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Mrs. McMillen Challenges Students

Tinker Tanner, our village preacher came to our Kamabai home in Africa one afternoon. With him were a score of boys from the town. On their heads they carried the usual present. This time it was oranges. "O Doctor", Tinker said to my husband, "These boys come to beg you. They have been praying that they might have a school in their town. They want to learn to read. They beg you with these oranges to help them."

There they stood a splendid group of African youths. In age they ranged from eight to fourteen years. They were not asking much—only that who had enjoyed greater advantages might help them—give but one chance.

Already we had charge of a dispensary, the only Christian services of the town, a night school for the older men who must work all day. We were making plans for a Bible School. Our time was full. We send on their plea to you, the student body of 1932.

Send us trained teachers and preachers, doctors and nurses. Send us of your best and we promise they shall have opportunities to use all their training, an outlet for all their talents, and splendid returns for all their investments.

Alice Hampe McMillen.

Come Back Alumni!

"Come back to dear old Houghton She'll welcome you
Come all together
Back to our old school."

Saturday, June 11, will be known as Alumni Day. In years past many of our Alumni have been unable to attend the Commencement activities because of other duties. For this reason it has been decided to set aside Saturday and make it a real home coming—a day filled with the greatest possible number of interests.

The class day exercises of the college will be held at ten o'clock and this is one of the most pleasing programs of commencement. At one o'clock the alumni vs the Varsity baseball game is called. Surely you will want to be here for that. Then there will be ample opportunity for class reunions. At five o'clock will occur the alumni banquet to which all former graduates and visiting friends are invited and at which the graduating classes of 1932 will be guests of honor. The day will close with a concert given by the departments of music and oratory.

Houghton extends a cordial invitation to all her children to come home and enjoy the day, to renew old friendships, and to see the progress made by the college.

The election for Student Council members for next year resulted as follows:

Seniors: Esther Burns, Lena Stevenson, Edna Stratton, Chester Driver, Howard Dietrich, Raymond Pit-zrick.

Juniors: Mable Farwell, Verena Wiles, Arthur Baldeck, Foster Benjamin.

Sophomores: Florence Smith, Earl Hayes.

Houghton Alumnus Builds New Church

On May 15 occurred a most interesting service in the vicinity of Rochester. It was the dedication of a new Wesleyan Methodist church which has been built under the leadership of John Wilcox and his wife Alice (Buckholz). The following account of that service is a part of a report of it written for the *Wesleyan Methodist* by the Rev. John S. Will-ett, who preached the dedicatory sermon.

"We cannot speak too highly of the consecrated effort and work and the perseverance of Brother John D. Wilcox and his good wife in bringing to fruition the beautiful church that was dedicated Sunday, May 15th. These talented young people with a vision of the need gave themselves unstintingly to the organization and building up of this church. Everything is arranged so tastily and conveniently, and we do not recall being in all its aspects and appointments as this one. In addition to the many helpers who gave of their labor and other material, the Grace Mission Association of Canandaigua donated \$500 toward the building fund of this church. The pastor and his wife spared no pains in making preparation for this great event, and they have the hearty support and good wishes of their many friends.

At the morning service the Rev. Charles Sicard preached, and gave a most excellent sermon, and the men's quarter from Houghton were also presented and greatly assisted in all of the services of the day with their splendid songs. After the preaching of the dedicatory sermon by the writer, the dedicatory service was in the hands of the president of the Rochester conference, the Rev. Stanley W. Wright. The service was a very impressive one, and helpful to all.

We feel that the church and the conference need to be congratulated in having a young man and his wife with such initiative and enterprise and with all so deeply spiritual, and sound in the faith as the Rev. and Mrs. John D. Wilcox. We appreciate their labors of love, and believe that God will give them a large fruitage in the years to come. Our Conference also needs to feel glad for the addition that comes to its forces in this new Wesleyan organization. May Heaven's blessing rest upon them.

This church is west of the city of Rochester and is located on the "Long Pond Road", just off the "Million Dollar Highway". John and Alice live in their new home near by. You will receive a royal welcome at either church or parsonage. The Houghton male quartet spoken of consisted of Fred Ebner, Malcolm Cronk, Merle Brown, and Alvin Barker.

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Juniors Give Seniors Banquet

On Friday night, May 20, the Juniors entertained the seniors at a banquet given at the Physical Culture Hotel, Dansville, New York, a beautiful health resort founded by Bernard MacFadden.

After everybody had assembled in the large dining hall, Ray Pitzrick, president of the class of '33, welcomed the guests. The response was given by Walter Alexis, president of the class of '32. Then a dinner fit for a king was served; there were, tomato cocktails, steak and mushroom sauce fruit salad with whipped cream, sundaes and coffee.

