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## Dr. Gresham Machen Gives The Commencement Address

### Declaims Against Neutrality

On Wednesday at ten a. m. the final commencement exercises took place in the chapel. The invocation was given by Rev. H. C. Bedford, President of Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa. "Clarke" as he is known to his friends is one of Houghton's outstanding alumni. Then the Men's Glee Club sang "Let We Forget" and Miss Maxine Morgan played a lovely violin solo.

The speaker of the morning J. Gresham Machen, D. D., Litt. D., is Professor of New Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and is internationally known in the world of religious education. As a basis for his remarks he chose the words of Jesus as found in Matthew 12:30, "He that is not with me is against me." He set forth a strong argument against neutrality in the Christian life. It is all right to be open minded, he said, but not too open minded. He gave as an example the man in the parable told by Jesus who was so open minded that he allowed seven evil spirits to enter his mind. And so the condition of such people grows always worse.

He claims that those evangelists who picture the Christian life as an easy one are wrong, very wrong. In these days of controversy and modernism it is not easy for an individual to accept Christ and all of the great claims Christ makes.

He appealed to his audience and especially to the Seniors to accept the Christ way and abandon neutrality.

After the splendid address, President Luckey awarded diplomas to the graduates of the various schools: there were fifteen from the Seminary; three from the School of Music; five from the School of Theology; and thirty-one from the college.

### College Chorus Sings Cantata "Esther"

On Friday night a chorus of one hundred forty voices under the direction of Prof. A. D. Kreckman sang the sacred cantata "Esther". The chapel and side rooms were filled to their capacity for this first number on the Commencement program.

As a prelude to the chorus the College Men's Glee Club sang several selections. This was followed by the processional, the whole chorus marching in singing that majestic old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." The white dresses of the women who sat in back and on the sides proved a pleasing contrast to the dark suits of the men who took their place in the center front.

The rendering of the story of Esther with sacred choral setting by William B. Bradbury, was very effective. Thanks to the untiring efforts of Professor Kreckman the whole chorus was a unit. The soloists, who each sang beautifully, were: Lucile Crowell, soprano; Dora Waite, soprano; Edith Stearns, alto; Howard Dietrich, tenor; Leon Hines, tenor; Albert Roth, tenor; Theos Cronk, baritone; Richard Hale, baritone, and Fred Ebner, bass. The accompanists were Margaret Carter and Bernice Davie.

## Rev. J. J. Coleman Gives Address

### Preceded by Strong Bible Reading Contest

The Strong Bible Reading Contest has been made possible by the gift of the children of Reverend Strong. Saturday night there were eight contestants who read portions from the Bible on the theme, "Scriptures Every Christian Should Know."

The program follows:  
Invocation by Prof. F. H. Wright  
Solo—"The Love of God" Lehmann  
Edith Stearns  
Prophecy Concerning Christ  
Isaiah 53

Alvin Barker  
Christ's Sermon on the Mount  
Matt. 5:1-16, 43-48

Price Stark  
Love, the Greatest Thing in the  
World I Cor. 13

Florence Clark  
Faith and Its Triumphs  
Hebrews 11:1-6, 23-27; 12:1-2

Chester Osgood  
"Beauty for Ashes"  
Male Quartet

Be Subject to Human Ordinances  
I Peter 2:11-25

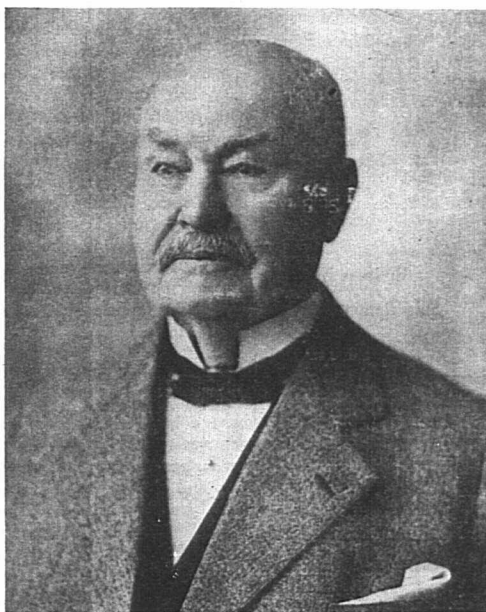
Adrian Everts  
The Law of the Spirit of Life  
Romans 8:1-17, 35-39

