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## President Luckey Gives Report

### Splendid Conference at Barberton Proposals Favorably Received by Committee

In Wednesday's chapel President Luckey gave the student body a report of his activities and of those meetings which he attended during his absence.

He reported a splendid session of the Alleghany Conference which met at Barberton, Ohio. There is a growing interest in the work of Houghton in that part of the Wesleyan Church. The people are looking to our school, he said, and are expecting us to fulfill their ideal for us. At the educational meeting a fine spirit was shown.

From Barberton the President went to Chicago to attend the Executive Committee Meeting of the Conservative Colleges. Here he presented his proposals for a Bryan Foundation for the Advancement of Christian Fundamental Education. The Committee unanimously favored this plan and requested him to present it before the Association in its Convention which meets in May. Also, it was urged that he personally recommend it at the World's Christian Fundamental Association which convenes at Toronto, Canada, on April 25.

The object of this plan, originated by our President, is to bring about a united effort on the part of the Fundamental Colleges to stem the tide of Modernism which is prevailing in institutions of higher learning today.

On his way to Chicago, President Luckey had the privilege of visiting Taylor University and our sister school, Marion College. Very cordial relations, he reported, exists between Houghton and Marion, whose interests are so much in common.

### Note from Prof. Woolsey

Some lilies one day, in a smiling bouquet,  
Brought cheer to a sufferer's heart;  
For they spoke of the love of the Father above  
And its human counterpart.  
Thank you, students.

P. E. Woolsey.

### Spring Vacation

After these strenuous days of mid-term examinations, a few days vacation is a real blessing. The Spring Vacation begins Wednesday, April 7, at 11 a. m. and closes April 13, at 8 a. m. Refreshed by the relaxation that these spring days will give, we shall return with renewed zest to the task of successfully completing another school year.

### Harmonizers Give First Concert at Belfast

Last Thursday evening the "Harmonizers" held the attention of an appreciative audience at Belfast. The musical was very good, especially considering that it was the first one to be rendered out of town this year. There are always some difficulties to be met by every worth while organization. On account of the absence of two members, who were snowbound, the program was somewhat changed. However, Professor Hazlett and Ralph Jones filled the vacancies exceedingly well. There are several new students who have joined the jolly group this year. Hollis Stevenson, Arline Saunders, and Wilfred Bain are new members in the quartet. Three others have been made welcome to the orchestra. John Kluzitt, who plays a violoncello; John Broughton, whom we all know as "Jackie", brings a companion for "Hank's" saxophone with his own; and Arthur Clegg a most accommodating member who fits in by playing the flute or slide trombone, as the piece to be rendered demands. Mr. Kluzitt makes a fine completion of a trio with Professor Hazlett and Alfred

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### Conference Meeting

The Annual Session of the Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church will convene at Fillmore on April 6. This will be a splendid opportunity for Houghton people, including the students, to attend as this comes during the Spring Vacation.

### No STAR Next Week-- Spring Vacation

## Alumni Returns from Japan

### Rev. Maurice Gibbs, Missionary, Describes Orientals

On Tuesday evening the regular prayermeeting was given up in favor of the Y. M. W. B.

Mr. Maurice Gibbs, an alumnus of Houghton who has been in the work of Lord in Japan for six years, addressed the student body and townspeople. He had many models of Japanese articles including houses, fans, pillows, handkerchiefs, chopsticks, and tiny people. He said that the people there are very much like people here; the Japanese children, especially, are very much like American children. When they are in a hurry to get out and play they eat very fast, just the way we do. Although the children there are like those here, the older people and even the students are very melancholy. As a result of this melancholy many commit suicide. "They are not sitting in darkness," they are groping around trying to find a way out."

Mr. Gibbs quoted Dr. Downing's statement, "America is at the present time where Rome was twenty years before she fell." He spoke of this in regard to the change that has taken place in the fashions while he was away. There is no bobbed hair or bobbed skirts in Japan. The women in that country prize their hair as their "crown of glory".

One other important fact he emphasized was that the Japanese have family worship before breakfast.

The work there is prospering. At present they have a church and parsonage bought and paid for. There

### Regular Meeting of the College Student Body

Monday, April 5

The College Student Body will meet next Monday at the close of chapel for one of the regular meetings of the school year. A number of important matters will be taken up in this meeting, most important of which will be the election of a nominating committee. This committee will make nominations for the election of the officers of the Student Body for the next year.

Please bear this meeting in mind and make no arrangements for other meetings on that date.

are two pastors and three others who have the call to enter the ministry. From a letter recently received Mr. Gibbs thinks that there must be fully a hundred members now.

Mr. Gibbs arrived in America with his family on October 7, 1925, after having been on the ocean eleven days. They went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith in Portland, Oregon, the parents of Mrs. Gibbs. On January 19, Rev. Gibbs left for the East where he has been addressing various congregations. He attended the Board Meeting at Syracuse, and has visited the Alleghany Conference. He expects to be at the Lockport Conference to meet next week and also the other spring conferences. Wednesday night he spoke at Higgins and Thursday night at Rushford. Tonight he will be in Bradford and on Sunday in Olean at the occasion of the communion service.