The after dinner speakers were very wittily introduced by Toastmaster Pitzrick. Chester Driver, '33, had the honor of being the first speaker, and although he chose for his theme "The Depression", he left his audience in a cheerful frame of mind. Professor L. J. Sicard was next on the program with a thoughtful message concerning the relation of sacrifice to service. The seriousness of his subject was offset by the lightness and humor of Harry Gross's toast. Mr. Gross claims he knows how after dinner speeches originated. He believes that while the first roast pig was being devoured (read about in Lamb's essays), one of the diners got a bone in his throat, stood up, gulped and gargled, sat down and was applauded. Professor LaVay Fancher gave a fine discourse on relative values. He compared the lives of people who have served others with the lives of people who have served themselves.

President J. S. Luckey's remarks were directed entirely to the juniors using the seniors as horrible examples. He urged the juniors not to leave everything till the last few days before graduation, but to decide upon their life work and bend all their efforts to succeed in that. He said, "Every individual can do what he or she wants to do if they will pay the price for success. The price of success in life is to select some one thing and then put every effort, every ounce of energy you possess into making a success of that thing."

Three of the seniors gave their swan songs. Mr. Bristow expressed the opinion that ideals such as Houghton upholds are necessary for those who desire to spend their lives in the finest and most worth while manner. Mr. Cummings pointed out the fact that Houghton is full of opportunities, noting the fact that association is one of the major opportunities. Miss Burgess spoke highly of the Houghton faculty and conveyed the gratitude of the senior class for their friendship and help during the past four years.

The address of the evening was given by Professor Gerald Scott of the class of '27. He gave a great deal of good advice, and some of his remarks were as follows: "As the seniors leave the halls of Houghton they will most likely not go into their home towns and they shouldn't try to reform the town to which they go the first year. One cannot be a teacher and a reformer at the same time. Cultivate friendship. In order to do this don't parade your own knowledge, and don't crowd people to one side or ride them roughshod."

The seniors sincerely thank the juniors for a most enjoyable evening.

Dr. Thompson Makes Front Page

The *Omaha-World Herald* for May 3, 1931 carries a most interesting, full-page interview by Volta Torrey with Dr. Theos J. Thompson of the University of Nebraska. By special permission of Mr. Torrey and the *World-Herald* we are able to make the following extended quotations from that interview.

Dr. T. J. Thompson, the dean of student affairs, shuns the limelight. A teacher of chemistry before becoming a college executive, he prefers to work out problems of conduct quietly, as he would carry on chemical research, behind the closed doors of a laboratory.

He is reluctant even to speak of the general principles which guide him. Seated before the fireplace in his home in University Place, Dr. Thompson will talk of the mechanistic and vitalistic concepts of life, problems of old age security, and humanism much more freely than he will of university discipline. These are his hobbies, the things which he studies to rest his mind.

To explain how he approaches problems of conduct, Dr. Thompson uses a chemical analogy:

"If you put concentrated sulphuric acid on common salt, and heat it a little, hydrochloric acid will be given off. But unless you heat it, you will not get very much acid. In other words, the conditions must be right. The same is true in dealing with people.

"One must not only grasp the elements involved, but also the conditions, in order to solve a problem satisfactorily.

"When both the elements and conditions are understood, a constructive course can be determined upon in nearly every case. But to get at these elements, and to adjust these conditions, one must not be hampered by too many rigid rules.

"If certain rules are insisted upon constantly, constructive action is almost impossible. I have taken boys involved in the same affair and given three different sorts of treatments. The extenuating circumstances and the background must be considered in determining the best treatment in each case; and at times, just as in chemical research, a satisfactory solution of a particular problem is difficult indeed."

Notice that the dean speaks of "treatment" rather than "punishment." He dislikes the idea of punishment. Since he became dean, the phrase "penalties in accordance with deserts" has been removed from the university catalogue's section on discipline.

"How do you tell the difference in boys?" Dr. Thompson continues. "I don't know. But I know that you can bring them in one at a time, and talk to them quietly, and tell the differences. It is important that you talk quietly, too. Blustering and threatening are of no avail.

"I think boys are pretty frank when one sits down and calmly discusses a scrape with them. In my

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Pres. Luckey Speaks in Chapel

Thursday is "President's Day" in chapel. Yesterday he spoke with deep feeling to the student body. He spoke in part as follows.

"You realize that we are nearly at the end of another year of school. This, among other things, to be sure, means examinations. But it also means that in all probability this is the last time I shall have the privilege of speaking to you in a chapel. This is one of the sad parts of teaching, that each year we must part with some of our friends. Seniors, we bid you Godspeed.

