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College Scene Gone By

by Mr. X

When January 14, 1937 turned up on the record page, the *Star* of four days following reminds us that the famed Westminster Chorus under the direction of Dr. Finley Williamson performed for a Houghton audience. To all a capella enthusiasts this was indeed a treat and no doubt there are several senior and junior choir members today who recall with pleasure the concert by Westminster.

This time the role was somewhat choral music. It would be interesting to know whether they remember, as they listened, with what fear and trepidation but with what eagerness they had performed for the criticism of the Westminster Master in private concert. Now with the tables turned it was easy to see how he "practiced what he preached".

January 27, 1937 is a memorable day in the life of Dr. Small. In an interview published in the *Star* previous to his sailing for England to spend a leave of absence at Merton College, Oxford, we read "Dr. Small seemed very enthusiastic about his plans for the future. He and his brother, who is professor of English at the University of Maine, plan to sail and enroll together."

"He and his brother will rent a house near Addison's walk," the *Star* reported, "where Addison and Steele once walked and meditated, a place which borders on one of the most beautiful gardens in England, the Magdalen Grove."

Dr. Small expected to be particularly attracted by the famous library at Merton, he stated, "because it has an interesting connection with Chaucer". Toward the close of the interview the reporter exclaimed "Are you excited?" We wonder if the good doctor recalls his answer. It was very nonchalant, almost as if he were attempting to conceal how much he really looked forward to the trip. He simply stated: "Well, in a way."

But he was excited about it and still is as Shakespeare students and other English majors and minors can testify.

Exactly a year ago to date — well,
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Term Papers and Reports Help Make Xmas Merrier

by MARIAN PHILLIPS

"Twas the day (or days) after Christmas, and what to our wondering eyes should appear but a row of socks, not hung by the chimney with care, but carelessly adorning the pedal extremities of a line of senior men in the front seats of the chapel. It was a gay Christmas, if the array of bright reds, oranges and greens is any indication. If this continues, and adds to our already audible tie collection, we shall have need of an amplifying system to hear the chapel speakers.

We girls seem to have gone to the other extreme, and many are the coy little curls gracing the heads of Houghton lassies. Better watch out,

Calendar

Friday January 13
Sophomores vs. Freshmen basketball

Wednesday January 18
3:30 Sophomore vs. High School women basketball
8:15 Cecil Leeson, Saxophonist

Friday January 20
Seniors vs. High School basketball

Monday January 23
1st Semester Final exams begin

Got a Bright Idea? Let the Councilors Know About It...

"...and now, Ladies and Gentlemen, before we bring our dinner program to a close, there is one announcement to make.

"The co-eds of Houghton College offer their reception rooms as a place for the male members of said college to work up an appetite for breakfast.

"And so — so long, until tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock.

"This is station L.E. UT. signing off."

?????— It's like this. Upon our return from Christmas vacation we were greeted by glazed French doors to the corridors on either side of the reception room. This makes possible a warm, comfortable place for Joe College and friends to congregate before breakfast. But unless they invade the enemy's territory with a fair degree of silence, the privilege will be taken away, it is reported.

Suggested by members of the student body, the amplifying system and the new dorm doors are Student Council projects secured through the faculty. The Council is also working on further projects for more bleachers in the gym and drinking fountains for the music building. They welcome any other student body suggestions.

Bishop W.H. Pierce Gives Unique Talk For Friday Chapel

Discusses the "Dramatis Personae" of "Books Of Books"

Bishop W. H. Pierce, of Titusville, Pa., one of the four bishops of the Free Methodist Church, chose as his theme the "Book of Books" in a chapel appearance, Friday January 6.

Shakespeare, remarked Bishop Pierce, always localized the scene of his writings in perhaps England or Italy, but the Bible covers not only the chronology of all ages but is world-wide in its scope and application.

"Classing his discussion of Biblical characters under the heading, 'Dramatis Personae,' Bishop Pierce proceeded to give a running commentary on outstanding men and events from the dawn of creation to the ushering in of the millenium.

If we are children of God under this dispensation, he remarked, we are all children of Abraham, a peculiar people, separated unto God. "How do you like your new nationality", the Bishop queried. "I don't know where the lost tribes of Israel are," he continued, "and I have heard a good many people say they thought the Anglo-Saxon race were the lost tribes, but I wouldn't put anything on it."

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We Find Professors From Florida's Keys To N.Y. Metropolis

Miss Moses, Miss Burnell, Mrs. Lee, and Miss Hillpot spent Christmas vacation touring in Florida. Lowell Crapo '36 went along to drive. They left Houghton on December 20 and returned January 2.

First they drove down the west coast of Florida stopping at St. Petersburg and Saratoga where they visited Ringling Brothers' winter quarters. They next spent three days at Lakeland making it their headquarters in central Florida. After reaching the southernmost point of Florida, they drove for a few miles on the Keys. The return was made up the east coast through Miami, Palm Beach, Daytona Beach, St. Augustine and Jacksonville, the total number of miles covered being 3669.

Dr. Small spent a week of his vacation in New York City. His sole purpose in going was to attend the meetings of the Modern Language Association held at Columbia University. However during his stay in New York. Dr. Small saw Maurice Evans in a dramatization of *Hamlet*, visited the Cathedral of St. John the

fellows!
Among Miss Driscoll's prized possessions.
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CLASS DEBATE CUP



Winners Award for Final in Inter-class Series.

