Falls High School; Frank Henshaw ('26) in business in Buffalo; Paul Steese ('27) teacher in Rochester; Virgil Hussey ('28) principal of Savona High School; Hollis Stevenson ('29) dentist, Plattsburg; Ellsworth Brown ('30) principal Great Valley High School; Marshall Stevenson ('31) student Long Island Medical School Brooklyn; Walter Alexis ('32) teacher in Falconer; Edward Dolan ('33) teacher in Pike; Barnard Howe ('34) divinity student in Biblical Seminary of New York.

Visitors recently have been Winona Ware, Orrell York, Wm. Farnsworth, Kenneth Wright and Wm. Joslyn of class '34, Florence Clark '33, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Van Wormer '33 and Laura Ames '29.

Born, Nov. 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Clark, a daughter, Jean Marie. Mr. Clark '27 is a teacher in Solvay, N. Y. Mrs. Clark was formerly Miss Luella Roth '29.

REV. E. L. CROCKER
GREET'S STUDENTS

On Thursday, November 22, the guest speaker in chapel was Mr. Earnest Crocker, an alumnus who is now preaching in Hastings Michigan. After indicating a few personal emotions in connection with his visit to Houghton, he spoke briefly from Luke 19: 1-10.

This passage of Scripture, he said is but a simple account of an incident in the life of an ordinary man Zacchaeus, but opening the Bible as a honeycomb, one can easily see that the story is of the conversion of a sinner. Zacchaeus first having a desire and determination to see Jesus, looked upon Jesus. The Lord, in turn, looked at the little man and invited him to "make haste, and come down." The last important step in Zacchaeus' conversion was his obedience to the call of Christ.

MINISTERIAL BANQUET
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of Houghton, and his remarks were welcomed upon this occasion.

The group gathered for this festivity presented a colorful spectacle. The varied hues of brilliant semi-formals were in stunning contrast with the darker raiment of the hosts of the evening.

Noticed among the prominent guests were: Miss M. G. Murphy accompanied by Mr. H. W. Boone. Miss E. F. Donley escorted by Mr. P. M. Allen, Miss G. L. Smith in the company of Mr. A. W. Lynip, and Miss L. K. Munger with her escort Mr. Bedford.

This program was planned and arranged by social and program committees of the Student Ministerial Association under the direction of Mr. Glenn E. Donelson, president of that organization.

Sunday Services

The college chapel was well filled for the Sunday morning service following a solo, "The Ninety and Nine," sung by Mrs. Paul Steese. The Rev. Mr. Pitt brought the message of the morning, using as his theme "The Life of Christ," and taking his text from John 15:5.

The Christian must abide in Christ for the life of union, and also for that life's husbandry. The touch of the Master's hand is necessary in perfecting His children, for whom His order is not multiplication but subtraction. One has no message of his own; he must abide in Christ for his life's message and for that life's experience. The life in Christ is a separate life, and since it is the task of the believer to suffer, he must abide in his Lord for his life's suffering, even as the suffering of Paul and Wesley. Finally the Christian must abide in Him for fullness of testimony. In all this, the thought was prevalent that each person must choose either to abide in Christ or not to abide, and only the decided soul has the unity of Christ.

In the evening the songs were conducted by Rowena Peterson, and Ralph Fuller led the testimony service. The text of the sermon was Luke 18:8 and the pastor used as a background of the message, the story of the unjust judge of one of Jesus' parables. "The coming of Christ is to be a quest for faith," Mr. Pitt stated. There is no question about the necessity of prayer; the enjoyment and complete satisfaction of life is made possible only through prayer.

If present holdings in the spiritual life do not bring complete satisfaction, there is a satisfaction that only faith can supply. The problem of being filled with the Holy Ghost is not a problem of time or place but a problem of faith. Faith is the instrument by which the highest satisfaction in life can be attained, since functioning in decision, faith is absent in the man divided in his choices. The story of the unjust judge illustrates the fact that faith functions in persistent action. The pastor closed his remarks with the challenging question found in Luke 18: 8, "When the Son of Man cometh shall He find faith on the earth?"

PRAYER MEETING

"Faith" was the subject of last Tuesday evening's prayer service with Alvin Paine as the leader. "Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?" was his text (Matt. 8:26). "One should trust in God," declared Mr. Paine. "His resources are limitless. The trouble is that few of us have faith enough in God to get enough of His power."