### Blessed Service at Rushford Sunday Evening

"Be ye --- always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Thus spake the Lord through his inspired apostle, Paul. Houghton, in the past, has witnessed the truth of these words—and the present is no exception. Thank God!

With the coming of spring, there has come renewed activity on the part of the theological class in carrying forward the work that was commenced last fall—that of carrying the Gospel message to the people of surrounding towns. Last Sunday evening a group of students, in obedience to the Master's commission to "go preach", went to the Free Methodist church in our neighboring town of Rushford to hold a service. They went, as the first speaker of the evening made plain, not to bring a new message but simply to tell again the old Gospel story of salvation from sin. God honored their message and sent conviction to needy hearts, some of whom found their way to the altar of prayer there to make their confession to Almighty God.

Miss Frost and Mr. VanWormer were the speakers of the evening.

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## Editorial

## I Believe --

I believe in God the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day, he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

God is; I am. He lives in realms of ineffable light; I see through a glass darkly. He is supremely holy; in me, that is in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing. Yea, false and full of sin I am. He is far above all heavens; I dwell in a restricted sphere on a little planet. He is the creator of all things; I am the dust of the ground. Shall a man see His face and live? Yet I hear Him say to me, "Be ye holy for I am holy." This is high; I cannot attain unto it. "Oh that one might plead with God as a man pleadeth with his neighbor!"

"There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." "If any man sin, we have an

advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins." We are reconciled to God by his death - we are saved by his life," even by Him who "was delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justification."

I believe in Him, I say in Him, the Risen Lord. "He breaks the power of cancelled sin and sets the captive free." Because He lives I live also, and shall live.

## From Foreign Fields

Mr. Maurice Gibbs, a returned missionary from Japan who was a former Houghton student spoke in Chapel Tuesday morning. Since so many people had inquired whether he was in Japan or not at the time of the earthquake, he said he would tell us something about this terrible disaster.

The fire which followed the earthquake was even more terrible than the earthquake itself. "It was a literal furnace which scorched vast numbers of people to death." It is estimated that between 100,000 and 150,000 people lost their lives from this cause. People thinking that they would be safe on the bridges and boats rushed to them but only to perish. The aid sent into Japan by America was greatly appreciated but the Japanese felt that this kindness was offset by the immigration law.

Mr. Gibbs said that the Japanese are self-sufficient, proud-spirited, and independent. These characteristics are manifested in their attempt to adopt English words in their advertisements.

Such signs as "Glass, Looking-glass, and Company", and "Cows milked and retailed" appear on their shop windows.

The chapel hour passed all too soon but we were granted another privilege of hearing the speaker in the evening at a Y. M. W. B. meeting.

## An Appeal for Athletics

Representatives from the Gold and Purple sides had charge of last Friday's chapel. Howard Bain, in a very humorous manner, made an appeal to the students not taking part in any form of athletics to enter some field of activity this Spring.

Mr. Henshaw, the second speaker pointed out the benefits of physical exercise in its relation to the mental powers. He also spoke a few words in appreciation of the officers of the Athletic Association.

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Their messages were preceded by a testimony meeting, in which many gave expression to the faith that was in them, and by two messages in song one by the ladies' quartet and one by the men's quartet. The service was inspirational and helpful to all who were privileged to attend.

On April 11, the Christian Workers expect to hold two services at Canaseraga and one at Obi. On April 18, the Lord willing, they will go to Scio for a union service of the Methodist and Disciples of Christ. Pray much that the blessing of God may attend the students as they go out from time to time in this good work.

## Locals

Miss Elizabeth Black is visiting in town.

Donald Schumann was in Houghton for a few days last week.

DeWeerd Lupton returned from Buffalo hospital Saturday evening. His father is home at present.

Prof. Wright went to Bradford Friday last.

Rev. Gibbs, returned missionary from Japan, arrived Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pocock were in Houghton Tuesday evening.

## The First Easter

In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from Heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door and sat upon it.

His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.

And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for He is risen, as He said.

—Matt. 28: 1-6

"And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain . . . . But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."

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### Athenian Literary

A very impressive Easter program was given in the Athenian Literary Society Monday evening. The Easter spirit, that of the hope of immortality was stressed throughout. The first number was a selection by the male quartet, "Come, Spirit, Come." Laura Houghton read with much expression one of Henry Van Dyke's selections, "A Handful of Clay". Following this Gladys Taylor read a splendid paper on "The Significance of Easter." She said that for every Christian heart the Easter Morn brings a beautiful remembrance of a risen Lord and the glorious hope of immortality. The program was very appropriately concluded with a vocal duet, "One Day" by Misses Katherine Jennings and Bertha Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Washbon were called to Cattaraugus last week Wednesday by the death of their grandson, Loren Dietrich.