Lytle Journeys To Keswick As SFMF Delegate

During the Christmas vacation, Robert Lytle representing Houghton College and our Student Foreign Mission Fellowship attended the National Convention of the S.F.M.F. held December 29-January 1 at Keswick, N. J. The motto of the convention was the *Lord Jesus Christ to the uttermost*. First, to the uttermost part of me, and then, to the uttermost part of the world.

The purpose of the S.F.M.F. is to create missionary spirit and action in and between higher schools of learning. During this convention 50-60 students from different colleges and institutions attended and a national constitution was adopted.

The speakers of the convention were Dr. Tom Lambre, pioneer medical missionary to Ethiopia under the Sudan Interior Board, Dr. Robert McQuillkin, Pres. of Columbia Bible College, who writes frequently for the *Sunday School Times* and the *Moody Monthly*, and also Addison Raws, director of Keswick. All of the speakers stressed the need of the Spirit filled life for service, and the necessity and our responsibility of making Christ known to the world during our generation.

Ms. Bureau May Uncover Geniuses

Now it's not a secret anymore—that is, Houghton's latest unique addition, the Manuscript Bureau. The gist of it all is that there'll be no more letting down when it comes to writing papers for subjects other than English. Nobody will escape its clutches, however, for there's even to be a *College Style Book* governing the faculty and also the office workers. As far as the students are concerned, we've all seen that impressive looking instrument which has a way of getting stuck on "Rejected", and which in the future will permanently brand papers from every course according to their promptness and acceptability.

Besides making uniform the rules of manuscript mechanics, documentation, and marking in all the dep'ts.,

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State Medicine Is Topic As Seniors, Sophomores Meet

Case Merits, The Verdict Of 3-0 Fancher, Wright, Stockin Decide

SENIOR TEAM WINS

Third Successive Victory Gives '39 Permanent Hold on Cup

Wednesday, January 11, for the first time in interclass debating, one team has succeeded in chalking up three successive victories thus bringing the much-coveted trophy into their permanent possession.

The class of '36 was the only team to have approached this feat. Credited with two wins, the then senior team composed of James Bedford and Marian Whitbeck were nosed out in the final round by the sophomores (class of '38), Arthur Lynip and Dean Thompson. The following year the class of '39, Edward Willett and Lois Roughan repelled the onslaughts of Lynip and Thompson. And then last year the Willett-Roughan combination defeated Walter Seffer and Thelma Havill.

Finally Wednesday morning upon the formal declaration of another conflict, Everett Elliott and Edward Willett sharpened their wits and went over the top in a closely-contested

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Saxophonist to Present Recital Here January 18

Cecil Leeson, saxophone recitalist, will appear in concert on Wednesday January 18, 1939 in the Houghton College chapel. Mr. Leeson's career exemplifies a rare devotion to an ideal and persistence in the attainment of that ideal. An expert technician and a musician of generous temperamental endowment, Mr. Leeson has by now been so extensively heard and acclaimed, that the saxophone as a medium of lofty musical expression, no longer seems strange to audiences. Playing with a tone clear and characteristically fine he has shown himself a thoughtful and well-schooled musician.

Mr. Leeson received his training in Arizona, attending the University of Arizona and the Arizona State Teachers College. His advanced work was taken at Dana Institute where he received the Associate and the Honorary Fellows Degrees.

Accompanied by Josef Wagner he will present an interesting program of classical music adapted peculiarly for his instrument. Included in these is the Sonata Opus 30 No. 3 by Beethoven which Mr. Leeson himself arranged. Also notable on this program is a Concerto in E for saxophone by Glasounoff, Pavane (a Mother Goose Suite) by Ravel and The Flight of the Bumble Bee by Rimsky-Korsakoff.

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EDITORIAL

IS THERE A BETTER WAY?

The athletic director of a neighboring institution upon a recent visit to Houghton to witness a Bedford Gymnasium basketball combat was favorably impressed, it is reported, with the intra-mural sports set-up which is one of the unique distinguishing characteristics of some colleges of the Houghton type.

It is not a new thing for visitors to be amazed in this fashion, for unless one is actually able to see such a program in action, there is a tendency to disbelieve or discount its success.

We here on the campus who gaze out at times rather longingly, as if from behind bars of restriction, at the greater or lesser intercollegiate programs of other institutions are also forced to confess that the very shortness of our own view of the system enacted before us blinds us to many of its important advantages.

Particularly unusual to visitors is the splendid attitude of good sportsmanship displayed by both players and crowd at athletic contests. Again, having become accustomed to seeing back-slapping joviality change to fighting spirit and back to good-humored rivalry all in the space of a few minutes, we are not aware how incongruous this must seem as compared with the I'll-knock-your-block-off attitude so frequently witnessed elsewhere.

That many of the arguments advanced for Houghton's entrance into the intercollegiate arena are plausible and sound is certainly a fact. Said debut not seeming advisable from other standpoints, however, we are seeing an added concentration upon a quality intramural plan. Intramural athletics, like intercollegiate, can be as successful as students by their co-operation indicate that they wish, and Houghton students have been and will be co-operative.

Already educators in both secondary and higher institutions are recognizing the value of intra-mural programs and are looking with pity upon certain school administrations groaning under the weight of politics, graft, and subsidization which are coming to characterize the interscholastic viewpoint.

