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## PARMENTER ADDRESSES TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

BY GRACE SMITH

When the public school teachers of the first district of Allegany County assembled in conference at Houghton on February 11, college students were enabled to hear one of the most entertaining and inspirational addresses given from our chapel platform in some time, when L. E. Parmenter, president of the Bacon-Vincent Publishing House in Buffalo addressed the group on the subject of "The Revolving Door".

Mr. Parmenter, who possessed a keen, dramatic sense of humor and knowledge of how to present his thoughts in a forceful yet pleasing manner, likened a successful life to a revolving door having three compartments: Vision, Application, and Maintenance of Ideals. Life itself is a revolving door through which all people must pass. Some may experience difficulties in passing through, but thus their peculiar characteristics are made evident. Considering the three symbolic compartments as element in a successful life, Mr. Parmenter pointed out that what is visioned is possible to fulfill. Whether we are optimists or pessimists depends largely on our point of view and decrees thereby the nature of our vision. Application makes the vision worthwhile, but one should be sure of the value of his vision. Having experienced the vision and made the application, or, after having attained a desired goal, there is sometimes a tendency toward laxity in maintaining the ideal standards set up by the vision and application. It is the fusion of the vision and its application toward the maintenance of ideals that makes a Life successful.

## Pastor Offers Gospel Message in Chapel

While depth and profoundness mark all of the Rev. Mr. Pitt's messages, remarkable clarity plays an equally important role in his presentations. Friday's Chapel was no exception to this rule and, not being an exception, it was another extraordinary gospel sermon. The following is a shortened paraphrase of his communication: Man is entirely impotent in the hands of the almighty God. God has provided one and only one way out, and it behooves man to accept His measure or suffer His punishment.

Savages used to shoot arrows at the sky during a thunder storm in order to show their displeasure with the bestowal of the gods. In this enlightened age, man has accepted the fact that there is one and only one God who is the Creator of the universe and whom we must either love or hate. Ours is not the place of universe-creators or universe-correctors; we know that it is useless to try to frighten God away with arrows; yet we continue to do so, spiritually speaking. When man takes the attitude toward God's moral government that the savage took toward Him, he has no part in God's protectorate but will be cast into outer darkness. He cannot occupy the same sphere that those do who love the Lord; for such people, who disregard God, there is only inescapable death. This would be the fate of everyone except that God has provided a way out.

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## Mr. Gibbs Tells of Disappointed Missionary

Last Tuesday evening's prayer meeting was given over to a missionary address by the Rev. Mr. Gibbs. Preceding Mr. Gibbs' talk William Foster led the hymn service accompanied by Miss Florence Smith at the piano. Following the hymns, Mr. Foster played a trumpet solo, "Ninety and Nine".

Clifford Weber introduced the speaker as one who needed no introduction to Houghton people.

Mr. Gibbs told of a disappointed missionary who was disappointing because he had no answers to his prayers, because he did not accomplish what he was sent to do, and because he could not bring comfort to the many sad hearts about him. "Are you a disappointing missionary?" asked Mr. Gibbs. Then he explained that if one is a disappointing missionary in one's own town, one will be a disappointing missionary on the foreign field.

He also told of a young Japanese student of the Imperial University who offered his help to Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs when they first went to Japan. At that time he had no previous contact with Christianity but so greatly did God move that they were able to baptize him soon after. This is an evidence that God is working in Japan, saving men, changing their hearts, and giving them peace in their souls. According to Mr. Gibbs Christians are under obligation to carry the Message to others, and in so doing, they will enrich their own lives.

Mr. Gibbs concluded by displaying an evangelical magazine printed in Japanese and, after reminding his listeners that Japan is almost one hundred per cent literate and that the Japanese spend much of their time reading, requested that Christians pray that souls may be brought to Christ through this publication.

The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. J. R. Pitt.

## Professor Applies Culture to Student Life

The value of being able to address the public properly was manifest in the recent chapel when Professor Stanley Wright addressed the group with one of his typically fine messages.

The topic concerned the application of culture to student life. Briefly eighth commandment, "Thou shalt not steal", and his theme centered around the relationships between students with regard to their rights. Attention was brought to the fact that it is a common practice to interrupt a neighbor in the library, unthinkingly slight another person, to be discourteous to elders, or to fail in the common kindnesses which should be part of our daily practices. Whether it be of respect, of time of character, or of assistance, it is stealing to deprive another of these things.

A good speech is judged by the attention which it is given, and the results obtained from it. Using this standard, one can readily agree that this lecture should go down as one of the best heard this year in chapel.

## PRESIDENT LUCKEY GIVES A SERMON TALK

"Art thou right with God?" was the questioning appeal of President Luckey's Tuesday chapel meditation. After reading the familiar scriptural passage of the foolish man who chose to eat, drink, and be merry although his soul would yet be required of him that very night, Dr. Luckey read of the fowls of the air and the lilies of the field which neither toil nor spin, but are still supplied with respect to their every need. Seek first the Kingdom of God, for Jesus said, "Who-soever shall lose his life for My sake, the same shall save it, for what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

After emphasizing the authenticity of the Bible and its inspiration, the President declared that all its prophecy would be fulfilled. As a book it points the way to the successful life, which must rank the relationship of the soul to God above material acquisition and superficial achievement. The alternatives of life, eternal and everlasting punishment are before each individual. Eternity is awful, a consideration terrifying to the human mind, and one's choice in the present determines the mode of his existence in the never-ending future: whether it be eternal life, or eternal despair. Christ can solve every problem, and He awaits permission to assume responsibility for each individual life. The President closed with the proposal that everyone spend fifteen minutes each day in meditation upon his personal relationship with his Maker.

## French Club Conduct Daily Chapel Session

An unusual program was presented by the French Club in chapel Wednesday, February 7. It was entirely in French.

