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THRONG HEARS GRAHAM

Roddy Speaks To Theologs

The forty-seven students of the theological class of 1950 presented their class night program Friday, June 2, at the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist church.

Prof. F. Wright introduced the contestants of the annual Strong Memorial Bible Reading Contest. They were Jean Brown, Bernice Gordon, Ralph Rudolph, and Laverne Whitman. Awards of first and second pizes went to Bernice Gordon and Laverne Whitman.

Dr. Clarence S. Roddy, who is a rember of the faculty of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, presented the theology students with a challenging, stimulating address entitled, "Men of the Pre-eminent Call-

The essence of Dr. Roddy's address centered around three points. Propounding first that the servants of God are "servants of the burning bush," he gave the familiar illustration of Moses in the third chapter of Exodus.

Dr. Roddy's second thought identified God's elect as "servants of the burning altar." "If we are Godconscious," he said, "we are in the train of those who are men of the burning altar."

Dr. Roddy developed his third theme, "servants of the burning heart," from Luke 24:32. Principle words here were "holiness" and "sensitivity." "Holiness is God made manifest in life," he said.

Grads of '25 Gather for Reunion at Glen Iris Inn

Eight members of the class of 1925, five husbands and wives, and five children gathered at Glen Iris Inn, Letchworth, for their 25th anniversary. Those present from out of town included the one lawyer, Keith Farner; the two business men, Arthur Bernhoft of Syracuse (the only grandfather of the group) and Edward Williams of Indiana, Pa.; and one of the numerous persons in the class (Continued on Page Two)

Alumni Honor Class of 1925

Bedford Gymnasium on the evening of Saturday, June 3rd, was the scene of the annual Houghton College Alumni Banquet.

Decorated in red and white, the colors of the class of '25, the gym was well filled with alumni and their

Highlight of the program was the presentation of Houghton's first graduating class to receive degrees, the class of 1925.

Their president, Mark Bedford, introduced the eight members present and mentioned the twelve who were unable to attend. In his recollections of the activities of his class, Mr. Bedford pointed out several college traditions which they originated, including the mantle oration on Class Day, publication of the Boulder (first edited in 1924), and Senior Skip Day. Their class also erected the monument

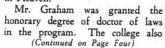
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Calls for Nation-wide Repentance

"There has never been a graduating class in the history of the United States of America that has faced such a despairing and hopeless future as the graduating class of 1950," proclaimed Dr. Billy Graham in his address to approximately 2300 people in the Houghton college

commencement exercises, which met in front of the Luckey Memorial building on the morning of June 5th. Dr. Graham is an evangelist and president of the Northwestern Schools, located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The program began as the organ played "Hero's March" for the processional, after which the invocation was offered by Rev. John O. Mabuce. Alice Romito sang "Lamb of God", by Bizet, followed shortly by a solo from Floyd Totman, singing "Set Me as a Seal," a composition written by our own Professor Heydenburk. Major Robert N. Barrett, Jr., of the U.S. Marine Corps, presented to two of our graduating seniors the rank of second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve. President Paine, assisted by Dean King, then presented the diplomas and the baccalaureate degrees. By standing, the August graduates were then recognized by Dr. Paine. Paul Nast then sang Handel's composition, "Father in Heaven."





Dr. BILLY GRAHAM

Grunstra, King Address Seniors

The Houghton college graduating class of '50 presented its class day exercises in the college chapel on Saturday morning, June 3rd, at 10 o'clock

Bernard Grunstra, valedictorian of the class, in his oration dealt with the problem of the Christian's facing the field of science. He pointed out that scientific knowledge is tentative, for some concepts previously accepted as unmistakable fixed laws are now doubted and in some cases superseded by better explanations. For instance, two centuries ago it would have been mere intellectual exercise to doubt whether or not a straight line is the shortest distance between two points; today it is altogther appropriate to doubt such a theory. Christian truth, on the other hand, is distinct in character, having definiteness, for divine intervention makes knowledge of eternal truth possible. Mr. Grunstra asserted that the Christian of our age should not fear science, which, after all, constantly presents only tentative explanations to be evalued in terms of accuracy and utility and convenience

rather than in terms of truth and

Miriam King gave the salutatory. She emphasized that conversion to the Christian faith, while regenerating the soul, does not remove traces of maladjustment and personality hindrances. She explained that many. Christians are not aware of this fact, and subsequently are unaware of the cause for their mental and emotional disturbances. Their heads are "under the sand."