Where the systems are well established, and the trust funds large, intercollegiate athletics are bound to remain. But for the smaller, less financially grounded school plants there is, in the opinion of growing numbers, a better way.

CYNICS ON THE SPOT

To the surprise of certain campus cynics the Student Council has, by practical application and accomplishment, been forcing recognition of its possibilities for usefulness. There is a good deal in criticism, both destructive and constructive, which works for the improvement of any given plan, but it is not an out-of-the-way observation to remark that the Council has for a long time been "taking it (said

Student from China Gives His Opinion On Sino-Jap War

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is a letter written to the president of the student body by Li Dy-we, a Chinese student, giving his own opinion of the Sino-Japanese situation. Nothing in the letter should be construed as being the opinion of the Star, nor is it published as propaganda of any sort.)

Dear Friends in America,

By the time this letter reaches you it will be Christmas—the season for world rejoicing and freedom and good-will. From across the seas we send you our heartfelt greetings. At this time, however, let us remember the thousands in betrayed Czechoslovakia, in trampled Austria, the thousands of Jews deprived of nationality or persecuted in their homeland. For them the spirit of Christmas will not be a reality. In our country we are fighting for those rights which democracy and freedom give, and we are confident that America which stands for these same ideas is our closest friend. Moreover, we feel that America and the democracies of the world should stand united, and through an awakened public opinion, firmly resolve to devise ways and means by which aggression and international lawlessness shall be curbed.

Do you realize that Japan is buying 54 percent of her munitions from the U. S. A.? Her heavy industry depends upon a grade of steel and a type of machinery that can be bought only in America. Her military trucks, airplanes, oil and gasoline, come largely from your country.

It is your purchase of Japan's chief export, silk, that enables her to buy these indispensable supplies from you. 97 percent of your silk comes from Japan; 85 percent of all the silk which she exports is sold in the U. S. A.

America can help to stop aggression in China. A welded public opinion in America against Japan and her imperialistic policy can be a most effective instrument, and we are appealing to you to be a part of this force. This is how you can help; write to your friends and organizations—we particularly wish that you will send letters to men in key government positions urging them to make unlawful the sale or shipment of arms and munitions, and the other raw materials, to aggressor nations. You will thus be actively contributing to the cause of peace and will make this Christmas significant as a step toward the goal of true "peace on earth; goodwill toward men."

Sincerely,

A Chinese student

Rita Albright

Miss Rita Albright, (Bible School '37), is now doing mission work with Miss Dorothy Kenyon in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Pa. Miss Albright left for her new work on January 2.

criticism) on the chin".

Whether it "goes against the grain" or not, it might be not only good sportsmanship, but a decided impetus, were the previously-referred-to cynics to prove that they cannot only "dish it out", but that they can appreciate effort when its results are so evidently placed before them.

We wonder if there will be any laudable attempt by Council non-well-wishers to balance the ledger by saying to the next Council member they meet, and saying it sincerely, "I didn't believe it before, but, you know, I really think you're doing something there."

PERSONNEL OF THE SENIORS

Marjorie Ethel Updyke

January 28, 1917: a memorable date. 'Twas then that Marjorie Updyke made her appearance in Friendship, New York. (For that matter it was her first appearance anywhere). Attending the high school at Friendship, "Marge" was graduated in time to enter Houghton with the class of '39.

While Marjorie has been in Houghton, her activities have been many and varied. Among her interests have been the German and Expression clubs, the W. Y. P. S., of which she is social secretary, the student council, and the a cappella choir for all four years. Last spring she was elected the president of Gaoyadeo dorm for this year.

A busy young lady is Marjorie, but she took time out to say earnestly, "It is a joy to attend a school which has such splendid social, spiritual, and scholastic standards as Houghton."

Walter Henry Whybrew

Twenty-two years ago in Ramford, England, Walter Henry Whybrew made his first appearance on the stage of life. This event took place on August 20, 1916. In Ramford, Walter attended school for about five years. At the end of that time he moved across the waters to his present home in Lockport, New York, where he later attended Lockport high school.

Through a friend's influence, Houghton College made its acquaintance with Walter; and since then they have become great friends. Music is his major with basketball and baseball coming next in interest.

Walter has already signed his contract to assist Mr. Charles Barone as instrumental instructor in the Lockport and Barker high schools upon his graduation.

Edward John Willett

The solemn hush at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Willett in Syracuse, N. Y. was broken a few days after August 20, 1918 by a baby's wail—Edward John Willett had arrived from the hospital.

Now it seems that this unique baby unfortunately resembled many of his venerable ancestors, for when, later in life, he attended summer camps and conferences people gushed that Edward looked just like this or that deceased relative.

But Mr. Willett could create embarrassing situations too. With all the fraternal love his heart contained, he heckled his "big" sister who was in the romantic stage of "falling in love."

While visiting his grandparents in Houghton of a summer, Mr. Willett whiled away many hours with "Bob" Luckey, his youthful pal, with play wagon, and decidedly amateur tennis. Mr. Willett graduated from Eastwood High School in Syracuse as valedictorian of the class of '34 and then came to his father's Alma Mater, Houghton. As a "frosh" he claims to have "really studied" be-

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Hi Toots!

by "Hi TOOTHILL"

The high school department hasn't come in for honorable mention for quite a while. Last week in Clyde Meeneely's Physics class, the diffusion of gases was the topic of the moment. When Clyde asked what would happen if he opened a bottle of ammonia over in the corner, "Gentleman Joe" Randall replied in his usual form, "We'd all have pneumonia." Tsk! Tsk! Something smells, and it's not the ammonia.