Malcolm Cronk led the singing, and Prof. J. Stanley King accompanied at the piano.

German Crumbs

In a late "Star" issue appeared the following bit of Houghton "humor". Recognize it?

Es war eine alte Frau, die in einem Schuh wohnte.
Sie hatte so viele Kinder, dass sie nicht wusste was sie tun sollte,
Sie gab ihnen Suppe ohne Brot
Und ging zu ihrem Brücke herein.

At the meeting of the German class that did this translating the members were entertained by Robert Luckey who, with the aid of pictures, gave an interesting account of the Passion Play of Oberammergau which he witnessed last summer. His talk was later supplemented by Prof. Fancher who translated a part of the play.

Evangelical Student

"They looked unto Him and were radiant."—The Psalmist

Radium has been forcefully brought to our attention during the past week by the unusual lecture of Dr. Luther Gable, and concerning this absorbing subject A. B. Simpson, founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, has some stimulating thoughts in his book, *Life More Abundantly*.

"The most remarkable discovery of recent scientific research is radium. The most remarkable thing about it is that it radiates or gives forth its light and power with almost inexhaustible energy. A few grains would be sufficient to explode the planet. A small quantity, and there is but a small quantity in the world, would be equivalent to a million and a half tons of coal and contain sufficient energy to carry an Atlantic steamer for a whole generation to and fro on her regular voyages. It would take more than seventeen centuries for a grain of radium to exhaust itself by radiation. One flash of radial light would go round the globe in less than a second.

"And yet this remarkable element comes from the dark mine where it has been trodden under foot of man and is scarcely distinguishable from common tar. It is found in a substance called pitchblende, strongly resembling tar. How it speaks to us of these lives of ours lifted from obscurity, despair, and from the depths of sin and destined, through the grace of God, to shine as the stars forever and ever.

"And how it inspires us, like radium, to let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify the Father in heaven."

Happenings in Russia

From *The Sunday School Times* we take this quotation: "Professor V. P. Martzinkovskiy, in a recent and authentic work on Russia, already issued in seven languages, records a letter from central Russia. 'After our commune was closed,' says the writer, 'I spent some time in the place where God's servants have to stay (Acts 12:1-17)—that is, prison—and yet, I assure you, that during that time in my heart it was as though I were living in the Garden of Eden, or eating the fruits of Paradise. Scarcely a single night passed when I did not rise from my bed and thank God. And what was that which moved me to praise Him? Why, the consciousness of His wonderful presence. The tears flow from my eyes from this great and unspeakable joy. Then sleep flees from me, and the only thing for me to do is to get upon my knees and praise God for His faithful and unfailing presence with us.'"

Prayer for the Church

Though I am built of stone and sand
And clay,
I'm dedicated to Thy service here.
To keep this place in honor to Thy name,
And lift my spire to things that men hold dear.
May reverence abide, and contrite hearts
Kneel at my altars and Thy blood atone;
May mercy light the candles at this shrine,
And justice fill the chalice at Thy throne.
Help these, Dear Lord, who gather strength in me,
To bear forth truth unto a better day.
As golden sunlight falls through colored panes,

College Orchestra Gives
Interesting Concert

The Houghton College Orchestra under the direction of Professor Alton M. Cronk gave its fall concert last Friday night, November 16th. The program which consisted of four numbers, presented music of real worth.

The orchestra very fittingly opened the program with the *Stradella Overture* by Flotow. The beautiful chords of this overture affected an unusually fine harmony which stirred the audience and won their hearing.

Perhaps Franz Haydn's greatest achievement is the seal of artistic completeness which he placed upon the symphony. The symphony from his pen which followed the opening number was delightfully characteristic of his works. In other words, it showed freedom and vigor. The *Adagio ma non troppo* movement was unusually well rendered and the *Finale Presto assai* formed a brilliant climax.

The selection opening the second half of the program was the *Carnival of Animals* by Saint-Saens. This zoological fantasy, arranged for two pianos and orchestra, to the amusement of all, very cleverly portrayed the various inhabitants of the zoo. The difficult and attractive main parts were skillfully and interestingly handled by the soloist, Miss Blauvelt and Mr. John McIntire showed good coordination and fine ability in teamwork.