Florence Park  
Christ's Last Will and Testament  
John 14:1-27

Elsie Chind  
Christ's Farewell Prayer John 17  
Marjorie Dye

Following the Bible Reading Contest were the Class Day Exercises of the seniors of the School of Theology. Rev. J. J. Coleman of Anderson, Indiana, a former instructor in the Houghton College School of Theology, delivered the address. He spoke on Man, stressing man's original condition as shown in the Garden of Eden; immediately after his creation; man's failure as manifested through the centuries and at the present time; and man as he presses toward his ideal. Man was madly primitively holy, having been created in the image of God for communion with God. But there came a time when this image was marred and depravation of soul resulted from the deprivation of the Holy Spirit because man yielded to temptation, thereby making himself a transgressor of God's law. For this, God was not to blame, since He gave man a fair probation with just opportunity of choice, and every helpful influence possible to aid him in making the proper choice. If God had not given this free agency in the moral realm man could have made no choice, and the possibility of choice made imperative the existence of good and evil. As a result of man's fall, the depraved nature has been genetically transmitted all through the generations.

But man is ever reaching toward an ideal—the last image of God which can be restored only in Jesus Christ, His Son. This image of will finally be restored to every one God which has been marred by sin, who accepts the plan of salvation provided in Christ.



LEONARD F. HOUGHTON VISITS HOUGHTON

Mr. Leonard F. Houghton and his daughter, Mae, of Washington, D. C., are spending the summer in Houghton. Each year Mr. Houghton arrives for Commencement. By his gift he has made possible the Leonard F. Houghton Annual Oratorical Contest. As one of Houghton College's friends and benefactors he is loved and admired by both students and faculty.

## Rev. B. I. Eddy Brings Message

### Vesper Service Held

The Sunday evening Vesper service was in charge of Price Stark. After several of those who had been Christians for many years had testified, the young people were given five minutes to tell what the God of Houghton had done for them. This was followed by the annual missionary service. After a song by a mixed quartet, Rev. B. I. Eddy, who has been a missionary in Africa for twenty years, brought the message.

He said that we cannot sacrifice for the Kingdom of God, for when we have given the utmost, we have not yet done enough. We are doing only what God has asked us to do when we give Him all, and we still owe God a great deal. If you are thinking of being a missionary, for any reason of your own such as adventure or travel, you had better turn your attention somewhere else. Don't go unless God sends you, and if God calls you to the foreign missionary field, don't you stay at home or you will lose your soul. It is a very fearful thing to trifle with what God sends you to do.

The missionary cannot preach to the people directly when he first goes to the field. He must educate. But people say, "Do we not send missionaries to preach the gospel?" Yes! And if we are sent of God, we are sent to propagate His gospel, but we can best do this by educating native workers, for the native preacher is the avenue to the people and must be trained to preach the gospel effectively to his people.

Because of the white man's ability to utilize raw materials in building comfortable homes, durable bridges and so forth, the natives think the

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## Clarke Bedford Is Chief Speaker

The Annual Alumni Dinner which was held Wednesday Evening proved to be a fitting close to one of the most successful Commencements ever held. After a delightful dinner, President Luckey introduced representatives from the various departments of the College and Seminary. Malcolm Cronk, a member of the 1931 High School Class, spoke briefly upon the advantages of a Christian High School showing us how its high ideals are instilled in the minds of its students. Miss Lucile Crowell represented the School of Music very appropriately by singing that ever-welcome solo, "Sundown." How we shall miss her lovely voice in the future! Price Stark who with Mrs. Stark will sail for Africa in the fall and Marshall Stevenson, president of the College graduating class, gave a few remarks after which Leonard Houghton expressed his satisfaction with the manner in which the ideals of his father, William J. Houghton, were being fulfilled.

President Luckey then introduced to us the chief speaker of the evening, H. Clarke Bedford. Mr. Bedford, who is largely responsible for our present well equipped gymnasium, is both a former student and faculty member of Houghton Seminary. At present, he is President of Penn College at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Taking "Progress" as his theme he very aptly gave that well-known quotation from Tennyson's "Ulysses":

"Tis not too late to seek a newer world,  
To strive, to seek, to find."