Christians are too often marked for having sand in the fingernails, was the insistance of Robert Bitner, who delivered the class oration. He rendered a criticism, giving some reasons why Christians are often disdained as having poor taste. He explained that extreme separation can render them "no earthly good." Contention within the ranks is another striking defect.

Charles Samuels stated in the mantle oration that the class of '50 does not hold up its own achievements as a mark for the next class to follow,

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Tucker Speaks on Jews At Prep Class Night

The class night exercises of the Houghton preparatory class of '50 were held Friday night, June 2, at 8 p.m. in the college chapel.

The salutatorian, Marilyn Tucker, gave an oration, "The Jew in Prophe-

The salutatorian, Marilyn Tucker, gave an oration, "The Jew in Prophecy." Pointing out the covenant God made with Abraham in the twelfth chapter of Genesis, she declared that the Jew today is still a separate race despite centuries of dispersion and persecution which the Lord out of love has permitted due to their apostasy. They are returning to a nation which was formed in 1948 in unbelief.

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"A LITTLE LEARNING ..."

Only a few centuries ago men looked at what they could see of the world. Solemnly and sincerely they pronounced it to be flat, and so it seemed. They saw but part of the world and thoughtlessly believed that it was the whole. The wise as well as the simple were And because of their lack of understanding, all search for new lands, all desire to broaden their horizons became stagnant.

Knowledge is subject to much the same error. At its best knowledge is an instrument of freedom, a reward of adventure and exploration. Yet this same knowledge can be dangerous when we see but a part and believe it to be the whole. When we believe that our understanding is complete, then it is no longer a liberating force, but rather it becomes a chain constraining and limiting us to the world of learning which we have already acquired. Alexander saw the problem, and went a little deeper to find the solution to it:

"A little learning is a dang'rous thing; Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring."

WE MUST SUFFER

by MARK ANDERSON

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." Phil.

When the Bible teaches that we order our lives around one supreme value, it is not giving an optional rule. It is stating a universal principle, operative in the unsaved and the saved alike. Our lives are an expression of our concept of values. It is imperative that our supreme value be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul counted everything loss for the privilege of knowing this supreme value.' And no wonder, for Christ is the most unique personality who ever appeared in the stream of human consciousness. The apostle was so absorbed in knowing Christ that both his word and his walk affirmed it to be the one passion of his life. "This one thing I do." This is Paul's major passion, to get more knowledge of Christ by experience.

Knowing Christ's resurrection power means to know His complete victory. "Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death no longer lords it over Him." Romans 6:9 (Literal translation) To be identified with Christ in His resurrection means that absolutely nothing in all creation, including Satan, can lord it over you. Christ's defeat of death, mankind's most dreaded foe, insures His ultimate triumph over everything else, and ours. One writer points out, and rightly, that we can speak of no victory of our own, we

are in the train of the Victor.

Partakers of this power automatically become members of a fellowship -the fellowship of suffering. Most of us would say, "This is one fellowship you can count me out of." However, suffering is not something superadded or foreign to Christianity; it is an integral part of it. "For on behalf of Christ you have the favor of suffering no less than of believing in him." Phil. 1:29 (Moffatt)

It puts meaning into our Christianity without which we would make little impress on the world. We appropriate Christ by faith, we comprehend His meaning through experience. Little suffering means little usefulness. Suffering gives our Christianity those much needed qualities of vitality and winsomeness.

This suffering contributes to our being conformed to the death that Chirst died. "Being made conformable to his death." Christ met death voluntarily, understanding fully what it involved. Here is moral courage, unequalled, unsurpassed. Where is the objector who calls Christianity an anemic religion? Out day calls for courage such as this to stem the rising tide of evil. We must die willingly to everything that would prevent our ultimate conformity to His death.

In their never-ending search for knowledge, may the coming years find this year's senior class increasingly occupied with Christ, the eternal wisdom of God.

Making the Grade

Now that I have finally dug my way into my room without breaking my leg on a suitcase or having a box hit me on the head, I shall lower my remains carefully into a chair and wait for a burst of inspiration. Theoretically, this last column of the semester should be at least readable, maybe even interesting. But alas! The rigors of battling with six exams these last few days have left me a physical and intellectual wreck. All that lies ahead is the dismal prospect of explaining grade-points to my parents.