The art club is out to prove that old saying that, after all, nothing is really new. We were aware that Shakespeare said "It's not so hot," but not until last Wednesday did we have it on authority that "Michael Angelo knew how to use a chisel."

First I catch a professor wheeling his books in a baby carriage, and now I have a written confession of another professor enjoying his second childhood. With one very slight alteration (so that you, dear reader, may get the point) the following notice has been posted on the bulletin board. "Lost last Friday. Boy's watch. Will finder please return to Perry Tucker."

Why not have one serious thought in this column? For the benefit of those who came late or refuse to believe what they hear only once, the scholastic "purge" is but two short weeks away. Let it not be said of you "great was the fall thereof" or "I came, I looked the questions over, and I decided to continue the course another semester."

Some time when you're not particularly busy go up to the Physics lab and watch the music students as they inhale with indifference the laws of sound. It's the first class I ever attended where the girls wear their lovely fur-collared coats in lab, and chew candy bars while the professor amuses them with his tricks. They didn't seem the least bit excited over the tonal phenomena. In fact they seem to observe it all with a feeling of pity for Prof. Pryor that "he doesn't know any better." They try to humor him by looking interested and comprehensive, but "really," they say, "what does all this 'sound stuff' have to do with music?" Nothing, nothing at all.

It would be great sport for each one of us to observe the other fellow when he's "out of his environment," but since that is not always possible, I suggest the music students in physics lab be Exhibit A.

In order that any music students who feel they have been personally or professionally offended by this article may have some small consolation, I will say that indeed only a small percentage of the population can become gifted musicians (and the same must be admitted by them concerning the study of physics.)

DEBATERS TALK —

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battle with Jesse DeRight and Leon Wise of the class of '40. The point of disagreement was—Resolved: That the Federal Government should enact legislation to provide compulsory socialized medicine for all.

At the signal from Chairman Hazlett, debate coach, Mr. Willett of the affirmative drew first blood in his attempt to show why America is failing to meet American health needs. With his first blow he stated that there is a need which demands a change. He quickly followed this up

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Alumnus W. Aubrey Arlin Enters Priesthood of Episcopal Church

Houghton Representatives Witness the Service

BY PROF F. H. WRIGHT

On December 14, 1938, distinguished members of Episcopal clergy and laity assembled in Saint John's church in Clyde N. Y. to ordain Rev. W. Aubrey Arlin to the priesthood in the Episcopal church.

The services were impressive. Beginning was a procession from the rectory led by the chief Crucifer flanked by two other Acolytes carrying lighted torches, followed by Acolytes from St. John's and St. Stephen's churches and by representatives from Houghton College where Mr. Arlin took his undergraduate work: Rev. F. H. Wright, Dean of Theology, Dr. S. A. Small, Head of the English department, and Professor Gordon Stockin, Head of the Latin department. Behind the academic men came the clergy in order of their ordination.

Bishop Reinheimer, bishop of the diocese acted as pontifical while Bishop Ferrie acted as celebrant. The sermon was preached by Dr. Kates. After the service a banquet was served to the guests.

We congratulate Rev. and Mrs. Arlin upon this happy occasion. To both of these friends this success has meant much sacrifice. While Mr. Arlin was completing his work in General Seminary for his B. D. degree, his wife loyally stood by him in every way. Three years of separation and hard work and then an appointment and home together. It sounds not unlike the modern song, "There's a long, long trail awinding into the land of my dreams."

It Still Isn't Too Late To Study--If You Work

Conducting the first chapel of the new year last Tuesday morning, Jan. 3, Dr. Paine spoke concerning the path of life, reading from Psalm 16. The last verse states that the Lord will show the path of life. If we allow God to direct our life, we will have a new position with Him as life-partner. Jeremiah reaffirms this in chapter 10:24. He says, "I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

In the latter part of Psalms 16:11, we find that we are guaranteed fullness of joy and pleasures for evermore. "For evermore," asserted Dr. Paine, "is the important phrase because it indicates permanence. Our most desirable pleasures are the most permanent."

In concluding his talk, President Paine departed from his former subject to give a thought for the day to the wise. "It is not too late to raise your grades within the next few weeks if you start to study NOW," he admonished. Whether the seed fell on fertile ground or not will be determined when the marks from the week of January 23 reach the registrar's office.

Helen Gregory Undergoes Operation at Fillmore

Helen Gregory, a freshman from Binghamton, New York was taken ill on Thursday morning January 5. She was taken to the Fillmore hospital and an appendectomy was performed on Friday at 4 p. m. by Dr. Robert Lyman. Her condition is serious but the doctors feel confident that she will recover.

Dr. Paine in Syracuse

The only two engagements Dr. Paine had during the Christmas holiday period were on Wednesday, Dec. 28. He left early Wednesday morning for Syracuse, where he attended a meeting of principals of schools in the state in the afternoon and in the evening, a meeting of the Syracuse chapter of the Houghton alumni.