Progress has ever been made because some pioneer has blazed the trail. Progress will be dependent always upon the pioneer. It is the man of

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## Contest Orators Nearly Tie

### Gross, First; Marvin, Second

The first and second prize winners in the Leonard F. Houghton Oratorical Contest, held on Monday evening, nearly tied for first place, there being only one-third of a point between their grades. Mr. Gross took first, with the oration, "The Old Order Changeth", and Mr. Marvin, second, with the theme, "Restoration." Miss Louise Zickler, who very ably discussed the topic of Russian Communism in America under the caption "The Red Death", received third place. With the other orations, "Crime and Our Relation to It," "Youth and the New America," "The Busy Man and God," and "Faith and the Universe", the program was varied and interesting.

The prize winning oration was an arraignment of the present educational system as practiced in the colleges. Mr. Gross pointed out that whereas the curriculum and management of the secondary schools have been revolutionized in the last fifteen years, college and university methods of teaching, and management have remained more or less static. He pointed out, however, that such schools as the University of Chicago, University of Buffalo, and Swarthmore College are attempting something new, new to American education at least, in trying to individualize education, and to raise the standards until those who receive degrees will be eminently worthy of them. This will be accomplished only at the expense of numbers, but loss of numbers in the colleges will likely be an advantage rather than otherwise.

The second prize winning oration concerned the restoration of this world from social, political, and governmental chaos through the final overlordship of the Lord Jesus Christ at His Second Coming. Mr. Marvin's presentation was particularly good.

A new method of judging the contest was tried out this year. One committee of three, read the orations, judged the delivery and averaged the grades. This method gives opportunity for conference on the part of the judges, and correction of standards of judgement if any one of them feels that is necessary. When there is the extreme difference in the grades of a single oration of other piece of literary work, as there has been on four different occasions this year, it would seem that some method other than that of averaging of figures should be used. For this particular contest, though there was some dispute as to the awards, the general feeling was that the judges were very fair minded and unprejudiced.

The following was the awarding of letters and prizes:

Basketball: Dolan, G; Harbeck, G; Folger, G; Farnsworth, P; Minnis, P; C. Moon, P.

Baseball: Dolan, G; McSweeney, P; Harrison, P; Vogan, G; Burr, P; Farnsworth, P.

Tennis: Marvin, G; Gross, G.  
Track: Vogan, G, 21 1/4; Dolan, G, 17 1/4; Johnson, G, 9; Fisk, G, 8; Bates, G, 8; Woodard, P, 8; Benjamin, P, 8.

High Point Track: Harbeck, G; Vogan, G.

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## Collegiate Sam Says:

"All's fair in domestic and foreign wars."

## THE END OF THE TRAIL

The title may give the impression that this is to be a sad tale, but it isn't it's a short story, a very short story.

A boy on a fresh pony rides proudly yet a bit fearfully up to the steps of a college.

Four years have elapsed.

A tall lad sits on a tired horse. The heads of both horse and rider are bent so low with weariness that they cannot see the blue and green of river and mountain, the colors softened by the approaching twilight.

Can you find in this an allegory? The little boy is a freshman, the lad a senior at the end of his college career. Commencement day leaves each senior sad and tired enough for it to seem like the end rather than the commencement. Yet morning, the morning of independence and the realities of life, will bring the realization that the end of a college career is but the beginning of a glorious race.

Good luck and happiness Seniors of '31.

## 1932 STAR

In September the new STAR staff will begin their work on the college news weekly. We shall be glad for constructive criticism, and request that if you don't like the STAR tell us, if you do like it tell others. We shall be glad to receive contributions from the Alumni and others interested in our Alma Mater.

We congratulate the '31 Staff, and are looking forward to an interesting and happy year of STAR work.—R. B.