Last vacation, I had them thoroughly convinced that a D in botany was a sign of hidden (in fact, buried) genius on my part. "Imagine it!" I explained to them "I might have had an F. But no! I struggled

Grads of '25 Meet

(Continued from Page One) engaged in the teaching profession-Mark Bedford of Niagara Falls. Mrs. Price Stark, missionary on furlough from Africa, was present, as were also those currently on the college staff, Mrs. S. I. McMillen, Rachel Davison, and Josephine Rickard.

Reminiscences were exchanged, mementos viewed, and information gathered for presentation at the alumni dinner. It was learned that all 20 members of the class have survived the 25 years, that 14 have advanced degrees, and that the class has given in the neighborhood of \$7000 to the college. It was learned also that 14 year-old daughter of one of the absent members, Kenneth Gibbin of East Randolph, died of brain tumor on Saturday.

Alumni Banquet

(Continued from Page One) to Willard J. Houghton at the top of the college hill road.

Of the twenty members of the class, one has received a L.L.D., three a Ph.D. degree, one a degree in library science, and nine a master's degree, making a total of fourteen advanced degrees.

Presentation of the class of '50 by Dean King and the preparatory seniors by Mr. Moon followed.

Recognition was accorded to Dr. Marilyn Birch and the Rev. and Mrs. Lytle who will soon leave for missionary work in Sierra Leone and South America respectively.

The status of the new girls' dormitory drive was the subject of a talk by Mr. Richardson of the college development office.

long and hard over archegonia and anthendia and succeeded in getting a D!" My father kept astutely quiet, remembering the mental agonies chemistry had given him back in his college days.

"Do you mean to say that D is really a high grade, dear?" Mother asked dubiously.

"Well, it's a grade, and I'm only one of a few who got it!" I told her cheerfully.

The illusion I had so carefully built up was rudely shattered when some visiting Houghtonians let the cat out of the bag. "Any idiot could get at least a B in botany," they said loudly in front of my mother. Since then, I have been trying to conjure up new schemes for interpreting grade-points in a favorable light. What I shall do is lurk each morning beside the mailbox and wait until the fatal missle arrives. The postman and I are pretty good friends anyway. My first vacation home, I nearly knocked him and the family down in a furious scramble for the mail. Shades of the stampeding mail-box mob in Houghton!

The seniors are the ones who will be faced with the adjustment problems of civilian life again. After four years on our, fair campus, one finds that Houghton habits do get a grip on him. For instance, elbowing the family at meal time for the first seat at the table might need an explanation. Or dashing madly around with a book under one's arm everytime the telephone rings might prove a little disturbing to the uninitiated family. When one is used to an existence run by bells, there is bound to be at least a slight psychological reaction. But, seniors and underclassmen, we'll miss the place this summer. Grade-points and Houghton habits are part of life on the campus. The family may have their doubts, but tell them it's all in the process of getting an education.

Engagements

Vining — Pritchett Mrs. Lester Vining of 98 New Salem Road, Kingston, N. Y., announces the engagement of her daughter Norma Aileen, '49, to Robert E. Pritchett, '50, of Mt. Hope, Kansas.

A late summer wedding is being

Rabenstein - Kovalevitch

Mr. and Mrs. August Rabenstein, Berkshire, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Christina, to Henry Kovalevitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kovalevitch, Chicago, Illinois.

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Pause to Ponder

by STANLEY SODERBERG

We have had much ado lately concerning the question as to whether classroom attendance should be required or not. This being the Commencement Star, I would like to tie this vital question with that of the actual worth of a college degree. At the outset, I might say that I realize that I probably represent a minority opinion. But minorities are not always wrong. I trust that these few words may offer, at least, some food for practical thinking.

Now, my thesis is this: that classroom atttendance, for all college students, for such requirements merely serve the purpose of babying babies through college, who otherwise would not have the will power nor the vision necessary to meet the conditions, but merely ride through on the momentum of strictly enforced requirements. Anyone can go to class because he has to, but those worthy of a college degree are those who go because they want to, or who can make the necessary grades by not going at all. They have an eagerness to learn; they take pride in sitting at the feet of devout scholars; they have a vision of the future; they "have what it takes."