In contrast to this more modern and forceful number, Sibelius' stirring and climactic composition, *Finlandia* brought the evening's program to a close.

After the playing of one encore, the concert was concluded. The attentiveness of the audience and its apparent eagerness to hear more seemed to mark the success of the concert.

RADIUM LECTURE

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Strange as it may seem, radium gives new life, not only to human beings, but to plants and other forms of vegetation. If properly given to plants, it gives them three times their natural growth.

After Dr. Gable had shown us the pictures of some of the processes of refining radium, he carried us into new worlds as he spoke of the hopes of radium research to build a race of super men through its use, to drive electric motors by its power and to heat our houses from radium heat coming to us over our radio.

In the conclusion of his lecture Dr. Gable in a remarkable way gave us a new thought concerning the new heavens and new earth spoken of in Scripture. He stated that radium may be no small factor in the "restitution of all things" as its power becomes utilized to its full extent in nature. We were glad to hear him speak of his acceptance of the authenticity of the Book of Daniel and of the apt references made to Acts 3:21 and Rev. 11:8.

We feel that this lecture was one of the high spots in our lecture courses of the year. We also hope that Dr. Gable can again return to give us his lecture on the cosmic ray. Perhaps some might even be interested in his new book, "The Sleeping Servant" which deals with these subjects.

May loving kindness shine through these who pray.
Keep wide my doors that all who enter in,
May know that worship leaves no room for sin!

—Fleta Bruer Gonso



Food for Thought

Friends, Romans, Countrymen—confer upon your honorable servant the temporary possession of your auricular organs—give heed unto our cry—oh, awright, listen:

It is rumored that because of recent discussion of personalities, the perpetrator of this column is about to be summarily thrown into some convenient lake—but we can't help it if the co-ed mentioned in last week's column wants to slide in the halls. All we can do is publish it in the hope that she won't repeat the performance.

We were surprised by indignant whispers at the orchestra concert Friday night—finally distinguishing them as being: "Isn't it disgusting how that young man is made up!" "That young man" was Malcolm Cronk, dear reader—and to think it took an out-of-town individual to discover the secret of his manly beauty!

If all jokes were printed, what a photographer's paradise this column would be!

Kopler is considerably disgruntled, disheartened, et cetera. Just outside of Fillmore, he saw a sign post: "This will take you to Houghton." He says he sat on it for half an hour and it never moved.

Burt Willet laments on "the Norva some people—taking Markee Cottage residents to the Ministerial Banquet!" (Now don't blame us—we didn't make it up.)

We just can't keep quiet about Wilson Kopler and the Expression Club program. It seemed that the former didn't know what the score was, during the course of the program. Saddest of all, though—Paul Allen didn't even know there was a game!

It is rumored that Prof. "F. H." met his son in the hall and said, "Good-morning, Gerald, how's your father?" these absent-minded professors.

Useless things about the campus:

Lower-hall association.

Guitar players.

Applesauce.

Rules of courtesy to faculty and upper classmen.

Fire drills.

Professorisms:

Miss Gillette: "Not by any manner or means."

Prof. Cronk: "Now, children—"

Doc. Paine: "Now do you catch on?"

Prof. Bain: "This is distinctly not a pink-tea organization."

Miss Kartevold: "What?"—(with variations)

Doctor Small: "That's humorous."

Prof. Sicard: "I'm supposed to be on a diet, but you wouldn't know it to look at me."

Read in one of the old "thrills and heartthrobs" novels: "The heroine sat, rocking the baby's cradle with one foot and wiping away her tears with the other."

EXCELSIOR

The shades of night were falling fast
The baseball game was o'er at last;
The umpire died with out a sound—
They opened up his head and found
Excelsior!

—From North American Review.

We're Telling You

Introducing: two sets of opinions—a give and take, as it were—by people on each side of the custom of practice teaching.

The first is from a high school student:

There are many different opinions on the subject of practice teachers. While questioning a few high school students regarding this matter, the majority seem to approve of our worthy upperclassmen attempting to be stern professors. However, most students think that it would be much more satisfactory for the teacher to remain with the same class for a full semester. We are just getting used to our teacher when a new one comes along to take her place with new ideas and methods. On the other hand, most of the students agree heartily that practice teaching is a good method. They say that the practice teachers understand and co-

operate more with them than a regular teacher usually does.

Phyllis Keogh

And the next, from a practice teacher.