Three More Shafts Leave Daniel's Bow

Ballard—Hollenbach

To about twenty Houghtonites who were guests at a Christmas party, Miss Emelene Ballard and Mr. Theodore Hollenbach announced their engagement at her home Saturday evening, December 17. The outwardly innocent Christmas party was transformed into a tumult of uncontrollable rejoicing at the news. Aside from the announcement, the highlight of the evening was the eats (quote Taylor and Blauvelt).

Paine—Hold

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hugh Paine of Houghton, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. Frederick W. Hold, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hold of Mt. Vernon, New York. Miss Paine received her A. B. degree from Houghton College as a member of the class of 1937. She has been employed by the B. Altman Company of White Plains since her graduation.

Mr. Hold is a graduate of A. B. Davis High School and attended New York University where he majored in Electrical Engineering. He has been with the New York Telephone Company since 1929 and is now employed in the capacity of wire chief at New York University. The date of the wedding has not yet been set.

Scott—York

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Scott of Fillmore, N. Y. announced the engagement of their daughter Gladys to Mr. Emerson York Houghton, N. Y. at a dinner held on Sunday Evening Jan. 1. Miss Scott is teaching school near Machias, N. Y. Mr. York is with Sears, Roebuck and Co. Syracuse, N. Y. as assistant in the building materials division.

Guests present at the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nelson, Bliss, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Chester E. York, Houghton, N. Y., Mr. Ralph Shaner, Pottstown, Pa.

VACATION RETURN—

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sessions is a new printed handkerchief. Bruce Densmore says it's the first one he ever saw which said, "Blow here," but she insists that the printing is words to a favorite song.

These, and many other presents, are all that remain of the eagerly-anticipated, long-hoped-for and much-enjoyed Christmas vacation.

Did we say all? No, not quite, for into the open arms of our teachers is being poured an endless collection of compositions, term papers, reports, and units which some of us, or a few of us, found time to do. Before the rest of us, however, there stretches a long list of things yet to be done. Truly, to quote Miss Fancher, "We need a vacation after a vacation."

MICHAEL ANGELO BECOMES HOUGHTON ACQUAINTANCE

Wednesday chapel Jan. 4, was conducted by the Art club. The introduction to the life of Michaelangelo, famous Italian painter, was given by Lois York.

An interesting sketch of his life was shown on the movie screen, the picture being commented upon by Marjorie Roberts. Two of his greatest works the Sistine Chapel and "Moses" were pointed out. Stated Marjorie, "In spite of continual disappointment, jealous rivalry and ill health, Michaelangelo was truly the world's greatest painter and sculptor."

PERSONNEL—

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sides acting as class president; when a sophomore Ed began service on the Star staff, acted as class president again, and engaged in varsity debate. He continued Star work, became president of the Forensic Union, and served on the Boulder staff during his junior year. To set forth the achievements of Mr. Willett's senior year, we quote his own words, "You guess."

Lois Jean York

It was about six years ago that Houghton first heard of Lois York, for it was then that she entered the Seminary as a junior. She came here from Akron, Ohio, where she had lived since her birth, Aug. 24, 1917.

During her high school career here Lois was chosen as the high school representative for the Boulder. She also sang in the Glee club and played basketball.

Upon entering college, Lois decided to take a French and English major. She has done commendable work in private art and has been president of the Art club for the two years since it began. In her junior year Lois was the Art editor of the Boulder.

As a freshman she sang in the A Cappella Choir, and since then has played class and varsity basketball. This year she is the manager for the Purple girls.

Christians Attain A New Vision Urged in Service

Miss Louise Balduf in the first student's prayer meeting of the new year, January 3, urged that Christians attain a new vision of Christ, a new purpose to serve him alone, and a new zeal for the Lord Jesus Christ.

"If we are to have a new vision of the Lord Jesus Christ," she stated, "we should humble ourselves, for the smaller our vision of self is the greater will be our vision of Him."

A solo, "Nearer, Still Nearer", was sung by Mr. Halward Homan.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all of the kind friends who remembered us with greetings at the Christmas season. Since I cannot answer them personally, I wish to take this means of expressing my appreciation.

Mrs. Fred Daniels

FACULTY TRAVEL—

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Divine and Bauhouse Art Institute, the American headquarters for Germany's "Art of the machine."

From the science department went Miss Rork who journeyed to Richmond, Virginia to attend the sessions of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science. Miss Rork left Houghton on December 26 via auto and returned the following Sa-

Sunday Services

December 18

Business vs. Grace

"If men spent as much time taking care of their business as they do growing in grace, how would their business prosper?" was the question asked by Rev. Black in his sermon Sunday morning, Dec. 18. Using as his subject "Making Salvation Sure", he took his text from the first chapter of II Peter in which are found the seven graces to which a Christian is expected to attain, namely: virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, goodness, brotherly kindness and Christian love. He showed that it is not enough to have attained to part of these graces but that Christ expects us to finish the task.

Incarnate King

Miss Louise Balduf and Mr. Albert Wagner were the speakers Dec. 18, in the last young peoples service before Christmas.

The incarnate King is in the heart of all Christians, Miss Balduf stated, but many of them reject Christ as King in their hearts. "The heart of every Christian," she exhorted, "should be the throne room of Christ, but it can be only as we yield everything to Him."