"No man had ever a defeat which was not somewhere made useful to him."—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

## Around the Campus

Quite a number of the alumni were back for commencement and the annual "family dinner" as President Luckey calls it. The visiting alumni were: Faith and Scotty, Joe Kemp, Marion Fox, Margaret Carnahan, Beulah Brown, Mary Alice Sloan, Pete Steese, Keith Farner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pocock, Mary Kellogg, Ruth Warburton Chamberlain, Helen and Grace Molyneux, Paul Roy, Frank Henshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Elliott, Laura Clark, Elsie Bacon, Robert Stark, Agnes Lapham, Fidelia Warburton, Earl Barrett, Ione Driscoll, Clinton Donohue, Sara Gelser, Marjorie Donley, H. Clarke Bedford, Kenneth Crocker, Ellsworth Brown, Hollis Stevenson, Mildred Stevenson, Erma Anderson, Ida Roth, Kitty Secord Brandt, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bain, and Wilfred Bain.

During the past week there has been a great influx of friends and relatives of graduates and undergraduates. Among the visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. George Clissold, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Tierney, Mr. and Mrs. Steer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. George Stevenson, Mrs. Alice Clegg, Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Fero and Mary Fero, Mr. Willie Crocker, Mrs. Jacob Currie, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, Mrs. Nellie Donnelly, Mrs. Flora Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hurlbut, Mrs. Numan Stark, Mr. and Mrs. Potter.

Mrs. Frank Ritter and Miss Maude Zimmer of Rochester, N. Y. spent the week-end with Miss Frieda Gillette.

## Seniors Breakfast at Portage

Competition keen for last place. Lovina was rather tired of doing K. P. at parties, breakfasts etc. so she asked the driver, Marvin, to sort of slow up, take it easy, in other words amble, toward Portage. The ruse almost didn't work because Gross let his car amble too (Bess Fancher was in the latter car). All the way to Portage there was a race to see who could arrive last. After hiding behind barns, bushes, and any and all well-camouflaged places the Marvin car won. They got to Portage in time to grab some of the fast disappearing "Dawgs".

To make this conventional enough for a Senior Class breakfast, permit us to be trite and we'll say, "A good time was had by all."

## Glee Clubs Feature in Annual Concert

One of the attractive features of the commencement season is the annual concert in which the best of the years talent is shown. This year the Glee Clubs presented most of the program. The Department of Expression was represented by three readings. Louise Minnis gave "Tale of Old Madrid," which she so well presented at the May Concert. Kenneth Wright gave "De Apple Tree," by Harris. The last reading was "Larry's on the Force" by Russell rendered by Florence Park. Miss Crowell offered two solos, and Miss Carter played "Waltz in A flat" by Chopin. The singing of the Alma Mater by the combined Glee Club was a fitting climax to the night's concert.

## Sermon Delivered by Rev. J. J. Coleman

Sunday, June seventh, the services were opened by Rev. C. B. Whitaker who led in prayer. After a congregational hymn, the Girls' Glee Club sang that lovely selection, "Listen to the Lambs." The Girls' Glee Club show the result of good training and are a credit to their leader Mrs. Paul Steese.

Rev. John J. Coleman, New Castle, Indiana, preached a fine sermon from the text "And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God, walk before me, and be thou perfect." Genesis 17: 1.

His three main points were vision as exemplified by Abraham, Isaiah and Paul; obedience as shown in Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac; and faith as it worked out in the life of Abraham.

## Neva Henry Gives College Senior Valedictory

Four years have knit close the bonds which bind us to our classmates, to our teachers and to our Alma Mater. Just how closely we are drawn to them we have not fully realized until now. To-day we are yet students in college, to-morrow we will be college graduates with degrees, a year from to-day we will be far from here and far from each other. As a class this is our last farewell.

President Luckey, you have ever held before us a great ideal, the ideal which your life exemplifies, the ideal of service to mankind. We cannot express in words the deep appreciation and the great respect which we feel toward you. It is with sincere regret that we say—Farewell.

Friends and Supporters of Houghton, we realize that without your interest and support there would be no hopes for a greater Houghton. Without your help we feel that many of us would not be receiving our college diplomas to-morrow. With deepest appreciation for your interest and support—Goodbye.

Members of the faculty, four years in Houghton have taught us to love and respect you. We have not realized before just how much you mean to us nor can you realize what an inspiration you will be to us in the future. We will carry with us into life the deep imprint made upon us by our college teachers. If we can be to some other students somewhere what you have been to us, we will feel that in part we have repaid you—Farewell.