In many ways this has been a splendid year. In at least three ways it has been unique. We have had our largest registration in the history of the institution. Counting the summer session we have passed the four-hundred mark. We are graduating this year the largest class ever. About ninety individuals will be graduated from all departments, and nearly one hundred diplomas will be given. We are beginning the construction of the long-hoped-for Music Hall. It has taken us all to do this. The success of one means the success of all. Only as we work together do we really work for ourselves. I want to tell you that I appreciate the help that every one of you has given. May I thank every one of the student organizations in particular for the contribution they have made toward the success of the year. This same appreciation is extended to the Faculty. I think I have never known a year when there has been such fellowship and cooperation among the Faculty group.

May I speak a word in particular to the Seniors: first to the high school Seniors. I hope you will think of this graduation as only one great milestone in your life's journey. Your education is only begun. I hope that many of you will be able to attend college, either in Houghton or elsewhere. We learn from the statistics that if the unit of chance for success be considered as 1 and that chance of success is possessed by the person who has not had a grammar school education, then the chance of success with a grammar school education is represented by 8, of the person having a high school education by 24, and of a college graduate by 100. Each day spent in school from the time that we enter the grades is said to be worth to us \$9.00. I heard over the radio last night that each day spent in college is worth \$55.55. For you college Seniors, my greatest desire is that you should have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour before you leave these halls. Without this our work has not been wholly a success. This is the all-important matter. Without this your life is to a great degree a failure either to yourself or to the part of the world where you cast your influence. The time will come when you will realize that all else is vanity. The next matter of great importance is that you shall find out definitely and clearly God's plan for your life. He has one. If you fail Him in this, there may be a second-best, but it will be only a second-best. May your only ambition in life be to serve Him.

To the under classes may I say just a word. I hope you can all return next year. I know it is a time of depression, and that may not seem

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BRUTAL POPULARITY

One morning they called him "The Flying Fool". The next afternoon his name was being acclaimed by a half a thousand million people. He had suddenly stepped into the path of popularity. That was five years ago last Friday and Saturday. And what a nightmare we have given Colonel Charles A. Lindberg during that five years! To be sure we have pinned on him a grist of highly deserved and much undesired medals. We have given him money—a lot of it—more than he has known what to do with. But at once we turned loose upon him a couple of regiments of reporters to tell us what he ate, where he slept, what he said, and what he wore. When "We" became really plural, we told them to spread the beauty of his romance all over everything for us. For once we showed a bit of sense, for we took a keen delight when they could tell us not a thing, and we realized that these news sleuths had met more than their match. The great hope that should have been left a source of secret joy to the parents was shouted from the housetops, and the world went abetting as to whether it would be a boy or a girl. A man can't always stand the like of this. He tried to withdraw from it all. But alas for the hopes that he placed in Hopewell, for there it was that the terrible tragedy happened. O yes, we tried to share his sorrow. But how? Mostly by reminding him every minute of every day by every means known to modern news transmission of his terrible sorrow. We feverishly scanned front pages to see what reporter could come the nearest to splashing the tears of the stricken mother thereon, or to making those pages reecho the broken father's groans. And what have we done about it all? We have jumped about with a great deal of agility, but three months have gone by and not a single clue points to a solitary person who, by any stretch of imagination, can be thought of as having had anything to do with plotting the nefarious business. You say there is another side to it all? Maybe so. Maybe so. But God pity the man whose these days steps into the path of brutal popularity!

S. W. W.

RESPONSIBILITY SOBERS

At the end of the first day that friend husband had worn his new suit he came home and roared, "These pants are just exactly one mile too long!" Friend wife quietly replied, "I'll fix them tonight, dearie. How much do you want me to shorten them?" The good man of the house considered a bit and then replied thoughtfully, "I think a little bit less than half an inch will be just about right."

We have worn National Prohibition for a day. The LITERARY DIGEST waves its arms and shouts, "WE SHOULD REPEAL THE EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT. SHOULDN'T WE?" The people to whom they shouted this roared back a pretty vociferous "YES". Before the roaring was over we said to Congress, (which, by the way, hopes to be re-elected this Fall), "Now, just what shall we do about it? SHALL WE LEGALIZE 2.75 PER CENT BEER?" The senate replied, "MOST ASSUREDLY NOT." The House said, "ABSOLUTELY, NO."

It's funny, isn't it? But we are like that!

S.W.W.

HENSHAW SECUMBS!

The Buffalo Evening News of May 17, carries the picture of a beautiful maiden, and underneath this picture is this inscription:

"Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDermott announce the engagement of their daughter, Ona, to Mr. Frank Henshaw of East Aurora. The marriage will take place May 28."

This Alumni Edition of the STAR is being published in honor of the occasion!

Heard at the Junior-Senior banquet: "We never thought they would get old Frank, but they surely have him tied and gagged now!"