I maintain that a college degree should represent more than the mere fact that the holder has passed all his subjects in school. It should signify, first of all, that the graduate has had a vision, and has done everything or at least many things possible to make that vision a reality. Those who have such a vision need not be hedged in by the requirements we are considering. Those who live by the requirements have no vision, and the sooner they stop wasting their time and somebody's money, the better. Their grades will probably help them in receiving their walking

A college degree, secondly, should signify that the holder is acquainted with sacrifice. Sacrifice makes for rugged individuals. It builds character. It prepares one for the adversities he must certainly meet along the thorny pathway of life. Yet "musts" do not allow for self-sacrifice. When an institution makes decisions for us, it does not give us much power to choose, and it is with the power of choice that true sacrifice comes to fruition. If I "must" go to class, I am not sacrificing anything to go. If I "may" go to class or play ball, I am sacrificing by quenching one desire in place of another desire or innate sense of duty. A college degree should include the element of sacrifice, and sacrifice demands the power of choice.

Third, a college degree should suggest that the holder has a sense of value and a deep consideration for the sacrifice, tears, prayers, and hard labor of those back home who have made their education possible. (This, of course applies only to those whom it may concern.) None of us are self-made men. All of us are responsible to Almighty God, and many of us are responsible to parents who have sacrificed for us. We must make good.

Prep Skips

by PAUL WHITLOCK

The prep skip day got off to an early start Friday, May 26. Leaving the Old Administration building at 6 A. M., the cars wound their way up around the campus to the Reisdorph house where breakfast was served in a very elite fashion. During this time everyone was questioning one another to see if they knew where we were going. Everyone had a different idea and none of them turned out to be right. Our next stop was Barker's General store where a few of our group purchased some camera film and chewing gum, candy and the like. From here we headed for Buffalo, much to our surprise, and after wandering around for some time, we terminated our little journey at the Main Street Skating Rink. Here we spent the remaining part of the morning, also the greater part of our

Our next big question was "where to from here?" Some of the profs knew but just try and get it out of them! It was impossible. However it wasn't long before our drivers deposited us all safe and sound in Delaware park. Someone lit a fire in the outdoor fireplace and put on the hot dogs and somebody else opened the pop bottles and it wasn't long before

everyone was gathered around begging for the mustard or the rolls or cookies all having one grand time.

Things grew terribly quiet after awhile, for all the fellows, or rather, practically all of them, piled into one car and away they went. Where or for what nobody knew. However, it wasn't long before they returned and when they did everyone sprang into life, for they were all armed with water pistols. No person was very dry after that. A few of us went around to the store where these weapons were for sale (merely for protection, of course) but only to find that the other members of our class had bought all that were to be had at the present time. So back we went to grin and bear it.

The zoo occupied our minds for the remaining part of the afternoon. Between taking pictures of our classmates and friends and of the inmates of this delightful habitat, we were kept both amused and entertained In the late afternoon we gathered back at the cars and then proceeded in search of the Graystone Hotel, which we found after some careful searching. Having changed our appearances and made ourselves a little more presentable, our next thought was of dinner.

We soon found ourselves in the cool, quiet surroundings of the Old Spain restaurant. Dinner music was provided by the organist and the meal was delightful.

After dinner we proceeded to the airport where we spent some time watching planes come and go. From here we hurried on to Niagara Falls. The lights on the falls were a sight to behold-that is, if you could catch a glimpse of them through the heavy mist that lay over the water. After viewing the falls for some time we started back for Houghton. The trip back was uneventful except for the fact that one of the cars got lost but something like that is bound to happen. Arriving in Houghton quietly, we were soon snug in our beds. A tired but happy bunch.

Faculty Abolishes Exemptions

After this year, seniors will no longer be exempt from taking final examinations.

This action against a long-standing tradition at Houghton, came after a faculty vote on Wednesday, May 24th. The reason for the discontinuance of this policy was that it is no longer being carried on by colleges and universities of the highest scholastic standards. By eliminating the practice here, the administration feels

that Houghton will advance her scholastic attainments.

An attempt to raise Houghton's marking standards was also made. A recent study of grade distribution at the college shows that while students taking standardized tests do not rate above the norm set by the tests, yet the distribution of A's and B's would show them to be above that norm, thus giving a "skewed curve," instead of a normal curve to the college standards.

This result is not in accordance with the policies of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of which Houghton is a member and must be remedied in order to meet their qualifications.

Action to re-establish the standard normal curve may consist of a clearer definition by the college of an A or a B, in order that both student and teacher may know exactly what is required of him, or it may consist of an elimination of the numerical system of grading which was incorporated at the school a few years ago.