Fellow-students, our four years spent here have been happy ones. We have done so many things together that our memories will always include you. Some of the friendships which we have formed in college will endure throughout life. Now we are leaving and we may not meet again. For most of us this is a last farewell to our college friends—Goodbye.

Classmates, we have come to the end of our college life. We who have spent four years together must drift apart. It is farewell—ah, how little we realized what that word meant until now. Four years of doing things together has drawn us very close—much closer than we thought until we felt parting so near.

Classmates, this is our last time together. To all of you, farewell and may all that is best in life be yours. Farewell and God bless you.

## SENIOR HAS POSITION

Thelma Bentley has signed a contract to teach near Angelica.

## Seniors of Seminary Give Orations

In a setting of cerise and silver with a background of green, the fifteen members of the Senior class of the Seminary were seated. The decoration of the platform, though simple, was very attractive.

The program was well arranged and very interesting. After the processional, played by Professor Kreckman, Rev. Clissold of Jackson, Mich. gave the invocation. The orations were: Salutatory and oration, "Conquered or Conqueror?" by Florence Smith; "Does Selfishness Pay?" by Arthur Osgood; "Shall We have World Peace?" by Florence Clissold; "A Christian's Personal Responsibility" by Gordon Clark; "Law Enforcement" by Roscoe Fancher; and Valedictory and oration, "Semper Parans" by Kenneth Wright. Beside the musical numbers rendered by the class Mrs. Steese sang "The Dawn" by Curran. Rev. Pitt pronounced the benediction.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

President—H. LeRoy Fancher  
Vice-Pres.—C. A. Ries  
Sec. and Treas.—Sara Gelser  
Decorating Committee: W. LaVay Fancher, Allen Baker, Evangeline Clarke, Roma Lapham, Zola Fancher.  
"Star" Reporter—Marion Fox  
Basketball—Goys, James Fisk; Girls, Alice Fisk.  
Baseball—Gordon Allen  
Tennis—Hugh Thomas

## Class Poem of '31

Dawn  
With its rosy fingers pressing out  
across the azure  
Erasing the dread darkness with its  
gleams of hope.

Freshmen  
With bright hopes reaching out  
across life's pathway  
Hiding past black failures with a  
start anew.

Twilight  
With its sweet stillness creeping o'er  
the earth  
Covering the glare of midday with  
its mantle of peace.

Seniors  
With a new life stretching out be-  
fore them  
Cloaking past pleasures with stern  
yet sweeter interests.

Houghton  
With her dear friendships ever be-  
fore us  
Guiding us gently into God's fold.

Life  
With its trials, joys, sorrows, and  
pleasures  
Met with a soul proved in Hough-  
ton's clear light.—Doris Clegg

## Morning Watch

Sunday morning at six o'clock a group of faculty members and students met in the theological room for the morning watch prayer service. The meeting was in charge of Alvin Barker who read from Psalm 90. The Scripture reading was followed by a season of earnest prayer, and God met His children as they poured out their petitions in behalf of the Sunday services as well as for the remainder of the Commencement exercises.





## ALUMNI vs. VARSITY

Honors were divided evenly in sports this Commencement, the Varsity taking the baseball game quite easily but losing the tennis tournament which was introduced this year for the first time. Both events were played Saturday before Baccalaureate and for this reason the attendance both of players and spectators was much better than last year. We plan to play the tennis and baseball next year on the Saturday preceding Baccalaureate.

Saturday a. m. Mr. Paul Steese and his usual playing partner, Mr. Lowell Fox showed us unquestionably that they had kept up their tennis interest after graduating and had appreciably improved their game. Steese's volleying and work at the net, coupled with Fox's fast, deep line drives were too strong opposition for the Varsity doubles pair, Mr. Alfred Gross and Mr. Robert Folger. The first set was nearly a toss-up due to the fine serving and court placement of Folger and the lobbing of Gross, but the last two sets found the alumni very well settled and decisive in their strokes, winning easily. The score by sets: 6-4, 6-1, 6-0.