IT MIGHT WORK!

Try This One on Your Dean of Men
"Hello. Yes? You say Roderic is sick today and will not be able to attend school?"

"Yes, that's it exactly."
"And who is this speaking?"
"This is my father."

But Don't Try This One
"You were out with the car last night, Gordon!"

"Yes, a bunch of us fellows were riding around town in it for just a few minutes."

"Well, will you please tell the fellows that this morning I found in the car nine bobby pins, two lip sticks, and a powder puff?"

Ho'ton Serves Michigan

A survey of the ministerial ranks of the Michigan Conference reveals the interesting fact that over one-third of its members are among those who count it a privilege to have taken all or part of their educational training in Houghton. Ten of the twenty-two charges are supplied by Houghton men.

Houghton's influence is being felt in the following places within the Michigan Conference, under the pastorate of these men: Eddie Zuber, Ottawa Lake; Wm. Gearhart, Hickory Corners; Garret Visser, Coldwater; Clyde Meredith, Holland; M. J. Odner, Brighton; F. Densmore, Odessa; G. L. Densmore, Odessa; J. A. McPherson, Grand Rapids; A. A. Bryan, Hamilton; F. Crocker, Williamston; Hazel Jordan, Banker, India; E. F. McCarthy, Foreign Missionary Sec'y, Lansing; C. B. Whitaker, evangelist work, Hastings; W. F. Hall, unstationed, West Junction.

We wish that we might bring something personal concerning each one of these men and their work, but that is impossible. Neither would we neglect to call attention to the large number of pastors' wives and those of other trades and professions who are scattered around the Wolverine State. All of these are well-wishers for the "Star" and for their Alma Mater. At a meeting of these students last November, an organization was effected, and plans are under way looking toward a second meeting again this fall. E. L. Crocker was elected president, with Mrs. Edna Sellman as secretary.—Crocker.

Alumni News

Up in Minneapolis

The following excerpts from a letter from Harry J. Ostlund brings us a bit of news from Alumni in the University of Minneapolis.

"Ben (Dr. Clawson) has won very favorable recognition for his various studies in pathology. He appears before national groups frequently. Tremaine (Dr. McDowell) has the American Literature work here and is apparently doing well. Yours truly occupies an inconspicuous place on the staff of the School of Business Administration. During the past three years I have also been connected with the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, doing mostly research work. Was on leave from here for the most of one year for this purpose. I regretted very much that none of the New York City gatherings take place while I am in town. I am also sorry that at no time did my movements bring me into the neighborhood of Houghton."

"Ben", as well as his good wife, Vera (Jennings) were members of the Class of 1906. He has attracted very wide attention through some very important discoveries in the treatment of Arthritis. "Tremaine" is the son of Prof. H. W. McDowell, a Professor greatly beloved by every Houghton student of the former generation. Tremaine started life (and lots of other things) in Houghton. Mary (Hubbard), his wife, was well known to that generation of students. Harry was in Houghton from 1903 to 1905.

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ARE YOU COMING?
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Houghton Man Is in Welfare Work

Back in the first decade of the present century Will Carpenter was one of the fellows who graced—and did various other things to—the Hall of Houghton. At the request of the Alumni STAR he presents something of the work that he is now doing as Director of the State Welfare Department of Michigan. Will is the son of the Rev. E. D. Carpenter, President of the General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

"Well, you asked me for it and here it is! I have been in State Welfare work for a year and five months and find it most interesting and I'll try and give you an idea of the ground covered by the State Welfare Department of Michigan. It goes without saying that Welfare work in the past year has been heavier and more varied than ever before and we do not know what the coming year will bring. Besides the general investigation of appeals for help throughout the State and the constant requests for work, we have under the jurisdiction of the Welfare Department four Commissions: Hospital, Prison, Institute and Corrections which govern seventeen state institutions including those for Blind, Deaf, Feeble-minded and Epileptic.

We have the State Welfare Commission which has jurisdiction over the licensing and investigation of boarding homes; inspection of jails, infirmaries; the licensing and inspecting of maternity hospitals and child caring and placing agencies; and the licensing of solicitors for charitable purposes. We have the Probation Commission, which was just organized this year, also the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is appointed by the Governor, and all new projects, ideas etc., are first submitted to this body, which is composed of five members. As the Advisory Council goes, so goes the State!

Each Commission holds a meeting once a month excepting the Advisory Council, whose meetings are called at the pleasure of the Director. The Welfare Commission meets in the office of the State Welfare Department, and the other Commissions meet at the various State institutions to discuss the problems of the institutions. Besides attending these Commission meetings, I am frequently sent to different parts of the State to represent the Governor at conferences, hearings, banquets, etc. Outside of that and the routine office work I have nothing to do! We have fifteen employees in the office and a large number outside coming directly and indirectly under our jurisdiction.