The opening prayer was offered by Florence Lytle. The singing of the congregational hymn was directed by Doris Lee, after which the program was explained. A demonstration of typical French Club program was then given.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Doris Lee. The first chapter of St. John was read by Alma White, and the Lord's Prayer was given by Harriet Sartwell. Esther Fancher read the minutes and called the roll, to which each member answered with a French proverb, which he translated into English. Gordon Stockin, chairman of the program committee, then took charge. The first number was a duet, sung by Doris Lee and Lois Munger. A poem, "L'Echo", was given by Norma Bassage, a humorous reading by De Laurus Brink, and a fable of La Fontaine by Hazel Fox. The singing of "La Marseillaise," the French National anthem, by Doris Lee, Lois Munger, Elizabeth Harmon and Beatrice Bush concluded the program.

Despite the fact that a portion of the audience was unable to understand French, everyone seemed to enjoy it, and contrary to expectations, it went over well without the help of the mother tongue.

## International Relations Featured in Program

One of the most thought-provoking programs recently presented by the Expression Club was that given on the evening of February 4 as a survey of existing international relations, with special emphasis on the strain between Japan and the United States. Students representing prominent nations of the world offered a colorful background for the heated dialogue carried on between the United States and Japan as depicted by Paul McIntire and Paul Allen. A number of issues of contemporary significance were considered from both the Japanese and the American views. At length agreeing the contention arose simply because the two nations are unwilling to consider issues from similar points of view, their representatives stepped back to join the group of Nations, as Beatrice Bush came forward to present her prize-winning oration on the possibilities of peace amid present day international turmoil.

As she stepped aside, Fate, personified by Clifford Weber, appeared to line up in opposing alliances the nations as they would probably act in the case of a war in the near future. This impressive alignment with the names of the people representing the individual nations follows: with Germany (James Bedford) were Austria (Alden Van Ornum), Japan (Paul Allen), and Italy (Warren Kingsbury). Opposing these nations were France (Esther Bohlayer), Russia (Rowena Peterson), United States (Paul McIntire) and Turkey (Lena Hunt).

## Professor Bain Discusses Proper Program Conduct

Thursday's chapel brought another in the series of talks scheduled on the culture program. Professor Wilfred Bain spoke on the subject of proper conduct in listening to musical programs and concerts. In his pleasantly informal style, Prof. Bain presented several pointers as to the best social usage in attending two phases of musical program—dinner music and the more formal concert music.

Dinner music, Prof. Bain said, is incidental and, as a general rule, should not be applauded. There are, of course, exceptions, as special numbers, which merit some sign of recognition from the patrons. It is not bad form to talk in low tones during dinner music, which is after all merely an aid to the fullest enjoyment of the dinner. It is quite common here at Houghton, as well as elsewhere, to provide music between the courses of formal and semi-formal banquets. These numbers are a little more than incidental and applause is not out of place. Dinner music on the whole, whether orchestral, trio, quartet, or otherwise, is but an added means of enjoyment and requires no particular attention to its rendition or its reception.

Formal or semi-formal concerts and musical programs are a bit different and there are definite standards of conduct to be followed by the listener. Rather than dogmatically stating these rules of good behavior, Mr. Bain suggested them in his list of annoyances so often met with on these occasions. Late comers who expect to make a dramatic entrance.

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## PURPLE COP THIRD VICTORY OF SERIES

In the fifth Purple-Gold clash played Friday night the Purple made the series count three to one as they edged out the Gold cagers in a fast, well-played game by a count of 44-42. The Gold girls also made the series count three to one in their favor by nosing out their Purple rivals by a 10-9 score.

In the preliminary encounter the Purple girls came out in the first half to take a lead which they held until the last minute of play. The score at the half was 6-4 and after the intermission the Purple continued to protect their lead and with about a half-minute to play were still ahead. Then Green came through with a long shot which put the game on ice as they easily held their one-point lead until the whistle blew. Lovedy Sheffer was high scorer for the game with six points and was closely followed by Vera Hall who led the winners' attack with five counters.

In the main clash of the evening the Purple cagers came out to take an early lead and then withstand a last half drive by the Gold and finally win by the narrow margin of two points. They got away to a fast start in the first quarter and as the period ended, led 11-5. During the second chukker the Gold rallied and as the half ended had cut the Purple lead to 21-17. After the intermission the Gold continued their rally and outscored the Purple during the third period 15-12 to make the score 33-32 with the Gold still on the short end. The last quarter was played on practically even terms and, as the whistle ended the fray, the Gold trailed a 44-42 count. Each team scored the same number of field goals, 9, the Purple margin of victory lying in their ability to sink foul shots. They made six good out of nine tries while the best the Gold could offer was four out of eleven. Glen Donelson led the scoring, splitting the drafes for fifteen points and was followed by Gibbins who netted fourteen.

The next game, which may be the last, will be played on Friday night, February 8. The Gold go into the game under a distinct handicap and are sure to put up a good game while the Purple, determined to end the series and cap the championship, will also be in there fighting. It looks like a hang-up game and let's have everyone out cheering for his or her team.

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## Forensic Union Has Valentine Day Program

Announcement of future inter-collegiate debates and a weighty but zestful discussion of the merits and demerits of traditional customs related to Valentine's Day marked the College Forensic Union as an organization with a view toward the future when they convened for their monthly meeting on February 7th.

The president, Paul Allen, prefaced the program with scripture reading regarding wisdom, taken from Proverbs 8. The order of the program follows:

Devotions—President

Roll Call—Secretary

First order of music—"La Traviata"

String trio (Mssrs. King, Cronk,

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## Editorial

Anyone who has participated in any kind of athletic contests knows how much a little backing helps him to play a winning game. This year there has been a dearth of School Spirit in class series as well as in the Purple-Gold games. *And you are to blame.* The games have been close, fast and really exciting. The boys have put everything they have into them. Even though they enjoy playing, it is *your* enjoyment and for the victory of *your* side.

You, as a Student Body have failed to show your appreciation of this effort as whole-heartedly and with the vim you might. Why not come out to the next game and root for *your* team. Show the boys that *you* are for them.

M. P.

It seems that we are in the throes of a culture drive. However, there may be some consolation in the fact that there are countless others in numerous colleges everywhere who are in practically the same condition. That is, despite the fervor with which etiquette rules are being dug out of dusty recesses here at Houghton, we are no worse off than the rest of the college world.