A lot of fun is always expected and enjoyed at the annual tilt in baseball between Varsity and Alumni. The game this year was no exception in this respect but did show a bigger and better alumni team than has appeared for two or three years. In spite of the fact that Lane, the Alumni pitcher had the Varsity line-up trembling in their shoes when their turn at bat came, he really did pitch some nice balls and did not allow many safe hits. The alumni infield furnished some hilarious excitement at times as well as some good baseball—especially when they would line up three deep, trying in vain to capture that elusive horsehide as it dodged nimbly around and between their legs.

The Varsity battery, Taylor, pitcher, Final score 8-2 for the Varsity. Varsity Alumni  
c. Frank Warden  
p. Taylor Lane  
1. Shipman Fox  
2. Dolan Albro  
3. Folger Dyer  
s.s. Albro Donohue  
l.f. Harrison Pitt  
c.f. Leffingwell Stees  
r.f. McSwenney Austin  
Yea! Alumni! And all back next Commencement for some more good sport and some more god fun!

Rev. B. I. Eddy Speaks  
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white man is superior. They also think that the white man is so intelligent and grows so big and strong because he takes a little white pill daily, which is nothing more nor less than quinine which he must take to ward off the malaria fever. He further thinks that the Gospel of Christ is the white man's religion, and therefore is not for the black man, but it is when the black man preaches and lives the gospel among them, that it becomes to the natives a black man's religion. A white man can never fully realize how a black man thinks. Neither can a white man realize the blackness of a black man's heart.

However, the greatest work is not that of preaching nor that of teaching and educating. The greatest thing of all is prayer. Pray especial-

ly for the native evangelists, for you have no idea what difficulties they must meet.

Superstition reigns everywhere in Africa. The African is born by superstition, is trained by superstition; in fact his whole life is superstition. Every move that he makes is under the influence of some spirit that he fears. He always gives the first and best of his crops to the devil as a sacrifice. Witchcraft is practiced freely by the witch doctors, and if the people do not get a change of heart, they do not give up their witchcraft. We cannot educate it out of them. We cannot educate it out of them, train it out of them, or argue it out of them; there is only one way—a change of heart.

But there is another side to the picture. The natives are beginning to see the folly of their sacrifices and charms. They are piling up their sacrifices and medicines, and are burning them. There was in one of the African villages, a child witch doctor who had been saved. Her testimony was, "My heart is resting for the first time." It happened after her conversion, that a mother came to her with her dying child, asking her to use her charms to save the child. She replied, "I have given them all up. I have only Jesus Christ." With confidence and faith, she took the sick child in her arms, knelt in prayer, and plead that her Jesus Christ might save the child. God honored the simple faith of that woman, and the child was healed.

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vision and foresight who is willing to leave friends and all that he holds dear in order to take the rugged path of exploration that will make new worlds for us.

A pioneer's first qualification must be love of truth. Today we need open-minded men who have a thirst for knowledge. What makes a thing so? Is it because of tradition? No!

"The World moves,  
Thought changes,  
Knowledge increases."

Some say that truth is the correspondence of fact with reality while others say that it is the consensus of opinion. Neither of these definitions are wholly correct. Jesus said, "I am the Truth." In these words He meant, "Truth is a person so living that he fulfills all the obligations growing out of the various relationships of life. 'Jesus in His life fulfilled this conception of Truth. Hence He could say, 'I am the Truth.' If we have sincerity of purpose life will be filled with joys and thrills."

This is a new world. Houghton has constantly sought to be a "Greater Houghton" because one man had faith in God and believed that.

"Tis not too late to seek a newer world."

Thus Houghton College is today a reality.

At the close of the address a telegram was read from Theos and Mabel Thompson conveying greetings to the 1906 graduating class.

It was with mingled thoughts of joy and sadness that friends and former classmates greeted each other at the close of the program.

Oratorical Contest  
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Those Receiving Big H: Folger, G; Fisk, G; Bates, G; Minnis, P; Harbeck, G; Vogon, G; Dolan, G. Best All Round Athlete: Flint. Oratory: 1st, Harry Gross; 2nd, Hulbert Marvin; 3rd, Louise Zickler.

Bird Greek Prize: Price Stark and Alfred Gross tied for place.

Strong Bible Reading Contest: 1st, Elsie Chind; 2nd, Florence Clark.