At the last session of the legislature (1931) a bill was passed providing for a uniform probation law with a State Probation Commission. This Probation Division also works under the direction of the Welfare Department. The Unemployment Commission, which has its headquarters in this office was organized last fall and has collected considerable data and statistics on the unemployment situation throughout the State. Government supplies have been distributed through this Commission and the work on building of state roads, which was started last fall, was worked out thru this Commission and the State Highway Department.

In June 1931 under arrangement with the Hospital Commission the office of Special Agent was created whose duties are to investigate the legal status of patients now hospitalized in the various State institutions with the idea in mind to work with the Attorney General's Department and the Auditor General's Department in obtaining reimbursements in cases of State patients. This work has been going on for a year and

approximately 2000 cases have been built up. The approximate amount of money obtained at this writing is \$10,700.00. This work is only just at its beginning and we feel a great deal of good work will be accomplished along these lines.

I might add that the cost of operating the seventeen institutions coming within this Department come to \$8,927,270.00 a year. Nearly nine million dollars. A great many additions and improvements have been curtailed this year due to a condition which is most obvious.

I enjoy the work—it has great opportunities to do much good and that is gratifying in any work that one may do. I have skimmed over the surface but I think you can get an inkling of the field which this Department covers and the amount of work it entails.

W. S. Carpenter

In Little Old New York

(The following items are furnished by Fred Bedford. Fred's address is 129 Grandview Ave., Rye, N. Y. Success to you, Fred.)

Arthur Bernhoff and Gladys Colby Bernhoff: Located at Tompkins Cove, N. Y. Have a Chevrolet and three children. He is Principal of the High School there. This last year he has been taking work at Teachers' College, Columbia.

Rev. David A. Rees is the Pastor of the First Wesleyan Methodist Church in Elmira, N. Y. In addition to this during the past winter Dave has been teaching History in the Wellsburg high school. He and Mable (Benton) live at 1116 South Main St., Elmira, N. Y. His Church is at 1110 on the same street.

Cecil Russell and his wife, Grace (Sherman) have been doing some very fine work among the Indians on the Onondaga Reservation just out of Syracuse, N. Y. Cecil invites you in, one and all, for a pow wow.

Stanley Lawrence is a busy pastor at Sandy Creek, N. Y. He is also the Sunday School Secretary of the Rochester Conference. In both of these relationships he is doing a good piece of work.

Cecil and Mary Huntsman are the pastors of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Canandaigua, N. Y.

Leon J. Jelliff is a regular old-fashioned circuit rider on a wide-extended pastorate in Pennsylvania. His address is Forksville.

Joseph McClintock is the Pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canistota, N. Y. Joe is a pioneer sort and has built up an entirely new work while he has been there.

Arthur and Esther DePew are Pastors at Haskinville. Their address is Cohocton, N. Y.

Glenn McKinley is at present conducting an evangelistic campaign at Riverside, a suburb of Corning, N. Y. He will soon move from Houghton to Batavia, N. Y., where he has accepted a pastorate.

Bertha Williams left Cuba, N. Y. to complete her Masters degree at Teachers College. She spent last summer at Harvard. She is majoring in mathematics and living in one of the college Halls. The last thing I knew about her she was going to the Beer parade down town. She has no position, as yet, for next year.

Harriet Burgie is still at Sayville, L. I. teaching Mathematics in her own superior way. She also has been taking work at Teachers College in Math. Her daughter Mariam is graduating from high school this year. Harriet has a Ford and is improving her position professionally each year.

Harriet Remington is in a hospital having found the big city too large and not enough gold on the pavement.

Ray Hazlett as you know is at Long Island University and has been working on his Doctor's degree in English. Perhaps you did not know that the salaries of the faculty of L. I. U. had been cut in half and as yet no prospect of any change.

Doris Johnson is at U. of P. taking her Doctor's degree in medicine. Of myself there is little to report except that I have my M. A. in math and am now working on my Ph. D. I am very much single and no prospects, and that I sincerely believe that I am doing a superior piece of work in the teaching of math. I am doing part time work on the Teachers College staff in math. I have been most fortunate in friends and salary.

Harriet Storms, teaching in the Arcade High School, has gathered the following letters. Thanks a lot for the letter, but so modest as not to say anything about yourself?

From Houghton, N. Y., May 17, 1932
Dear Harriet:
Here is my obituary for the alumni edition:

Present position: A welder of the F grade against comma-splice offenders.

Change of position: None in six years.

Trips: From Houghton Hall to Houghton College daily.

Illness: Not so fortunate as to have any, (much to the disappointment of my students), in spite of the comfortable beds in Houghton Hospital.