It pleased us greatly to find in one of our Exchange papers a column of questions on etiquette and social usage. It had already been suggested that the *Star* do that very thing, so we are taking this opportunity to announce the new feature. This week we are repeating the questions and answers as found in our college neighbor's paper but hope that in the future there will come from the student body questions and problems to which we shall endeavor to find the answers. We are not setting ourselves up as authorities on the subject, but will seek diligently in Emily Post and other recognized sources to find proper answers. You ask the question and we'll do the research work for answers. Questions may be left at the printing office or given to any staff member who will of course, keep identities secret. We hope that this step will partially supply the demand for something definite in this latest of Houghton's drives.

K. J. B.

### CAN YOU ANSWER THESE?

1. How does one make a proper introduction?
2. What is the proper acknowledgment of an introduction?
3. When should a lady take a gentleman's arm?
4. Does a gentleman ever take a lady's arm?
5. Should a lady precede the gentleman when walking up the aisle at a program or church?
6. When two couples attend a program together, should one of the gentlemen take his seat first so that the ladies may sit together?

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### Pastor's Chapel

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For every counterfeit dollar that was ever put into circulation, someone has had to pay exactly one dollar. It is the same way with regard to sin; someone has to pay the full price for every sin he ever committed. If there could be a man who would be able to take this enormous debt to God and pay it in full, what a bless-

ing he would be to mankind! "But God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth on Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."; here we have God's provision for man to escape eternal death.

With this assurance in our minds we can join in this mighty moral law-tide in its mighty swing toward heaven.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Glenn Carpenter Appointed Prison Chaplain

Rev. Glenn Carpenter, a student in the Preparatory department from 1908-1911, has recently been appointed chaplain of the Michigan State Prison at Jackson, Michigan. For the past few years Mr. Carpenter has acted as assistant Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo. He is a son of Rev. E. D. Carpenter, the secretary of the Executive Board of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection.

### HOUGHTON AFTER TWENTY YEARS

It must be that through all these years I have been indulging in a regular Van Winkle sleep,—perhaps in some little forgotten excavation which is all that is left of the glory of the Old Sem,—and now with greying hairs and a very Rip-like stiffness in bone and muscle, I am at last awakened to the various astonishments that greet me in the home of my Alma Mater.

Not that the town has changed except that the main road, now become a hard state thoroughfare buzzes day night with everpresent car traffic. In the old days, there was, as I remember it, but one Houghton resident who owned a car—Mr. Leonard Houghton himself, and in it my grandmother enjoyed—with more or less trepidation—the first auto ride of all her eighty years.

And the everlasting hills remain the same,—dear reminders of the round-about-ness of our everlasting Lord; the singing river too with its Indian name; while if Joyce Kilmer were here, he would certainly be obsessed with the benignity of the old trees. All but the campus chestnuts—they had to pass, for the burden of lovelorn secrets that had accumulated through the years, had become quite too much for mortal tree to bear unshared, so rather than whisper a word of it, they gave up their beautiful and fruitful lives. And no one of us shall ever know just why it was that, though Johnny was betrothed to Sally, and Charles to Nancy, in the end it was Charles who wedded Sally, and someone else who carried off Nancy, while Johnny was left in the mush-pot.

But to return to the village: the placid homes that have sat, like solid and roomy grandmothers in the armchairs of their of their gardens, seem to be adding to that solidity and roominess,—a sure sign of the growth of the male portion of the student body on the hill. And the new church—ah, if Fay Inchfawn could but stand in front of it! That the sight of such a model of simplicity could make the little thrill-some crinkles run up and down one's spine, is and always shall be one of the enigmas of modern art in architecture. I miss the pointing hand on the little old white steeple, for its prophet-finger has fallen before the onslaughts of wind and weather, but who could have thought that able to translate his message of that finger into brick and stone?

Either my eyes deceive me or memories are garbled, for surely the Ladies' Dorm of olden days had no such interminable extension as appears now,—headed straight for the Ad Building, and likely, one would suppose, to bump into it at some time during the next decade or two.

A second extension on the other side of what we used to know as "The Sem", looms, like the sons of our faculty and classmates above and beyond its enfeebled parent. This, they tell me, is dedicated to

Science, the habitat of the ever-exciting and never smelling labs. I sigh as I look back at the modest little "Heating Plant" where we once labored over the mysteries of S3HO6 (or something like that), and I wonder if all this new elegance of equipment will permit the hilarious singing of Gospel songs, as a suitable means of letting off the high-pressure steam generated by Chemistry experiments. (I can see Dave Scott yet as his golden voice started the bells a-ringing,—once they rang a little too stentorianly and a gas explosion was the result!)

And here is another new building, claimed by Orpheus—Shades of Bedlam! So the halls and classrooms now no longer reverberate to the deadening "dum-dum-dum" of practicing pianos, nor do the school's open windows bray with the "de-doda" of vocal contortionists. This should make the school go down in history and up in public approval.

But I must not forget the gym—who ever heard of a college without one? Some of us ha'e our doubts as to whether it is the college that makes the gym or the gym that makes the college. But one thing is certain,—whereas in years gone by, missionaries, pastors and Christian laymen went forth from Houghton with a preponderance of stoop-shouldered narrow-chested tendencies,—went forth, some of them, to battle later with the White Plague and other avoidable ills, now the matter of the guarded, and the coming leaders of our own and other churches are beginning their lifework with bodies that are fit for the stress of that work. Thank God for the gym!

In the personnel of the school I find perhaps the greatest change of all. When there are from eighty to an hundred students, everybody knows the affairs of everybody else—or diligently inquires into them—and something of the pettiness of small-town life is bound to make itself known. But with a faculty of thirty and a student body of three hundred fifty, rare indeed would be the individual whose lonesomeness was incurable of whose social extensions were bounded and cramped.

The old Lit. Societies, Neosophic, Philomathean, Athenian,—what memories are theirs! Tenderly they were nurtured and tenderly they were buried when death overtook them, while their places today are filled by a Club life as varied as it is piquant and satisfactory.

It is to these, as a dimpling maiden last night informed me, and to the now so-frequent numbers of lecture courses, that associations are allowed. Ah, here we have no change, unless it is in the kindly leniency that permits oftener than of yore, that which is so terribly momentous in its results. Inside the college hall too, I see what Professor McDowell used to designate as "the phenomenon of the magnet and the soft iron". Still she stands and attracts and still he draws near and yet nearer! (The pronouns are the the Professor's.) And no one may smile with condescending superiority lest he be the first to be caught.