One of the paradoxes of the Christian religion is that the more one shares Christ with others, the more of Christ one has in his heart, Mr. Wagner asserted. "We cannot all be Moodys nor Spurgeons but we can all be one-talented soul winners, using what we have," he said.

Mission Program

In a well-planned, interesting missionary program, Sunday evening, Dec. 18, the members of the college history of missions class briefly presented the history and needs of the various mission fields of the world. Illustrating by a lighted map, the students recounted how the light of the Gospel has spread from Palestine to North Africa, to England, to America, and even throughout the world.

The Christmas story was told by the members of the Junior Young Missionary Workers Band in song and recitation.

January 8

"God Our Help"

"God is our help" was the subject of the Sunday morning message by Rev. Black on January 8. Taking his text from the 3rd chapter of II Kings he showed how that just as the men of old met defeat without the help of God; so we are certain to if we spurn God. In closing he showed that we must demonstrate our faith in God by our works.

Armor of God

The W. Y. P. S. service was in charge of the Moses house Jan. 8. Taking as a basis for their study, the sixth chapter of Ephesians, eight brief talks were given on the different parts of the armor of a Christian warrior consisting of truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, study of the Word of God, prayer and watching. Special music was furnished by Raymond Carpenter.

"Decided Ungodliness"

At the Sunday evening service, January 8, Rev. Black preached on the subject "Decided Ungodliness" taking his text from Jeremiah 5:1-5. He showed that those who refused to return to God have rejected God for three reasons; namely—1. They love their pet sins too well, 2. They are deceived, and 3. They think that tomorrow will be plenty of time.

tuesday, stopping in Washington, D. C. for only a few hours enroute.

Ourselves As God Sees Us

by ROBERT LYTLE

Houghton is criticized by some who say that the school is not as spiritual as it should be. Such criticism is to be expected, since there are always some who will decry any good work. But are these accusations at all just? Is Houghton as spiritual as she should be?

All, probably, will agree that she is not, for there always can be advancement and growth in the things of God. Indeed, it would be a sad day if Houghton College should become complacent with her own state before God.

There once was seen hanging in the vestibule of a small, rural church a placard bearing this striking question:

"What kind of a church would this church be If every member were just like me?"

However, let us reword the motto a little to read:

What kind of a school would Houghton be If every student were just like me?

After all, the college is made up of her students and faculty members. Hence the college's spirituality is quite largely that of each faculty member and student combined. To improve the spiritual tenor of the school the persons within it must become more Christ-like, and as each deepens in the things of God the aggregative spirituality is raised. But how sad that the converse is also true, as anyone falls backward in his Christian life the college's spirituality is lessened. Just as one grade of 40 per cent and another of 20 per cent will lower one's class average, so will those students or faculty members who are not interested in being at God should choose for them lower the standard of Houghton's spirituality.

Each needs to look to himself to see whether he be in close communion with the heavenly Father.

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Are you praying for the winter evangelistic meetings which will be held Feb. 7-18 when the Rev. John Church will be here? They are not far away.

Student Body Gets Note From Zimbalist's Family

Due to the death of Mrs. Elam Zimbalist (Alma Gluck), in October, the great violinist, Mr. Zimbalist, was forced to postpone his engagement on the Houghton Artist Series schedule. The student body expressed its sympathy to Mr. Zimbalist by sending a telegram, which was acknowledged recently by his daughter in the following letter:

New Hartford, Conn.

December 13, 1938

Dear Student Body,

As my father is too utterly crushed to write you himself, he has asked me to thank you for your very kind telegram of condolence, and he hopes you will understand his not writing you personally.

Your kind thought was a great comfort to him.

Very truly yours,
Maria Zimbalist Goelet

JUNIORS HOLD LEAD TO BASKET SENIORS IN DOUBLE WIN

Schaner, Paine, Olcott, Torrey Increase Junior Lead; Higgins, Crandall Aid Sages

Junior men and women took both basketball games from their senior rivals last Friday evening January 6, on the newly-polished Bedford Gymnasium floor, the men continuing their winning streak to five straight contests in downing their opponents without too much difficulty 38-31, and the maidens coming from behind to eke out a 26-22 victory in the preliminary. About 250 witnessed the games.

Shifting "Jerry" Paine from a guard to forward position during play in the third quarter changed almost certain defeat into victory for the junior lassies. Millie Schaner and the former paired together to erase a 13-10 senior half time lead and clinched the game in the final minutes of the last quarter. Senior captain "Tish" Higgins led in the scoring column with fourteen counters while Schaner and Paine each had eleven. Final score was 26-22.

The first heat of the men's game pointed toward a possible upset but the early 9-6 senior lead quickly faded away when the juniors solved their opponents' set defense and flicked in several neat long shots as well. Olcott and Torrey flung in three double-deckers in the closing moments of the first half to make the intermission score read 21-16 juniors. The last half the seniors continued on fairly even terms with their upper class rivals but lacked sufficient scoring punch to seriously threaten the junior lead. Now the only serious rivals who might mar a perfect junior record remain the sophs and the freshmen, both of whom have previously bowed to junior superiority, the former by only one point.

Senior captain "Jack" Crandall was top point getter of the main fray pulling down 12 markers while Bob Torrey and Bill Olcott of the winners netted 11 and 10 tallies respectively.