For the present, however, all faculty members were advised that the syllabus for each individual course must be more clearly set forth.

Faculty Holds Farewell

Instructors Maynard E. McConn, Donald Butterworth and H. R. Alger, and Dean Lauren A. King were the guests of honor at a farewell party given by the students and faculty of the Music department at 2:30 on Tuesday afternoon, May 23.

Dr. King is leaving us after serving four years at Houghton, three years as college Dean, and two years as acting head of the Music department. Mr. Butterworth has been teaching here for five years, Mr. McConn, two years, and Mr. Alger, four years.

The afternoon's entertainment consisted of several skits. First was the

Rochester Little Symphony Orchestra which was conducted by Ed Foot. The Rochester Little Symphony was followed by Five-Wind Ensemble, whose members consisted of Caroline Giles, Richard Eschtruth, Edward German, John Atwood, and Clarence Martin.

Third on this distinguished program was Virgil Hale who impersonated Frederick Jagel. Next was the Trapp Family, led by Mr. Heydenburk, and finally, for a fitting climax, was Joseph Knitzer, who couldn't come "because of exams."

A closing prayer was offered by Mr. Mack.

Class Day Program

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but rather points to the cause for which it is working - the cause of Christ. Dick Schnorbus, representing the class of '51, gave the response after he received the mantle, which consisted of 17 cloth strips showing the class colors and year of graduation since 1934. He stated that the incoming senior class would willingly meet the responsibility of accomplishing their task as did those before them.

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Prep Night

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With a supplement of Old Testament references she declared, "The land that these people are returning to is one of seeming desolation. Palestine has been a wasteland for the last twenty centuries and has hardly furnished enough substance for goats. Most of Palestine is a desert and unfruitful, but the Lord promised that in the day when the Jews would return to their homeland, the desert would blossom as a rose."

A quartet number, Abide With Me, was presented by David Griggs, Louis Knowlton, William Twaddell, and Curtis Wright. The presentation of the prep spade was made by senior class president Griggs to junior class president, Lawrence Green. A vocal solo by William Ryan followed.

The reading of the senior class will was done by Thalia Lazarides. Drdla's Serenade was given by Louis Knowlton on his violin. The class poem, written by George Vinson, was recited by Linda McMillen and at the conclusion of the reading the class song, "Dwelling in Jesus," the words of which were composed by JoAnn McMichael, the music by Stanley Morse, was sung by the twenty blue gowned seniors and their class advisor, Mrs. Frances Hazlett.

The valedictory address was given by Louis Knowlton after JoAnn Mc-Michael presented a medley of Stephen Foster's works on her marimba.

Colleges Grant **Scholarships**

Four Wesleyan colleges have announced renewal of scholarship awards for winners of a new subscription campaign for the Wesleyan Youth, official youth publication for the Wesleyan Young People's Society. Cash value for the winner will total fifty per cent of tuition for the year 1950-51. In Houghton this will amount to something like \$150. Winners up to the tenth place will be apportioned scholarship grants varying from forty per cent of their tuition to ten per cent. In addition, each contestant sending in ten subscriptions will receive one year's subscription to the Wesleyan Youth free.

Ruth Carr of the class of '51 is a former winner of the contest.

Application blanks may be obtained from your W.Y.P.S. leader, or by writing direct to Rev. H. K. Sheets, 124 W. 39th Street, Marion, Indiana. The contest closes August 1, 1950.

At Baccalaureate

The Rev. J. Robert Swauger, home missions secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist church, delivered the address in the annual Baccalaureateservice, which was conducted in front of the Luckey Memorial building.

Virgil Hale, a voice major and graduating senior, sang "Unto the Mountains," his own composition. The college a cappella choir rendered two selections: "Lord God Unto Whom Vengeance Belongeth," by Baker; "Oh, Thou in Whose Presence," an arrangement by the choir's conductor, Professor Donald Butter-

Rev. Mr. Swauger spoke on the wonderfulness of man, his apparent insignificance, and the greatness of Almighty God and his love toward

Swauger Speaks Stark Speaks On Missions

The Foreign Missions Fellowship conducted the annual missionary service in the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist church on Sunday evening, June 4th, with Mrs. Price Stark, a missionary on furlough, as speaker.