There is one thing more in which Houghton is, and shall be, please God, forever unchanged. It is the college of The Book, the inspired Word of the living Lord, and as such it stakes everything not on the building of fine physique, or keenness of mentality, or on the development of personality, but on the Rock foundation of faith in this Word and in the glorious Fundamentals that it teaches. Now, as in the old days, Houghton is not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, knowing that it is the power of God to everyone

that believeth. On this confessor the school stands, commanding our respect, inviting our affection and holding always the pledged loyalty of our hearts.

Opal Leonore Gibbs. Prep. '11

### MOSES - HARBECK

Miss Velma Lucile Harbeck, daughter of Mrs. Robert E. Harbeck of Black Creek, was united in marriage to Edwin Stanton Moses, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Moses of Cuba, Jan. 12, in Bradford, Pa. They were attended by Miss Olive Wetherell of Olean and Francis Moses, brother of the groom. The Rev. F. Dean Miller of the First Presbyterian Church of Bradford performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses intend to leave soon for a motor trip to Kentucky and Tennessee.

The bride is a graduate of Cuba High School and Houghton College, and a member of the faculty of Addison High School.

The groom, who was educated at Cuba High School and Bryant & Stratton School, Buffalo, is employed by the Ackerly & Renwick Company.

The young couple have the good wishes of many friends in this vicinity.

—Cuba Patriot

Information has been received that Mrs. Moses will complete her year of teaching at Addison because of the insistent request of her principal.

### Royal Woodhead Writes

Dear Alumni:

It is with great pleasure that I hear something of those that I knew in my school days, yet I think I never would have written anything for the Alumni page had it not been suggested to me. Such modern Jonah's we are, rejoicing at gourd's but forgetting to plant gourd seed.

When the other fellow writes I want him to tell me where he is and what he is doing, but since I am writing this there seems very little to tell, so I will tell it.

I am located in Fillmore the town where the former students used to come to blow off steam. It is very nice being here where you can drop in on Houghton at the various important events such as Home Coming and Commencement. That is, it is nice unless some old friend asks you if you can still get good cider at—and if you ever call there. It is then you know how the dignified professors feel (the pals of the yesterdays) when they are reminded of their student life.

But my greatest cause for rejoicing is about the work in which I am engaged. The ministry has more thrills to the square inch than any other profession that I know anything about. There are the contacts with the different kinds of humanity. And once in a while you see one lifted out of the clutches of sin to live a life that is different. Then you are building for eternity. The bonds which you have formed in Christ here will be reunited and continued there.

Again I am thankful for the direct ministry of Houghton College to my life. It is impossible to imagine where I would have been by this time had I not been immersed in the formative years of my life in the atmosphere of Houghton. It is up to us who have had the privilege of this contact to create a little of this spirit about ourselves. By so doing we will be a blessing to the world, we will extend the influence of our Alma Mater and make ourselves happy.

Yours in Him,

Royal Woodhead

### Late News

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peck, Addison, N. Y., a son Vernon Eugene. Mrs. Peck was Helen Kellogg.



## Evangelical Student

## LINCOLN

Though foolish wise men heaped  
him with their jeers,  
He wandered on alone amid the  
crowd,  
Unmindful of the cruel taunts and  
sneers,  
His gnarled hands clasped, his  
rugged body bowed  
Beneath the burden that he bravely  
bore,  
As he went struggling upward to  
the height,  
That beckoned from the valley's  
rush and roar  
To where the Grail gleamed crim-  
son through the night;  
And now upon this lofty eminence  
While those who mocked him are  
forgotten things,  
Forever lost to fleeting time and  
sense,  
Dust unremembered, songs that no  
one sings,  
Stars in his hair, freed from the  
crumbling clod,  
He walks in immortality with  
God.

—Edgar Daniel Kramer

## The Old Lamplighter

An old lamplighter in Edinburgh  
Scotland, each evening as the shadows  
began to fall passed down his  
street and at intervals touched  
lamp with his torch and set it a-  
blaze like a star in the night. His  
figure grew indistinct and then in-  
visible as he passed on into the dis-  
tance and the dark, but at intervals  
one would see the twinkle of a new  
light, and then he would know where  
the lamplighter was and what he  
was doing. He was leaving behind  
him an avenue of light as he touch-  
ed the lamps with his torch. As we  
pass through the world with its gar-  
thering shadows, what are we doing?  
Can anyone trace our path and work  
by seeing new points of light twink-  
ling out in the night? Or are we  
leaving the world as dark as we  
found it?

—Presbyterian Banner

## Dr. Kyle's Archiological Discoveries

The evolutionists tell us about the  
great age of the cave-dwellers in  
Europe. They think that, because  
those people lived in so primitive a  
fashion, they must belong to a very  
remote period of time. But there  
are cave-dwellers today; and they  
sometimes live side by side with ad-  
vanced civilization, too. We quote  
in confirmation of this fact from  
Dr. Melvin Grove Kyle's latest work  
just from the press, on his excava-  
tions at Kirjath-Sepher, Palestine:  
"The Horites are still in the land.  
People who try to understand cave-  
dwellers as surely very ancient and  
primitive people, will need to revise  
their anthropology. Our butter and  
our leben come from cave-dwellers;  
our bread is baked by cave-dwellers;  
our laundry work is done by cave-  
dwellers. There are very few peo-  
ple in this part of the territory of  
Judah who live in what we call  
houses. They are cave-dwellers."