Literary Contest: Story, Roberts; Essay, Johnson; Poem, Burgess.

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Crank: I say, old fellow, why on earth are you washing your spoon in your fingerbowl?

Shaft: Do you think I want to get egg all over my pocket?

—Annapolis Log.

Professor: When that fellow stops making a fool of himself, I'll begin.

—Ohio State Sun Dial.

A Scot was engaged in an argument with a conductor as to whether the fare was 5 or ten cents. Finally the disgusted conductor tossed the Scotsman's suitcase off the train, just as they passed over a bridge. There was a big splash.

"Mon," screamed Sandy, "isn't it enough to try and overcharge me without trying to drown my little boy?"—Petroleum Engineer.

"Ah Doctor," said the man over the telephone, "something's happened to my wife. Her mouth seems set and she can't say a word."

"Perhaps she's got lockjaw," said the doctor.

"Do you think so? Well, if you're around this way anytime next week, drop in and see what you can do for her!"—Petroleum Engineer.

She: Bill told me a story last night.

He: Did he tell it well?

She: He held his audience.

—Cornell Widow.

Charlie: I think I'll open up an office after I graduate.

Elmer: Yes, I'll probably be a janitor too.

I said some very foolish words to my boy friend last night.

Yes?

That was one of them.—Widow.

Prisoner: The judge said he sent me here for the rest of my life.

Warden: Any complaint?

Prisoner: Do you call working on a rock pile a rest?

Teacher: Johnny, I'm surprised Do you know any more jokes like that?

Johnny: Yes, teacher.

Teacher: Well, stay after school.

—Widow.

Tiny: What kind of oil do you use in your car?

Andy: Oh, I usually begin by telling them I'm lonesome.

That argument you had with your wife last night was certain—amusing wasn't it?

I'll say it was. When she threw that ax at me I thought I'd split.

—Widow.

Jane: He was the goal of my ambitions, but—

June: But what?

Jane: Father kicked the goal.

She: (as car stops) I suppose there's something wrong with the engine?

He: No, the wheels are just tired

—Widow.

Tyler: Shave or haircut?

Customer: Go ahead, I'll guess afterwards.

Do you swim regularly?

No, just on the side.

## Fideli Certa Mercies

Class Day Oration by  
Eddie Zuber

"To the faithful, reward is certain." The word faithful carries with it a suggestion of loyalty enduring thru an extended period of time. Faithfulness to the end brings the reward. It is a mark of civilization and of education to be able to "postpone immediate trivial satisfaction in favor of greater rewards" though they be long deferred. I believe it is safe to say that as a general rule the reward longest sought, and hardest earned, is the most valuable. The savage is not aware of this law but in his ignorance sees only the advantages of present satisfaction. At one period he yields to avarice and gluttony, gorging himself with food in a shameful manner unknown to the lowest of beasts. During another time he suffers for the lack of the bare necessities of life because he does not control his appetites and desires and thus lay by in store that he may have his reward at a future time.

To receive a reward infers that an objective has been attained, that a goal has been reached, that an ideal has been realized. As it is impossible for an architect to build without a plan or a vision of his objective, it is impossible for us to build consistent lives without striving toward the realization of some ideals. A few weeks ago the senior class visited Toronto. We were riding thru the busy streets when a tall new structure on our left was pointed out by the guide. It was a beautiful department store which when completed is expected to be the largest store of its kind in the world. But this building will not be finished for some time. Each year a new section is to be added until ultimately it rises proudly above its neighbors in glorious symmetry. What kind of a building would be the result if the architect had no vision of what the finished product would be? As it is, the fact that the work will not be carried to completion immediately will, I dare say, make very little difference in its final appearance. We are building our lives as it were, a section at a time. Each succeeding day with all the deeds which mold our lives for better or for worse, goes beyond our recall. There is no place in the world today for the man who carelessly allows himself to drift with the tide, destitute of ambition, deaf to the challenges of life. Only as we model our lives toward some ideals will they be symmetrical.

Ideals form the basis of all character. In the final analysis it is not what people think but what we really are that counts. Recently one of our teachers asked her class this question, "If you were free to do exactly what you wished and there were absolutely no check-up on your conduct what would you do?" In my opinion the answer to that question would disclose thoroughly the true character of the individual.