Marriage: To freshman composition in the fall of '31.

Degrees earned: G. H.; P. H. H.—both earned by assiduous management. (If anyone wishes the meaning, he may ask me.)

I hope your work is going well this spring, and that you are enjoying it.

With love,
Josephine Rickard

263 Pindle Ave., Eglewood, N. J.

Dear Harriet,
I've been rather busy and haven't had a great deal of time since getting your letter to think of interesting items for the alumni issue. I'll give you a few facts and you may use them or not, as you like.

I've no "change of position" since the change I made in 1930 from that of teaching Latin and French in Cuba High School. Now I'm a regularly employed homemaker. I was married July 26, 1930 to Sidney E. Vaughn (and there's no "a" between the "h" and "n") of Glens Falls, N. Y. We live in Englewood, N. J.

I don't know whether you are hearing from Hazel Sartwell, so I'll tell you she is teaching at Tomkins Cove, N. Y. under Arthur Bernhoff as principal. Hazel takes work towards her Master's degree, every Saturday at Columbia, and we occasionally see each other week-ends.

Sorry I can't give you more news, but I guess this will have to do.

Lovingly, Katherine (Jennings)

23 Maple Ave., Arcade, N. Y.
Dear "Stormie",

I received your communication just as I was in the throes of Junior-Senior Banquet preparation. Dr. LaVay Fancher was the principal speaker on the after-dinner program. We hope, as a result of his interesting talk, that several of the Arcade High Seniors will grace the verdant Freshman group at Houghton next year.

There's nothing spectacular to tell about my work. I enjoy it thoroughly; and the privilege of coaching the Girls' Basket Ball team is by no means a hardship.

I had plans made for this summer at Oxford University: passport secured, admittance gained to the University, reservation's made on the S.S. Champlain, and a most interesting itinerary mapped out for a tour of the British Isles. But our plans received a vicious blow—rather, my travelling companion received the

blow, from a golf ball. Unceasing hemorrhages for three weeks, caused her Doctor to advise a cancellation of the trip. So, I'll be back at Cornell for my third summer's P. G. work.

There is one old custom of Commencement Week which has, for several years now, been discontinued. That "sing" on the College steps used to be thoroughly enjoyed. I believe the Alumni would heartily appreciate the return of that custom. It is so seldom that we hear the dear old school songs after leaving! Think of our Music Department.

Wishing the best of everything for the Alma Mater,
Sincerely, Erma E. Anderson.

Mr. Kenneth Storms has been in the War-aw hospital for the past four weeks, recovering from an appendicitis operation. Miss Edith Lapham has been supplying for him as principal of the Freedom High School.

Mr. Alvin Densmore is occasional wanderer about the halls of Delevan High School. Wonder why?

Pauline Beattie Shipman observed at the Arcade High School last Friday, as Sardinia had a Visiting Day.

—H.C.—

All Seniors Entertained

On the evening of May 25, in the Annex, the Anna Houghton Daughters held their annual reception for all seniors of all departments of Houghton. Someone is always sure to predict that any reception is bound to be a bore, but this supposition proved false at the Anna Houghton Daughters; where all the lovely daughters of Houghton, beautifully gowned, came tripping in with a gracious smile to meet as friend with friend; and all her sons so splendidly groomed made you wish that every day were a reception. Miss Fillmore opened the program with a few timely words of greeting, to which Miss West responded in her modest manner.

It is a pleasure to those who must plan programs to note the willing response of the Music Department. We welcomed with joy, the opening of the program by "The String Trio," Professor Sorensen, Professor Cronk and Harold Elliott in their selection *Trio in G Major* by Havdn.

Our modest little "star" of the oratory department, Miss Ethel Barnett delighted the company with her Irish dialect and humor as she depicted Mrs. O'Toole and her five children getting a free ride by arguing with the conductor until it was time to get off at her desired destination.

Miss Murphy accompanied Eileen Hawn as Eileen sang, "To Be Sung on Waters" by Franz Schubert, and concluded with a Scandanavian Folk Song, "When I Was Seventeen."

Arthur Osgood brought forth many a peal of hearty laughter as he imitated Mrs. Caudle, scolding her husband for loaning the one family umbrella, as he mimiced a group of ladies "At a Five O'clock Tea."

Lucile Wilson and Elizabeth Smith, accompanied by Marian Taylor, sang, "I Love a Little Cottage" by Geoffrey O'Hara.

The "Black and White Band," conducted by Theos Cronk added to their own number a trio of young ladies, Dorothy Miller, Gladys Jewel, Mable Farwell, who sang "Good Night Moon" and "Home". Purple and Gold refreshments were served and the evening closed to the strains of the "Alma Mater."—B. M. R.