Dr. Kyle and his fellow-archeo-  
logists found two large caves beneath  
the ancient city of Kirjath-Sepher.  
Let us note what Dr. Kyle says  
(page 61 of the work above noted):

"These two great underground de-  
fenses add another striking evidence  
of the engineering knowledge and  
skill of both the Canaanites and the  
attests once more that which is every-  
Israelites who followed them. This  
where manifest here at Kirjath-Sepher,  
that the civilization of all that  
period, from 2000 B. C. to the days  
of Nebuchadnezzar, was of a much  
higher order than has ever been

## GLIMPSES

We present three more stars in our  
Senior parade. If the facts are few  
please remember that our greatest  
people are the most taciturn. (Ex-  
ample—President Coolidge)

Presenting first: Alden Earle Van-  
Ornum

"Aldy" was born in Copenhagen,  
N. Y., on August 12, 1913. As he  
is a P.K., he has done a little travel-  
ing. His high school days were  
spent in Chateaugay from which he  
graduated in 1931. "Aldy" has  
done many things during his stay at  
Houghton. Almost every musical  
organization in the College has  
listed him as a member. He has  
been prominent in Track, Tennis,  
Basketball and Baseball. He has oc-  
cupied many positions of leadership  
including the managership of the  
Lecture Course and the Presidency  
of the Student Body. Among the  
clubs in which "Aldy" has been ac-  
tive are Expression, Pre-Medic, and  
Music Clubs.

When asked what he thought of  
Houghton "Aldy" said: "The four  
years I have spent here at Houghton  
have been the most enjoyable years  
of my life and I regret greatly that  
soon I must leave those whose friend-  
ships have meant so much to me. I  
cannot attempt to estimate the value  
of what I have received from the social  
and especially the spiritual life  
found here at Houghton."

Presenting next: Crystal Geraldine  
Dione

Crystal made her first appearance  
at Houghton, N.Y., on December 18,  
1912. She completed her high  
school work in two schools, Olean  
and Hinsdale. At Houghton, Cry-  
stal decided to take up languages.  
Accordingly, beside working at her  
regular lessons, she became a member  
of the French and Latin Clubs. A  
liking for music showed itself in the  
fact that she sang in the chorus and  
Chapel Choir and joined the Music  
Club.

When Crystal was asked the usual  
question about what she thought of  
Houghton, she replied that it would  
be impossible for her to express her  
appreciation of the school and what  
it has meant to her. However of  
the Star she said: "It's a very ad-  
mirable paper and provides a splen-  
did opportunity for the members of  
the Staff."

Presenting: Malcolm Robert Cronk

September 7, 1914 was the date  
when, in Fillmore, N. Y., "Mac"  
Cronk was born. In Houghton grade  
school Malcolm was always a leader  
and he continued to exhibit like  
qualities through out his career in  
Houghton Seminary. Since entering  
college "Mac" has done things. He  
has sung in the Choir, Chorus, and  
College Quartet and has played in  
the Orchestra. Purple-Gold and  
class Basketball have been his con-  
tribution to athletics. His speaking  
abilities have been proved in his De-  
bate work. As Advertising Manager  
of the Boulder and Business Man-  
ager of the Star, "Mac" has shown  
himself a good business man.

Malcolm says of Houghton: "I  
have, aside from studying, enjoyed  
my college work intensely. My scho-  
lastic record ain't so hot but I sure  
have had a lot of fun." This from  
Cronk! Tsk! Tsk!

claimed by those who believed in the  
low culture of that age; and it com-  
pletely refutes beyond redemption  
the theory that the patriarchal and  
early Israelite age was of a very low  
culture, out of which nothing is to  
be expected until after a long per-  
iod of development. This is the con-  
fident and ever-deepening conviction of  
nearly every one who does research  
work in the Bible lands.

—Christian Life and Faith

## Sunday Services

## February 3

"Nothing contributes more to the  
value of the service than a meditative  
and prayerful approach to its begin-  
ning. Let silent worship fill the mo-  
ments while we wait." These words  
appeared on the Bulletin of Hough-  
ton Tabernacle Church on Sunday,  
February 3, and certainly, an atmos-  
phere of reverence pervaded God's  
house as the faithful took seats in  
the spacious auditorium, this attitude  
of worship being stimulated by the  
piano prelude of several old hymn  
tunes. The preliminary part of the  
service, proceeding in the usual or-  
der, included and anthem, "Lord  
We Pray Thee", sung by the choir.

The sermon, "The Preparation for  
a Christian Life", by the Pastor, was  
based on the first two verses of the  
Scripture reading, which was He-  
brews 12:1-14. Mr. Pitt explained  
that the Jew, to whom this epistle  
was written, were at first enthusiastic  
over the Christian Way, but legal-  
istic tendencies had entered, bring-  
ing beliefs that conformity to var-  
ious phases of the law were essential  
to salvation along with God's grace  
in Jesus Christ. But the writer of  
Hebrews sets forth faith as the sole  
means of salvation. Remembering  
Israel's great heroes, every one a  
"man of faith," the Christian should  
"lay aside every weight" so that he  
might run the race of faith. "Cir-  
cumstances rob us of our comfort  
but give us the ability to run," said  
Mr. Pitt.

The unbelief of Israel in the wild-  
erness resulted in years of fruitless  
wandering, which ended with the  
bleaching of countless bones on the  
desert sands, mute testimony to the  
fact of God's wrath at infidelity.  
The Hebrews are warned that a spiri-  
tual tragedy, not unlike this of an-  
cient time, waits them if they do not  
surge on with faithful acceptance of  
God's grace. The root of sin is  
doubt, and all doubt grows out of a  
lie; the power of divine faith alone  
can uproot doubt and a lie. The  
Christian is to "run with patience...  
looking unto Jesus" instead of mere-  
ly looking at Him. Too many peo-  
ple look unto others, but the text  
challenged the child of God to fix  
his eyes on Christ.

In the evening the prayer and  
praise service, led by Gordon Clark  
noticeably dealt with the truly sig-  
nificant and foundational elements  
of the Christian life. The sentences  
prayers were earnest; the testimonies  
were from the heart. The pastor  
preached on "The Excuse of the In-  
competent," with special attention to  
Jeremiah 7:1-16. He stressed the  
fact that excuses to God get one no-  
where, and he besought his people to  
check themselves to see that they  
were right with God without the  
foolishness of self-justification. This  
trend of thought led to the distin-  
guishing feature of the evening ser-  
vice, in the form of a season of pray-  
er by the whole congregation in the  
front of the church.