Mrs. Stark emphasized the fact that Christians have to pay a price in getting out the Gospel to heathen lands. She exhorted her hearers to pray and give more sacrificially since God requires no less of those who have not gone to the foreign shores as missionaries. Mrs. Stark reminded her audience that 65 per cent of the world is yet unevangelized.

The officers of the F.M.F. had charge of the service and the college girls' quartette rendered two vocal numbers, The Breaking of the Bread, and Let Me Burn Out For

The offering taken in the service

will be used to help send qualified missionaries to the field. At present the college is supporting six mission-

Seated on the platform were twelve missionaries representing four foreign fields. The congregation sang in closing, "Ready to go, ready to stay, ready to do Thy will."

Hauser Goes To Washington

On April 20 of this year, Public Law 475 was enacted by Congress providing 40-year · loans to colleges and universities for student and faculty housing. Last week, Mr. E. W. Richardson and Mr. Robert Hauser were in Washington, D. C. and contacted the Housing and Home Finance Agency in reference to the feasibility and possibility of obtaining such a loan for the construction of the new dormitory. It is hoped that this loan, if obtained, will complete the entire structure.

Mr. Hauser was in Washington again on June 2 to contact the engineers concerned with this governmental program on the possible acceptability of the present working blue p-ints. In this respect, the interest shown by one of the engineers in the master's thesis of Miss Elizabeth Beck concerning the planning of a women's residence, is in itself, encouraging.

On Tuesday, June 6, actual construction on the foundation will begin under the supervision of Mr. Lawrence Olsen of South Dayton, N. Y. Dr. Paine has requested that we remember Houghton college in our prayers as she steps out on faith in this venture.

Commencement Ceremony

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bestowed the degree of doctor of divinity upon Professor Frank H. Wright, dean of men and chairman of the department of religious education; Rev. F. R. Birch, veteran missionary to Africa; and Rev. J. R. Swauger, secretary of the home missions department of the Weslevan Methodist church

Dr. Graham began his message by pointing out that this was but his second engagement for the past several weeks since his Boston meetings. His text was found in Ezekiel 22:30. "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me in the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." He continued by saying that the children of Israel had left the God of Egypt to go. after other gods. The prophet Ezekiel warned them against their idolatry, saying if they did not flee they would perish. God then called his prophets Amos and Isaiah to give them their final warning, but the people kept up their indifference and God allowed Babylon and Assyria to sack Jerusalem and Samaria.

He said that today we have a parallel situation. This is an age of pragmatism, behaviourism, secularism, materialism, relativism in which we have deified man and humanized God. For example, at the United Nations conference, it was moved to leave any clause of God out of its charter. The speaker pointed out that by this move we entered into an unholy alliance whereby we denied our Holy God.

He continued by saying that science has brought us to the very brink of destruction today. The depravity and sin of the present day was revealed with the concluding statement that there never has been a nation in the history of the world that has committed the crimes and sin that America has committed, and gotten away with it. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." We stand on the threshhold of a judgment unthought of, and unparalled in the history of the

Billy Graham believes that by 1953, we must either make a choice for God, or else face the judgment hand of God. To the question that he asked, "Would God use a heathen nation to bring judgment upon the United States?", he replied with an emphatic "YES!". God will use communistic, God-hating, atheistic Russia, to bring judgment upon us even as He used Assyria and godless Babylon to bring judgment upon Jerusalem. He said that there is no way to escape this judgment if we do not turn to God.

The only answer today is a heavensent, Holy Ghost revival. The scripture text was repeated, "God sought for a man ... " He said that his heart was touched by the two men who stepped forward to yield their lives to the U.S.A. "I dare any young person to step forward and yield their lives and futures to the Lord Jesus Christ. The Communists. if told so, would slay even their own mothers. Are we willing to dedicate our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ,

no matter what the cost?"

In the present age of world peril, he asserted, the world is hungry and seeks a lost Christ. What kind of a man is God looking for? A clean vessel, for He never uses a dirty vessel. If our hearts are not a raging fire, we were told to get on our knees and stay there till God gives us a burning passion for souls. God can make any man and even a "nobody" into a powerhouse for God. This was closed with the statement that if we allowed God to strike a flame in our hearts and yield unreservedly to Him, it would be enough to bring America to her knees.

At the close of the message there was a plea for those who were holding reservations in their hearts, to yield entirely to God. Many responded, as indicated by a raising of hands.