### A Tenderfoot on a Ranch

By William Sallberg

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Neither Dick nor I had ever worked on a farm before. We were as green as anyone could be. Mr. Traver was out in a distant field when we arrived, and we were given permission to get acquainted with the place. However, our common impulse was to work. The bundles of grain lying in the fields seemed to challenge us; and we went to work with a will, putting the bundle in shocks as we had seen it done in moving pictures.

At sundown we surveyed our work and were satisfied. Mr. Traver, who just then pulled in with the binder, looked very well pleased. He offered some constructive criticism, but he was favorably impressed with our willingness to work. Returning to the house, we were given our share of the chores which was to feed the mules and cows.

At supper we met the other members

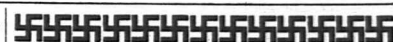
of the household. There were three more children, Bernice, aged sixteen, May, fourteen, and Bob, eleven. Mr. Traver was a man of powerful physique admirably fitted for his work, that of breaking mules. In the field his speech savored of fire and brimstone, but he was not unkind.

Soon after supper, Bobby conducted us to our sleeping quarters. They were in the barn-loft. A room had been roughly boarded off and furnished with a bed and dresser-simple, but complete. We had expected to rough it.

Bobby came to wake us up at five o'clock the next morning, which was quite unnecessary. The bawling of the calves had already done that. However, we construed Bobby's presence as the signal for work, and we were soon pitching down hay to the hungry beasts below. Breakfast followed chores, and at seven-thirty o'clock we were again in the field.

We thoroughly enjoyed working in the field, but we soon came to hate the chores. They were like so much extra after the day's work was done. I was assigned another task, which was not an easy one. Mr. Traver's herd of cattle were pastured on the west forty (land was always spoken of as forties eighties, quarters, or sections and designated according to direction), a field about two miles from the house. The creek was dry, thus making it necessary to pump water for the stock. For thirty-five minutes each day, I performed gymnastics with a pump handle

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Ione Driscall's aunt, Mrs. Aylworth,  
is visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Washburn went to the  
funeral of their grandson at Cattaraugus.

Rockwells were in Wellsville Satur-  
day.

Mrs. Peck and Edmund visited in  
Silver Springs last week.

Miss Vera Crandall was the guest of  
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However, the job had its compensation. I chose the time immediately after dinner when it was hottest—and it was dreadfully hot in the field. The thermometer registered one hundred and fifteen degrees in the sun. There was no shade. Another reason why I enjoyed my daily trip to the west forty was that I was permitted to ride Mr. Traver's saddle-bred mule, an experience that was more like sport than work to me.

There were a few rainy days when we could not shock wheat, but then we spent the time repairing fences, chopping cotton, or doing other necessary work. It was the same routine of work from sunrise until sunset. The threshing only changed our form of work for a while; if anything, the hours were longer. A rancher has little time for intellectual development. Dick and I longed again for the city, for books, for the church, for society.

However, life on a ranch furnishes excitement and adventure enough for anyone. Mr. Traver told of many thrilling experiences which he had had, and during our two months stay, we had some of our own. I shall but mention them in order to give the reader some idea of the things which can happen. For instance, there was the time when two mules took French leave, and we spent the greater part of a night trailing them, only to find that they had crossed a river which we were unable to cross at night on account of its quicksand bottom. Then there was the time when Buck, the most vicious mule in the lot, went on a rampage in the barnyard and sent us scurrying for the fence.

On the humorous side, I recall the time when Dick and I were sent into the field to chop cotton. Chopping

cotton is the process of thinning out the plants and cutting the weeds with an ordinary garden hoe. There were a great many vines growing in the field which we thought were weeds. As a result, when the negroes came to pick cotton later in the season, they had no watermelons to eat. I also remember when I asked Mr. Traver if his prize Hereford cattle were Shorthorns. I don't think he ever forgave me for that mistake. Another incident which I recall with pleasure was the time when Dick and I took a bath in the Cimmaron River and came out of the water coated with mud.

But to Dick and me the notoriety which we received in the neighborhood was the most amusing of all. News travels fast in Oklahoma. When the telephone rings, every party on the line takes down the receiver. It soon became known that Mr. Traver had some tenderfeet working on his ranch, and soon the girls within a radius of five miles found some pretext for calling, but primarily to get a glimpse of "Dick and Bill" from New York. All of them had us located in the metropolis, and we did nothing to enlighten them otherwise. I do not know what conception these people have of a New Yorker, but I do know that when they saw us, they would not believe that we were from the East at all.

Long live the East! Long live the West! The easterner yearns for the West, and the Westerner yearns for the East. But two month's residence in the West was enough to take away all the illusions which Dick and I had fostered. We were of the East born and bred, and to the East we returned. We still want to see the West; but to live there, not. "Be it ever so humble there's no place like Home."

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