## February 10

The text of the Sunday morning  
sermon brought by the pastor Rev.  
Mr. Pitt, was found in Romans 16:  
25, 26. In speaking from this text  
Rev. Pitt said, "The thing which  
the church of Christ needs and which  
a great many people are seeking, is  
power. Jesus told His disciples that  
they needed power, and with this  
power came purity. If a man at-  
tempts to cleanse himself, he will  
fail; he should give the task to the  
Lord."

The great quest of the human  
heart in Christian life and service is  
power. There are different ways in  
which men seek power and certain  
conditions that must be met in at-  
taining this power. No man can  
have power unless he is in the right  
place, but in the Gospels man today

find the place of establishment in  
God's power.

Because Micah and Jeremiah were  
in their places before God, they were  
filled with power. God has put  
every man in his place and will give  
him a message of power, if he will  
but remain in that place. If men  
today want the power that make  
them New Testament Christians,  
they can have it, for God is a pow-  
er to establish men according to  
Paul's gospel.

The message must be of the pres-  
ent, and the ministry of the present,  
a ministry of power. The place of  
the Christian's establishment is in the  
Scripture of the day and in his ac-  
ceptance of the message. Pentecost  
is not the end; it is the beginning.  
It is more than an empowerment; it  
is a life. It is man's duty to move  
forward into the place where God  
wants him to be.

The Sunday evening prayer and  
praise service was lead by Alvin  
Paine, and special music was offer-  
ed by a girl's trio, composed of Row-  
ena Peterson, Florence Clissold and  
Elsie Hodgkin, and by Victor Mur-  
phy, who played a trombone solo.

"The Price and the Blessing of  
Purity" was the subject of the even-  
ing message based on John 1:1-10.  
In the message one is given God's  
last word on religious experience by  
a divinely ordered, complete, and fi-  
nal statement of purity, to which there  
can be nothing added or taken a-  
way.

Many of the people had an im-  
proper idea of purity, and John  
wanted to bring them into the know-  
ledge of it as he understood it. The  
result of obedience and the blessing  
of a full and correct understanding  
of cleansing, purity and obedience,  
is that one's joy is full. If a man  
receives this fullness, he will never  
want anything else, for this fullness  
is not passing, but eternal.

Where there is no light, there can  
be no knowledge of need. Light is  
that which manifests, and it is im-  
possible to know God without know-  
ing Him as light. Sin is darkness  
and if man has anything in his heart  
that rejects light, he does not know  
God.

The acknowledgement of light is  
not always easy. Sometimes walking  
in the light means turning and re-  
tracing one's steps; but if one fails  
to retrace them, it means walking  
in darkness. Man has the choice  
between God's word and darkness.

God never treats sin with indif-  
ference; transgression is a breaking  
of the law of holiness. All sin de-  
mands cleansing and call for a blood  
atonement. The perfect man, pray-  
ing continually for forgiveness, con-  
fesses his sin continually; so his  
cleansing is assured because it is con-  
tinuous.

## PROGRAM CONDUCT

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neck cranes, those conversational  
rather than musical minded, as well  
as several types of nuisance are all  
too plentiful, but a little thought and  
consideration for others would quick-  
ly remedy these faults. The ina-  
bility to refrain one's hands and feet  
from keeping time is quite obviously  
a sign of ill breeding.

The motto, "When in Rome, do  
as the Romans do" is the only reli-  
able standard to follow in the mat-  
ter of dress. Despite the lack of var-  
iety in men's dress, there is often a  
problem of the correct attire to wear  
at formal affairs. If strict form is  
the fashion, that is, of course, the  
best, but neatness and good taste are  
always at a premium and never out  
of place.

Prof. Bain's talk was something  
definite in the culture program now  
surrounding about the campus and pro-  
viding many useful suggestions as to  
the do's and don't's of good taste  
today.

Prof. Speaks Concerning  
the Christian Religion

In his chapel talk, Friday, Prof.  
Frank H. Wright gave to the stu-  
dents some convincing statements  
concerning the Christian religion. He  
said:

"The church has ever felt justified  
in pressing the claims of Christianity  
upon men. If we were to seek the  
reasons for this justification we  
Man is incurably incapacitated for  
should find them in several sources.  
God and religion. From the pagan  
farthest removed from all that up-  
lifts and enables, to the Christian,  
enjoying the full fruitage of Chris-  
tianity, that capacity is found; and  
the depravity of the human heart  
has not changed this divine endow-  
ment. Man has something that  
longs for an object of worship and  
adoration. Religion is a man's total  
reaction upon life, said Dr. Wil-  
liam James.

"This contains truth but it does  
not go far enough. Religion to be  
worth while must ever lead to some-  
thing greater and higher; there is no  
top on heaven and there should not  
be.

"Now, the best things are eternal.  
Therefore one's religion should be  
possessed of demands upon its de-  
votee that would call for a reaction  
or reactions to all of the best things  
in life, life either here or here after.  
Christianity meets these demands for  
at least two great reasons. It de-  
mands every worthwhile thing of its  
followers. The direct appeal to all  
those powers of our nature which we  
hold in highest esteem finds its com-  
plements in Christianity. But Chris-  
tianity without its Christ is unthink-  
able. There is but one Jesus Christ  
and there will never be another. The  
Jesus Christ of the Holy Bible, in  
His the-anthropic personality and in  
His marvelous atoning work in Cal-  
vary, has made the Christian religion  
the complement of every man's need.  
Therefore, the church presses the  
claims of Christ and Christianity up-  
on all men. Christianity is destined  
to become the universal religion be-  
cause it alone can satisfy all of the  
demands that God-capacitated man  
either can now or ever can fill."

## BASKETBALL

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## LINE-UPS

## Girls

Gold	FG	FP	TP
Hall f	1	3	5
I. Donley f	1	0	2
Watson f	0	0	0
Green c	1	0	2
Lee g	0	0	0
Babcock g	0	1	1
E. Donley g	0	0	0
Totals	3	4	10

## Boys

Purple	FG	FP	TP
Ratcliffe f	0	0	0
Stone f	0	0	0
Scott f	0	0	0
Sheffer c	3	0	6
Shaffer g	0	1	1
Cole g	1	0	2
Total	4	1	9

Gold	FG	FP	TP
Donelson f	7	1	15
Benjamin f	5	2	12
Hopkins f	0	0	0
P. Paine c	5	1	11
D. Paine g	1	0	2
Goldberg g	0	0	0
Foster g	1	0	2
Totals	19	4	42

Purple	FG	FP	TP
Anderson f	4	1	9
Schogoleff f	6	0	12
Gibbins c	7	0	14
Farnsworth g	2	4	8
Crandall g	0	1	1
Totals	19	6	44





## Food for Thought

From two of our Freshmen prodigies comes this germ of poetry (?) Names furnished on request.