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Boulders Given Out

One of the most eagerly awaited events of the school year culminated in Monday's Chapel. The 1932 Boulder was presented by the Staff.

Evangeline Clarke led the few moments' worship. She read the beautiful "Builder Chapter" of Corinthians, speaking of the Staff as "builders" of the annual. Then Editor Driver, in a few simple words introduced the Boulder to the student body. The book is built around the following plan: the theme, the Washington Bicentennial; the dedication, Willard LaVay Fancher, thus making the book a perfect unit.

"Pete" Albro, Business Manager, spoke a few words on behalf of the advertisers, who have given their loyal support to the book, and deserve no less from the student body.

Chapel closed with the singing of the Alma Mater and once again the Boulders were on sale!

Heard From Seniors

Last Tuesday night's Student Prayer-meeting seemed to take on a particularly serious character. The fact that it was nearly the last one may have had some bearing on this. The following snatches of testimony from a few of the Seniors helped each one to realize a bit more clearly what Houghton is and ought to be doing for her students.

"I thank God for what Houghton has meant to me in the past four years. I knew God before I came, but here my spiritual life has been deepened. I am sure that one of the great factors in this has been the Students' Prayer-meeting."

"I am thankful for Houghton. I especially appreciate the fellowship that I have found here among the students. My home church was a bit cold, but the student fellowship here has been very different from that. It has been the making of me. (That is, so far as I am made at all.) When I go out from here, I am sure I shall not forget to pray for Houghton."

"I have found it especially wonderful to work with God during the last few weeks."

"I am thankful for the past four years here, for the spiritual growth that I have made during that time. When I go, I shall go with Him as my Lord and Master."

"These seven years in Houghton have been wonderful to me. They have shown me how really to trust in Him. As I leave Houghton, I am determined that every ounce of strength shall be given to Him."

"I really do not know where I would have been or what I would have done, if I had not come to Houghton. Here I found Christ as my Saviour, and here I consecrated my life to Him."

President Luckey Speaks

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a possible thing now to do. My advice to you for the summer is, FIND A JOB. You smile, for that seems like the impossible. But there is a determination that blazes a way through. Be willing to take what comes to you whether you just like it or not. If jobs do not turn up, then turn them up. And while you are out during the summer, BOOST FOR HOUGHTON."

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Dr. Fancher Is Speaker

Into the transformed gymnasium of Arcade High, stepped Dr. and Mrs. LaVay Fancher on the evening of May 17th—the guests of honor at the Junior-Senior Banquet. Orchid and gold trimmings, a profusion of flowers, thirteen tables arranged in "S" shape, gaily, daintily bedecked with lace doilies, colorful favors, and program booklets met their gaze. From the kitchen of the Home Economics Department issued odors appetizing enough for even the most supercilious taste.

After an interesting program by the school, D. Fancher presented the topic, "After High School What?" Trite as the topic may be, the speech was far from being hackneyed. He sketched as examples of fixed aims, thumb-nail biographies of Ivan Kruger, David Starr Jordan, Herbert Hoover, and (so that the fair sex would not feel neglected) Miss Lyon founder of Mt. Holyoke.

The earnest concentration of the group before him proved that the message found lodgment, and the applause spoke of the hearty enjoyment of the speaker.

Dr. Fancher came to the banquet as guest speaker upon the invitation of Miss Erma Anderson, Junior advisor.

Houghton Is Active on Sunday

Houghton's activities do not seem so strenuous on Sunday as they do on the most of the other days of the week. A part of this seems to be because those activities are spread out over a much greater territory. A survey was made of these activities for last Sunday and the results are shown below. This does not claim to be a complete survey, but it shows something of the variety of the work done by Houghton students.

Ten men went out preaching last Sunday. Twenty-nine people taught Sunday School classes. Twenty-nine people were responsible for some part of the music in the services. Eleven persons performed some sort of official duties in connection with the days services. These were such as superintending Sunday Schools, and conducting the opening services of a new church building. Eleven other persons took some responsible part in the day's services in the way of leadership that cannot be so definitely classified.

LE ROY FANCHER ENTERTAINS SENIORS

Tuesday night after prayer meeting Professor and Mrs. LeRoy Fancher entertained the Senior Class at their home. There is always a jolly time when we all get together whatever we do but Professor Fancher had planned an especially good time for us. The class was given an examination by an improvement faculty of five members. After every candidate had been examined we received from Professor Fancher diplomas which we all treasure highly. The diploma contained a picture of Professor Fancher and that poem, "I Won't Let Go" and was presented to each member of the class.