Dayton Given Party Before Wedding

In honor of the approaching marriage during the Christmas holidays of Mr. Wilber Dayton, seminary senior, a stag party was held in the Art Studio, Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, following prayer meeting.

The studio was gaily decorated which added atmosphere to the program planned. Games were in order, such as a relay race, in which Prof. Stanley Wright reportedly came out on the worst end, a candy hunt for candy hearts with appropriate inscriptions, and finally a contest in drawing.

Prof. Stanley Wright presented Mr. Dayton with a study lamp. Later everyone pounced into the fourth-floor English room where popcorn poppers were being manipulated by several energetic fellows. According to the best information available all those present appeared to enjoy their little white, wind-blown kernels, although a few kind souls are said to have preserved theirs for the girlfriends down in the library.

And on Saturday, December 24, occurred the big event when Miss Donna Fisher of Flushing, Ohio became the bride of Mr. Dayton at the East Conneaut Wesleyan Methodist Church. Rev. Charles Dayton, brother of the groom, and pastor of the Glens Falls, N. Y. Wesleyan Church performed the ceremony.

During next year the couple plan to live in Houghton.

MEASURING YOURSELF BY THE MASSES IS UNWISE

"Heard in the hall"—everyone in the chapel sat up and listened eagerly when Professor Willard Smith announced his subject on the morning of Thursday, January 5. In concise to-the-point sentences he showed the foolishness of judging one's self by others.

"The masses have never brought about worthwhile things," said Mr. Smith as he discounted the value of the familiar motto, "Everybody's doing it." "He doesn't study but he gets good marks," is a sentence frequently heard in our halls. Others try it and "flunk out" because they are judging their abilities by those of a few exceptional students. The last by-word Professor Smith mentioned was "Look at the Theologs!" "Too many of us are trying to justify our own actions by the low standards of others," he said. There is only One who can be followed safely and by whom our actions are judged—Jesus Christ.

DEBATERS TALK—

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with two lefts and a right, asserting that the proposed plan is vital to all, that at present one third of our population receives no adequate medical attention at all, and that all voluntary attempts so far to remedy the situation have failed.

His opponent, Mr. Wise, could not remain inactive long but retaliated by showing how voluntary agencies are increasingly meeting the need. He then, countered with the statement that the affirmative's plan was too drastic, too revolutionary. Furthermore general health commissions are competent and the proposal would be impractical, necessarily entailing severe results.

Mr. Elliott assumed the offensive. He attempted to drive home the facts that compulsory socialized medicine only tended to increase cooperation by a coordination of existing agencies, that the program, instead of being revolutionary to such a degree, would be merely an extension of present trends. He clinched with the point that those most in need cannot meet the conditions.

Mr. DeRight concluded the first part of the fray by asserting inevitable resulting evils, especially that the system would, contrary to our principles of democracy, become a bureaucracy.

Following a two-minute interval while the contestants used a voluntary method of administering medicine to their wounds, they went at each other's throats in earnest, leaving many telltale marks.

Finally the decision was put to a neutral committee, Miss Besse Fancher, Prof. Stanley Wright, and Prof. Gordon Stockin. The peace delegation returned with a unanimous verdict favoring the affirmative combatants, Willett and Elliott.

It may be added that the year's series of debates has had more of an audience appeal than previously. The purpose has been to increase interest in debate work among the student body as a whole. Also questions of pertinent importance are brought before the audiences so that a well-balanced opinion can be reached by the average assembly.

Current campus query now is, "Who will buy a new trophy?"

Sophs Take Men's Game From Sages

On Monday evening, Dec. 19, before going home for vacation, the senior and sophomore aggregations split a double feature bill full of thrill-packed basketball. The invincible senior co-ed cagers squeezed through a 17-14 triumph in the curtain-raiser while the senior sages succumbed to the soph stalwarts to the tune of 48-35 in the feature combat.

In the first game the senior lassies rushed off to an early lead which they held until the third quarter. Their forward combination of Higgins, Kingsbury, and Stroud was clicking quite beautifully. Their guards under the leadership of Hess, and Foss were largely successful in holding down the soph dead-eye hoopsters and everything appeared to be "in the bag" as they went into the last period with a 14-6 lead.

With the beginning of the final stanza the soph "lassies" put on a real spurt and went into action. In three minutes of play the score was tied at 14 all, where it stayed till the final minute when Tish Higgins "split the drapes" from the free-throw line, and seconds later put the game on ice with a long shot.

The main event started out with plenty of pep and wild shooting being attempted from all corners of the court. During the first half the sophs held the edge and went into the second half with a 1 point lead. "Hi" Tutthill performed well for the "sages" under their opponents' basket.

The third quarter was a free-for-all with a continuous barrage of shots being aimed at both backboards. In this 10 minutes of play 36 points were made—an average of about three and one-half a minute. When the smoke had cleared from this barrage it was found that the senior ship-of-state had been practically submerged under the soph bombardments. "Jackie" Crandall, general and big-gunner for the senior forces was forced to retire from the fight on account of fouls, and in the final quarter the depleted senior quintet became victims of the tall sophs scoring machine. Time after time, "Marty" Martin paced a scoring drive of the soph machine to score 2 points. "Bob" Homan worked well on the defensive but to no avail. At the whistle the sophs declared themselves contenders for the pennant by leading the score 48-35.