The out-going practice teachers of the class of '35 wish to thank the faculty of the College and High School for this opportunity to test our ability as members of the teaching profession.

We have gathered from this short experience that teaching is not the most lucrative position in the world but its greatest remuneration consists in benefits to mind and accomplishment of purpose. In order to reach and uphold the principals of the teaching profession, we have subjected ourselves to the necessary requirements of an entered apprentice.

Nov. 9th marked the end of an apprenticeship and we are now embarking upon the last lap of formal preparation in our chosen profession.

To those of our class who have followed us in practice teaching we

Music Club Studies Present Day Artists

The Music Club held its regular weekly meeting Monday evening taking as a topic, *Some Present Day Artists*.

The evening's program was opened by Miss Shea who gave a short account of the life of Lawrence Tibbett, who was born in Bakersfield, California.

After this a recording was heard. *Nay Marcus Lay Him Down*, taken from *The King's Henchmen* by Deems Taylor.

Miss Brown introduced the study of the prima donna, Rosa Ponselle who appeared in the Metropolitan Opera in 1918 as the first American to make her debut with Caruso. The Bach-Gounod, *Ave Marie*, was very attentively listened to as it was sung by Miss Ponselle.

Leaving the operatic field for a few minutes, the selection *Waltz* by Debussy and *The Dance of the Goblins* by Bazzini, played by Heifetz were heard. Miss Frost told that this great violinist was born in Russia, began playing the violin at three years of age, entered school at five graduated at eight, and made his first New York appearance in 1907. He is noted for his interpretation and especially for phenomenal technique displayed particularly in the second recording.

The marvelous voice of Martinelli, one of the leading and possibly the greatest operatic tenor, was discovered by an army officer who greatly encouraged him to study voice. He gave concerts in Europe in 1910 and began his American tours in 1913. Following this brief account by Mr. Ferchen, *The Clown Song* from the opera, *Pagliani*, was enjoyed.

The final artist taken up for the evening was Sergé Rachmaninoff, the conductor, composer, and pianist. Mr. Buffan told concerning his life, that he was born in 1873, entered St. Petersburg at 19 years of age to study piano. He made his New York debut in 1909 and in 1922 won a gold medal for one of his original compositions. Although he has an American reputation his influence is still felt in Moscow. His own concert arrangement for piano of Kreisler's *Liebsfroid* proved very interesting and thrilling.

As an encore number the 19 year old violinist Yehudi Menuhin was heard in the number, *Sierra Morena* by J. de Monasterio.

There was a large number present last Monday and it is hoped that more will see fit to attend.

High School Have Y. M. W. B. Party

A party under the auspices of the High School Y.M.W.B. was given Saturday evening, November 17, at the home of Miss Moses.

When all the guests had arrived each of two African guides took their respective parties on a tour of the stations in Africa of which our missionaries have charge. Different rooms were made to represent Miss Driscoll and Miss Carter's station at Mabai, Mr. and Mrs. Birch's station at Binkola, Mr. and Mrs. Stark's at Bendemba, and Mr. and Mrs. McMillen's at Makwie. After the tour was completed, all adjourned to the living room to listen to Mr. Birch talk to his native workers. The refreshments served were peanut and candy. While everybody shucked peanuts they played games and were taught an African chorus by Mrs. Clarke. After looking at the African curios, the guests departed.

suggest such terms as patience, fortitude, and persistence.

Lecture on Light Given in Chapel

Some very interesting information, especially as the common layman, was presented by Mr. McGee in a lecture on, "The Science of Light and Seeing," Friday morning, Nov. 16.

Not only the engaging content of the lecture but also the accompanying illustrations, and Mr. McGee's easy manner, charmed his audience. He gave a brief history of the different means of artificial lighting, and said that not until recently, has a real science of lighting and lighting-effects been developed.

Man's eyes were made for long distance seeing and as the ages have followed each other and as he has moved indoors, his eyes have had to adjust themselves. "As modern as we class ourselves we still hang our light fixtures from the ceiling as did the Ancient Egyptians and give little attention to the new science of illumination," said Mr. McGee.

With five large, labeled pasteboard squares McGee showed, in a simple and comprehensive manner, the different degrees of light by which we endeavor to work and play,

10,000 units—sun

1,000 units—shade

300 units—porch

200 units—night

5 units—night

Every body is born with perfect vision but at school age, there is a twenty per cent decrease in accuracy of vision, at college age, forty per cent and at sixty years, ninety-five per cent.