After we had stirred warm sugar and eaten the good sandwiches, pickles and coffee that Mrs. Fancher served, we sang our class song and the Alma Mater. As we said "good-night" we were somewhat sad at the thought of this being our last party together, but we had a lot of fun. Everyone of us is grateful to Professor Fancher for the kind and helpful advisor he has been to us through all the year and we have enjoyed knowing Mrs. Fancher and him better and having them with us throughout the year.

SUNDAY EVENING IS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Junior Y. M. W. B. on Sunday evening, May 22, provided one of the most inspirational services of the year. The occasion was the educational rally; hence, all the readings and recitations concerned themselves with this phase of the Y. M. W. B. work.

Possibly the effectiveness of the service was due, to a considerable extent, to the clearness and expression with which each of the parts was read or spoken. But another reason is the emotional appeal which the articles themselves contained. These readings, and the short talk given by Rev. Pitt on "The Worth of our Christian Colleges to the Wesleyan Methodist Church," made the audience of students feel that they would like to give their lives for Christian service.

To crystallize this feeling, President Luckey gave those present a chance to testify to God's call. Seven declared their intention of becoming foreign missionaries; eleven, ministers; and nearly ninety per cent of the fairly large audience, of obeying God's call to any work, or to any field.

President Goes to N. Y. City

Tuesday evening Pres. Luckey attended the Alumni Banquet of the National Bible Institute. At eight o'clock he delivered the commencement address at the Institute. The President spoke on the subject, "The Challenge of the Job". Twenty-nine persons were graduated, of whom about one-half received degrees.

DR. THOMPSON MAKES FRONT PAGE

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four years' experience, only one boy has gone back on an agreement made with me after such a conference."

"You can't build character by making a lot of petty rules. You must give a boy all the freedom he can stand if you are going to make a real man out of him."

"What kind of young people are the collegians for whom Dr. Thompson advocates freedom?"

"Present day college students are a 'What of it?' and a 'Why?' generation. To use one of their own expressions, their attitude toward many things is that of a slightly contemptuous 'Oh, yeah?'"

"And this is good. You can't get up on a soap box, wave your arms, and call on these students to rally to your support. If you expect to lead them, you must appeal to their intellects, give them reasons, tell them why. There has been a greater sincerity of purpose in the student body in the last few years than ever before. Even football games, the student paper, or student leaders cannot disturb the great majority of students; they go about their business very much unperturbed. This sometimes vexes the student leaders."

But the dean adds this warning:

"Young men today will have a far more strenuous time of it, I suspect, than their grandfathers had, even in pioneer times. There is a tremendous unrest in the world. The communists whom we hear about more and more in our cities are a kind of outward manifestation of an

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inward stirring of a lot of people. I do not view the communist party as a serious menace, but I do consider this unrest alarming. We must get at the basis of this unrest."

Thompson's father was a minister and farmer in South Dakota. Dr. Thompson and his brothers very early learned to manage their father's farm. The neighbors often said that Parson Thompson made men out of his boys before they were out of knee pants.

The future dean of student affairs had to deal with men pretty early in life. He had to help sober up the "fired men on the ranch whenever they got drunk, and occasionally he had to turn in and thrash one of them (his physique today indicates that he must have been quite capable of it).

It was while returning from a harvesting and threshing season in the Dakotas that quite by accident he visited the University of Nebraska between trains. In fact, Dr. Thompson admits he was waiting for a train to take him into Kansas to see a young woman who is now Mrs. Thompson, she having just gone to Kansas from New York.

During his life he has been interested in several different lines of activity. As a boy he says it was his ambition to become a band leader and an engineer. At the age of 16 he operated a steam tractor in threshing and plowing and was often called upon to put flues in the boilers and set the valves of neighbors' engines. From the time he was twelve years old until after the world war he played in bands wherever he was located. In fact, he organized and led bands in two different cities (two members of a band he organized later became members of Sousa's band). From engineering and music, he shifted his affections to medicine.

And he wound up as a chemistry

teacher, earning his doctor's degree by work in chemistry, and contributing several papers to scientific publications regarding research which he had undertaken. (end quote)

This certain "young woman who is now Mrs. Thompson" is none other than the friend of every Houghton student of the early twentieth century, Mable Dow, of the Class of 1906. Mable lived all her early life with her parents in Houghton. Her father built the Senior House now labeled Dayoitgao, and also the Steese house. Mable's mother was the German teacher on the Faculty for a number of years. The whole Thompson family, father, mother, two sons and two daughters, lived for a time in the house now owned by Miss Moses.

The page of the *World-Herald* carrying this interview is profusely illustrated. One of the pictures is that of Dr. Thompson and his three husky young lads. Another is a picture of a threshing scene in the old days back on the home ranch in South Dakota. At the rear of the great steam tractor stands a rough-neck that looks amazingly like the Theos of the old days.

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