MS BUREAU HERE—

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the bureau will shoulder the responsibility of proof reading all official printed material, offer critical advice on the literary productions of up-and-coming students and faculty members, regulate standards of evaluation of style and subject matter, and last but hardly least, to bring to the front and perfect Houghton's modest literary genius.

The bureau's purpose is six-fold, but the accomplishments we anticipate are hundred-fold, for with the cobwebs being continually swept from our writing technique and talent, there's no telling how far we'll travel and develop as individuals and as a college. We're not forgetting to be grateful to Dean Hazlett for these progressive ideas and consequently for the results we confidently await.

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SPORTLIGHT

by VICTOR MURPHY

As the round-up comes in on the first half of our present intramural basketball series, a glance at the ratings of the various participants shows a tie-up in the women's division for first which contrasts with the clinch which the juniors have on the primary spot of honor in the men's games.

MEN

Juniors	1,000
Sophomores	750
Freshmen	500
Seniors	250
High School	.000

WOMEN

Seniors	750
High School	750
Freshmen	500
Juniors	250
Sophomores	250

The distribution of averages of the latter reveals the interesting fact that the teams are on a more average level of ability. This should serve to make their continued competition of more absolute interest, but because of more relative popular interest, the men's games still hold the spotlight when the fact is fully realized that two stumbles for the leaders might mean their disaster. They too look back with anxiety at the narrow margin left them in the former encounter with their mighty sophomore rivals.

The conclusions of candid observers is therefore that since the series is still young, anything may happen, and many are the vote of those who have found the word *upset* in their dictionary.

The beginning of the new year and the second round of basketball finds Senior teams taking a step downward in favor of their prominent rivals, the juniors. Following an early season slump, the junior girls are making for themselves a prominent place in the running by downing in succession both the Freshmen and Senior teams with an ease which speaks of the loss of the thought of defeat.

In the men's division the spectators who had hoped for a Junior let-down, found Captain Blauvelt's team still "on their toes" to the extent that the best the Seniors could do was to furnish good sparring partners.

Superior teamwork took its toll Saturday afternoon when Bill Farnsworth's well-coached team from Angelica took over the high school fellows in a practice foray. The lesson to be learned by the Houghton high school fellows and others who watched the boys from Angelica play is that basketball here has deteriorated into a rough and tumble, wild shooting, wild passing, and unorganized type of play. With a few pivotal plays built around pivotal men, any team takes a big jump in improvement, and if such were the case in more Houghton teams, the brand of ball would be on a much higher level, more comparable to the average college team.

Don't take this too hard fellows, for two visitors who witnessed the junior-senior game Friday who knew

PIERCE SPEAKS—

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Dressed in a gray suit and black tie, with his white hair adding to his quiet but not over-awing dignity, Bishop Pierce impressed his hearers with his ability to see both sides of a question and still maintain firm convictions on right and wrong. His face, somewhat wrinkled as having encountered the problems of life, his eyes, his manner, were those of the man who has lived life and lived it well with little to regret and everything to expect.

"I need two or three days to talk on this subject," he stated, "but my restriction is a half hour and that is a good thing." And he was as good as his word, though a safe majority would have liked to have him continue.

Bishop Pierce has been holding a week of meetings at the Free Methodist Church, in Belfast, N. Y. and was brought to Houghton by Rev. Garnett, pastor of the Belfast church, who led in the chapel service prayer.

With a sly good humor, a psychological presentation which would have out-theorized many modern educators, a debater's ability at condensation, and a wide reading knowledge always at his fingertip of expression, Bishop Pierce was afterwards commented upon as not only knowing what to say but how to say it to a college audience.

COLLEGE SCENE GONE

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within a week or so—yokel talent was hard at work scraping, shoveling, plowing (sometimes with the nose) snow off the site technically known in more clement weather as the baseball diamond. The headwaiter was heard to make frantic and patriotic appeals for assistance from all the able-bodied, fellows and girls, and a huge mobilization would result, until everyone tired except the loyal souls who were holding the little garden hose which squirted a stream of water about the base of hastily constructed snow walls.

In lieu of your poor memory, a skating rink was in progress. Most unique piece of equipment called forth this headline in the *Star*: *Bedstead Is a Novel Device for Plowing*. To quote the article referred to: "Action was speeded up by two trucks which were chartered to carry away the snow to the banks of the rink. John Hopkins allowed his car to be used for the cause also. Snow banks yielded to the onslaught of the inverted bedstead, held down by such heavyweights as Bedford, Crosby and Ferchen, and attached to the bumper of Brother Hopkins' car."

A little further we read: "President of the Student Council, Lynip, came out late in the afternoon in Father Neptune fashion, surveyed the work of the day, and gallantly held the icy hose for over an hour."

Those were the days!

In a more serious mood we recall that on January 11, 1938 the whole college joined in a day of prayer called by the administration as a time of remembrance for the problems ahead during the new year. It was begun at 6 a.m. by a prayer chain originated by the college pastor, Rev. Black, which terminated at 7 p.m. in the regular students prayer service. Classes met as usual, but particular time was devoted to prayer with class and faculty prayer services being held in the afternoon.

Is another day of prayer ahead? Good for all of us if it is.

their basketball, were heard to say "never saw such shooting", and "teams as good as some college teams". Such statements prove some commendable things about our teams after all.