"The dog stood on the burning deck;  
"The flames crept up around his neck—  
"Hot Dog!"

One of our finest specimens of college skepticism turned away from Friday's game with the remark: "Huh, I've seen better football games than that."

WUXTRY—WUXTRY! Emily Post stars in Book-of-the-moment Club—by the time people get so they don't wipe their chins on their sleeves, somebody will begin a drive for bigger and better association paths, and then we'll have to start all over (We found the expression "association paths" in a Psychology book, so it's all Wright.)

Alex is starting to drive on his own account—aiming to get the girls up at 6:30 instead of 6:59 $\frac{3}{4}$ . The other morning he went to sleep while ringing the bell—remained more or less in a state of unconsciousness for five minutes—during which time every fair damsel in the dorm called vengeance down on his head in no uncertain terms.

We'd like to start a little drive of our own against the dim-witted twerps who carve initials, maxims and monologues on the desks in the class rooms. Not only do they mar the appearance of the room—but why don't the dumbbells write so we can read it?

Brainstorm by an English major: "The untrodden paths of nature are dotted with the footprints of an unknown hand."

Our college philosopher says: "Woman is the universal solvent—she can dissolve (or resolve) almost anything into tears." . . . Well, she's quite frequently bored to tears—if that means anything.

Malcolm Cronk is now offering methods for conduct in order to insure what he calls the Perfect Date. There are twelve rules. The first is: "Begin with confidence;" the last: "Do something." Ask him for the ones in between. (In advising this we are following the good ol' rule: Always ask those that Know.)

Young Hopeful: Daddy, if you'll give me ten cents, I'll tell you what the iceman said to Mama.

Dad (all excited): O. K., son, here's your dime.

Y. H. He said, "Do you want any ice today, lady?"

Scene: A girl's dorm in a co-ed school.

A young man walked up to a woman whom he took to be the dean, and asked:

"May I see Miss Jones, please?"

"And who are you?"

"Oh, I'm Miss Jones's brother."

"Well, well," said the lady. "I'm glad to know you. I'm her mother."

All of which brings us to a discussion of the accounting course now being taken by Verne Haight. It is being offered solely for his benefit. His first lesson ran something like this:

Waited table—association, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  minutes

Class with her—association, 1 hour

Played carroms—association 1 hour

Walked over to dorm—association 3 minutes

And so on into the night. We'd call this an excellent example of remote control.

In the midst of our dilemmas we remark that the average man is proof enough that a woman can take a joke.

And so for another week, we sign off. All in favor please manifest the fact by a Bronx cheer.

### FORENSIC UNION

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McIntire)

Extempore—John McIntire

"Valentine Rhymes and Their Standing as Poetry"

Story—read by Grace Smith for Magdalene Murphy, "Flies"

Debate—Harold Boon, affirmative; James Bedford, negative, "Resolved: that the giving of Valentines is detrimental to society."

Second order of music—String trio Selection from "Faust"

Impromptus:

Merritt Queen—"Has Valentine's Day Lost the Spirit of St. Valentine?"

Ellen Donley—"Grammar School Reminiscences of Valentine's Day"

Dean Thompson—"The Appropriateness of February 14th for Beginning Romances"

Parliamentary Drill—conducted by

Lena Hunt

Forensic Humor—Clifford Weber

Criticisms—Alden VanOrnum

Four candidates were elected to membership in the Union. They were: Paul McIntire, Arthur Lynip

Ralph Fuller, and Richard Slater.

Varsity manager Goldberg reported that the girl's debate team composed of Magdalene Murphy, Doris Lee, and Florence Smith was on tour

debating Seton Hill and California (Pa.) Normal College teams. Arrangements have been made with

Ithaca College for a debate on

March 12 on the munitions question. Speaking on the same subject

Houghton debaters are to meet a team from Elmira College at Houghton on March 20. Chesborough

Normal College has accepted a debate with Houghton's Junior varsity team

at a date as yet undetermined.



### VARIORIUM

"Of the making of books there is no end" was perhaps a wise observation hundreds of years ago. But the ancient seer would have been amazed had he read the number of new books printed in one month, today. Much of it, of course, is inevitably trash. Some is worth one reading, but leaves only a transitory mood of this or that as all very-modern books do. A few perhaps are destined to be great and become part of the literature of tomorrow. But it is not up to any critic or group of critics to say, now, which. Books are recognized as great, if they appeal to the hearts of the American public. No one would be satisfied to read none of the recent books. But since individual choice does not always prove correct, it is best to read as many as possible of the books-of-the-moment. One thing we notice—many of the authors of the best-sellers of the twenties are gone; new names are appearing. Then a new philosophy is apparent in these very-modern books. World problems are distinctly in the focus and titles reveal an amazing array of settings and interests. The reader must be a rather versatile person.

Following is a list of the outstanding books of February, 1935. Of course some are carried over from other months, because they continue to be best-sellers. How many of them have you read? Don't they sound exciting? Fiction:

Heaven's My Destination—Thorn-ton Wilder.

Lamb in His Bosom—Caroline Miller.

The Forty Days of Musa Dagh—Franz Werfel

Mary Poppins—P. L. Travers

Captain Caution—Kenneth Roberts

Piccarini's Island—Nordhoff and Hall

Little Orvie—Booth Tarkington

The Jasmine Farm—Elizabeth.

Women Must Work—Richard Aldington.

The Dark Island—V. Sackville-West.