The three elements in the process of seeing, are task, light and vision. This of course involves size, contrast, time and light. In this process a great deal of nervous energy is expended if one of these elements is lacking in any degree. As night comes on, an automobile driver tends to go slower, and becomes easily fatigued.

Mr. McGee introduced some light humor and his audience responded well. Although he advanced no means of illumination in hallways he sincerely cautioned us against doing close work without sufficient and proper light.

He concluded by illustrating one of the new indirect lighting lamps and by giving us four points in conserving our eyes.

1. Enough light.

2. Not too severe a contrast.

3. Absence of glare.

4. Enough light in enough places

NEW CHURCH TASK

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the Holy Spirit is calling His people in Houghton to a greater vision and task never before realized. In this greater vision and task can be plainly seen the following:

To inspire and help develop efficient soul winners in personal evangelism, as co-workers together with God in our local community and in any needy field beyond our vicinity.

To inspire and help in the training of men and women as Christian laymen to worthy leadership in gospel song, Sunday School work, young people's work, and general church spiritual activity.

To inspire, encourage, and bring the wonderful music potentialities of Houghton into channels of evangelism and definite spiritual results.

To inspire and help to develop an evangelistic, Bible-trained group of young men and women who with the gospel of full salvation will go out with a passion and zeal to pastor churches, do sane New Testament evangelism and fill the ranks of home and foreign missions.

And finally, to seek to vitalize and

Three Gospel Teams Worked Last Sunday

Four Gospel teams visited surrounding communities last Sunday under the direction of the Extension Department of the W.Y.P.S.

In the Central Presbyterian Church at Avon, Willard Smith brought the message, "Taking What Belongs to Us." Sacred music was furnished by a quartet composed of Carl Vanderburg, James Bedford, Alden VanOrnum, and Willard Smith. William Foster played a trumpet solo.

Dorothy Kenyon spoke in the Evangelical Church at West Valley. Hazel Fox led this meeting and Dorothy Trowbridge, Lorraine Brownell and Doris Lee sang.

The Congregational Church at Black Creek and the Baptist Church at Angelica were visited by Alvin Paine, Walter Ferchen and Robert Crosby. Mr. Paine preached and played a cornet solo.

Paul Allen preached at Oramel in the afternoon and at Belfast in the evening, both churches having the Methodist minister, the Rev. Harry Webb, for their pastor. At these two services Merritt Queen presided and Katherine Schehl, Gwendolyn Blauvelt, Silas Molyneux, and Robert Luckey sang.

INTERCLASS DEBATE

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lieve the present deplorable evasion of the inheritance tax.

Miss Whitbeck gave the initial speech for the negative. Her issues were that the proposed system would be unconstitutional, would not be democratic, and would be distinctly socialistic in character. The 4th, 5th, and 14th amendments show that such a system could not be installed under present interpretation of the constitution. Individual liberty, not harmful to others, would be curbed, which restraint is undemocratic. Such a plan smack of socialism because it is the confiscating of private property and capital in view of a more even distribution. She concluded by asking, "Are we ready to scrap our democracy?"

James Bedford, second negative speaker, dwelt with characteristic gusto on the evils that would result from such a system of taxation. Supporting this issue, he stated that the competitive spirit would be lost to business, that it would create opportunities for graft, and that it would make for forced loans which history has shown to be a failure. Such a condition infringes upon human rights and creates opportunities for tax evasions.

The rebuttals were hotly contested and most enthusiastically received by the students. Mr. Bedford contended that the leaders of to-day were a stabilizing influence, and questioned the value of socialism, while Mr. Queen retaliated in asserting that rugged individualism was a thing of the past.

The chairman of the debate was Paul Allen and the judges were Miss Rickard, Dr. Woolsey, and Professor S. W. Wright.

WHERE'S 'PURGATORY'

Miss Grace Parker, whose residence is at the infirmary, requests that anyone having information concerning "Purgatory" see her at once.

help spiritualize all the forces of Houghton College in her great cause of Christian education for "Christ to put the two, education and evangelism, in the heart of his world program."

Let us thank God for high and holy calling, and pray for grace to measure up.

Claude A. Rier