It is instinctive in every man to desire the praise and admiration of his fellows. Reputation may be gained in a day but like a delicate flower it fades and before sun down withers away. To follow faithfully one's ideals does not necessarily imply that one will be popular or held in highest esteem by the world. On the contrary history shows the opposite to be true. Though a man have the noblest ideals conceivable, though he stand by those ideals in the face of terrible persecutions, though he give up life itself rather than sacrifice those ideals, still he may not have the acclaim of the multitudes of his day. All this was true of the only

perfect man who ever lived. Though he rendered to mankind the greatest service that divine love could afford the world did not appreciate Him nor sympathize with his lofty ideals. He was criticized, scorned, crucified yet not for a moment did he lower his standards and ideals to satisfy the fickle throngs. That this example is no exception to the rule may easily be seen when it is remembered that within the next century, multiplied thousands gave their lives for the same principles.

Many of life's ideals may never be attained. If they are as high as they should be we will never reach them. Like the mirage in the desert, they must always appear just beyond our grasp, challenging us and becoming us to climb higher. There is little hope for the man who has attained his ideals and is satisfied with his accomplishments. For him there is no incentive to rise higher—no possibility of improvement.

To bring our discussion down to a practical basis, just what shall we make the guiding principle of our lives? What shall our ideals be? Shall the acquiring of riches be our supreme passion? Many men have made money their aim in life. A man who has accumulated considerable wealth is by the world heralded as a success. He is held up before the youth of our day as a worthy example to imitate. He has power in business and in social circles. He wields a mighty influence in politics and government. The statement has been made that "a man with ten million dollars cannot be put in prison." Shameful as this assertion may seem, I am afraid it is too often true. The rich man has many friends. He may obtain most anything this world has to offer. All these advantages come to the man who makes material gain the prime consideration in life. But still there echoes down thru the centuries, the searching question of the Master, "What is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" "The love of money is the root of all evil." He who sets his heart upon it becomes poor and mean and selfish in his soul. He forgets all that is noble in life and as the passion grows, he willingly tramples down the innocent without mercy and stains his hands with the blood of the helpless in an effort to satiate the cravings of his grasping heart. It is true that we came to this world empty handed. It is just as true that we shall leave it empty handed as far as material things are concerned. The miserly fingers that lovingly fondled the shining gold must needs part with their

treasure. Sad indeed is the fate of the man who at the close of life hears the voice which says, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?"

It seems to me that in view of the fact that the things seen are temporal and vanishing, we should center our efforts around the unseen and abiding ideals of life. The secret of true success is found in the life proposed by the Christ when he said, "Who soever will be great among you, let him be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." By this He exhorts His followers "to devote themselves to the service of their fellow-men, to lose the narrow life of animal selfishness in the broader life of human brotherhood." Only in this way it is possible for us to lay up for ourselves treasures in that place where the corrupting influences of this world are not known. Rousseau has ably expressed the same thought in these words, "Every man goes down to the grave carrying in his clutched hands only that which he has given away."

Because of the privileges we have enjoyed in this institution of learning, a great responsibility rests upon us. "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required." In the truest sense of the word, we are but stewards of the talents and skills we have received and acquired. We are not called upon to be successful as the world counts success, or to function in fields for which we have no natural endowments, but up on each of us devolves the obligation of being faithful stewards of that

which has been committed to our trust. Let him who has received ten talents gain another ten, and him that received five, earn yet another five, and each according to his several abilities be faithful in performing his duty.

It is a law of life that to those only who are faithful in their present place of service is the reward certain. He who has not been faithful in using his capacities for his Master, like the one who hid his talent in the earth, shall lose even that which he has. The reward of the faithful is not idleness and ease, but promotion to higher plains of service and larger spheres of usefulness.

Being true to life's highest ideal, that of loyalty to Christ and the principles of service which He has given us, will bring us to the close of life with the words of Paul upon our lips, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day." Not only shall we experience the genuine happiness which comes by helping others, and this satisfaction which is the result of a work well done, but those who are true to life's highest ideal will receive the eternal reward for unto them the righteous judge shall say in that day, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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