When Yellow Leaves—Ethel Boileau

The Budapest Parade Murders—Van Wyck Mason

Goodbye, Mr. Chips—James Hilton

The World Outside—Hans Fallada

Folded Hills—Stewart E. White

February Hill—Victoria Lincoln

Stars Fall on Alabama—Carl Carmichael

The Folks—Ruth Suckow

The Transients—Mark Van Doren

Week End—Phil Strong

The Proud Servant—Margaret Irwin

My Next Bride—Kay Boyle

The Golden Vanity—Isabel Paterson

The Power to Kill—Robert Hichens

Florian—Fe'lex Salten

Some of the biographies, travel and non fiction sound especially interesting. The non-fiction list is given as:

While Rome Burns—Alexander Woolcott

An Experiment in Autobiography—H. G. Wells

Smart Set Anthology—Burton Rascoe and Groff Conklin

Erasmus of Rotterdam—Stefan Zweig

Retreat from Glory—R. H. Bruce Lockhart

Wine from These Grapes—Edna St. Vincent Millay

Canterbury Tales—Geoffrey Chaucer

Forty-Two Years in the White House—Ike Hoover

World Diary—Quenay Harve

European Journey—Philips Gibbs

My Own Story—Marie Dressler

The Roosevelt Omnibus—Don Wharton

## Star Sport Flashes

Withstanding a last minute spurt on the part of the Gold quintet, the Purple boys swept into a commanding lead in the annual series for the school championship last Friday night when they defeated the Gold for the third time, by the score of 44-42. The Purple boys now need but one victory to clinch the championship for 1934-35. The Gold must take three successive games from the Purple Lions to take the title, which appears to be a Herculean task. However, records show that such feats have been accomplished and the Gold team will be in there fighting with their backs to the wall.

The results of the girls' games so far have been just the opposite of the boys. The Gold girls hold three consecutive victories over the Purple lassies and need but one victory to settle the issue for this season. All of the games have been close and bitterly contested with the final outcome in doubt until the last whistle.

One of the outstanding college fives of the current season is the Duquesne University quintet from Pittsburgh, Pa. When they defeated Arm last Saturday by a 26-23 count it marked their twenty-sixth consecutive victory. This sensational winning streak was started toward the close of last season and has continued throughout the current schedule. On successive nights last week they defeated St. Johns University and Manhattan College, two of New York City's outstanding teams which demonstrates the power of the Owl's court machine.

The tennis touring troupe of "Bill" Tilden, Ellsworth Vines, George Lott, and Lester Stoeffer seems to be drawing packed houses in all of the cities in which they appear. Before the end of the indoor season these four professionals will have performed in more than eighty American cities and before more than 300,000 fans. Just recently they performed before more than 4,000 in Buffalo. Chief interest was centered in that grand old man of tennis, "Big Bill" Tilden. At the age of 44 Tilden still ranks with the best in the tennis world. Although much of his former speed is lacking he still retains his smashing service, powerful drives, and tennis "brains" which are sufficient to keep him at the top of the game.

The fifth Purple-Gold game is scheduled for tonight—you basketball fans. Come on out and back your team. Show your school spirit by giving the players a little moral support and help to waken interest in Houghton athletics. Everybody out!

Meetings on the indoor track for the first time this season, Glenn Cunningham, great Kansas miler, defeated "Bill" Bonthron, Princeton star and Gene Venzke of the University of Pennsylvania Saturday night in the feature event at the Millrose A. A. Carnival in New York. The Kansan was clocked in the fast time of 4:11. Venzke finished second. Bonthron now hold three victories over each other and are scheduled to meet at Bonthon third. Cunningham and Bonthon now hold three victories over each other and are scheduled to meet at least twice more before the indoor curtain is let down.

"Dizzy" Dean, great right hander of the St. Louis Cardinals and hero of the last fall's World Series, is holding out for a \$25,000 salary for the coming season. He says that this offer will stand for only a few days and that he will then demand

Not I, But the Wind—Frieda Lawrence

## Three Pointed Opinions on Two Pertinent Questions

It is always of popular interest to know what one's neighbor in school believes concerning current topics or events. To the point of discovering some of these beliefs, the two questions have been selected: "What change has the recent culture drive effected in your manners?" and "Do you think that the students are making the best use of the recreation room?" and were propounded to the following people. Miss Janet Donley was quite frank to confess: "I'm afraid that the numerous culture talks have not changed my manners as much as they should have". On the other hand, she is of the opinion that the students are making the best use of the recreation room and that it is a definite asset to the school.

Mr. Clifford Weber was also quite out-spoken with regard to the first question: "No", he said, "the etiquette talks haven't done me any good! My manners don't need improvement. And, quite the opposite of Miss Donley's statement, he opined that the recreation room was not being used to the best advantage. He gave no recommendation as to how it might better be utilized.

Miss Purla Bates cast a rather favorable light on the culture lectures. She said that it seemed to her that the very principle of putting table manners into prominence has served as a prompter to many and has caused a definite improvement among the students along that line. For herself, she admits that the talks didn't have much application.

Because she spends so little time in the recreation room, Miss Bates excused herself from giving an opinion on its functions.

### Etiquette Answers

1. The man is always introduced to the lady. For example, "Miss Smith, may I introduce Mr. Brown?" Or, "Miss Smith, Mr. Brown."

2. "How do you do, Mr. Brown." Never, "Pleased to meet you."

3. A lady should never take a gentleman's arm in the daytime except when in a crowded city district or when walking on rough ground or slippery sidewalks. At night, a lady may take a gentleman's arm if he offers it.

4. A gentleman never takes a lady's arm except when she is getting into a car or a taxi. In getting out of a car, taxi or street car, a gentleman gets out first and offers his hand to the lady.

5. If there is an usher, the lady precedes the gentleman. If not, the gentleman precedes the lady.

6. No. A lady takes her seat and then her escort seats himself.

### Some Paper, that "Star"

The following come to the STAR: Leading Newspaper Houghton, New York Dear Sirs:

As I wish to advertise for a farm in your Newspaper, will you kindly send me a sample so that I can learn the rates you charge for advertising. Yours truly,

\$30,000. The St. Louis management has made no comment as yet on the situation but it is expected that a compromise will settle the matter when "Dizzy" goes into confab with Sam Breadon, owner of the Cardinals, this week. If "Dizzy" succeeds in getting his \$25,000 he will be the highest salaried player in the National League.