

## HO'TON'S PLACE OF MYSTERY

### The College Wonderland

To those who have never visited the College attic, a pioneering expedition to that land of memories would indeed be enjoyable. For there, placed in disorderly piles, covered with the dust of by-gone years, can be found articles which make one acquainted with students who have gone on before, and incidents of former centuries. They speak of history in a plainer and more comprehensive voice, than could any human tongue.

The first thing of note which catches our view and holds our attention as we climb the stairs, is a collection of notebooks placed upon the window sill. Opening a few of them, we notice on the fly-leaves, familiar names: Everett Lapham, Stanley Lawrence, Edward Williams, Joe Clinefelter, and others. Although silent, yet they speak emphatically of the trials of Chemistry and other studies.

Nearby, we see the remains of an old trap drum, which once rattled its way through many "Harmonizer" programs, a moth-eaten, dust-besmeared College banner, long since forgotten, and stacks upon stacks of magazines whose dates prove their antiquity. In one corner stands an old bass-viol, while behind it sadly droops a worn-out American flag.

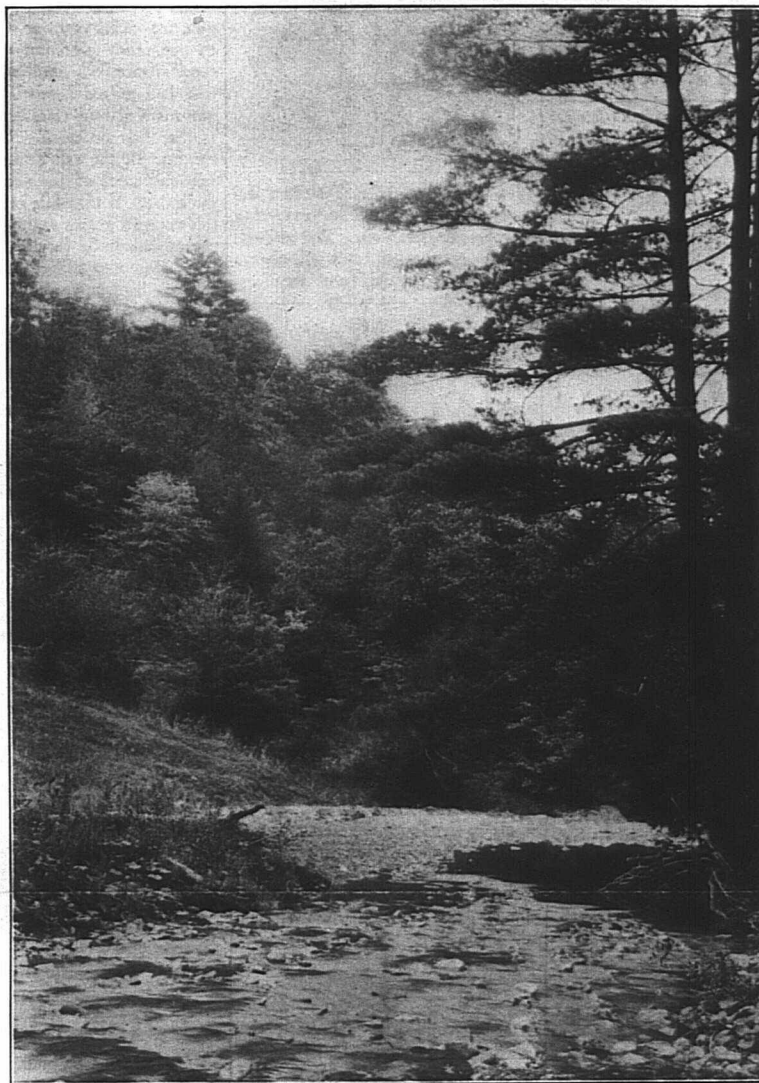
On one side of the room, we discover untold quantities of books—volumes whose titles and contents are undoubtedly out of date, yet which hold much interest to the one interested in literature. A few books noticed, bear the names—*Jew's Letters to Voltaire*, *Bradley's Practical Sermons*, *Principalities and Powers*. Inter-mingled with the books, we find many an old paper note bearing the following inscription: "Houghton Seminary Bank will pay the bearer the amount of—on demand." Just what this means is certainly puzzling. Did Houghton Seminary once possess wealth untold, or are the bank notes all a farce?

Broken chapel seats, old text books, and well-used stage decorations, also help to make the College attic a place of romance. Ever take a trip through its labyrinth of junk? Better go. It's a pleasant reminder of many past experiences.

## A CORRECTION AND AN APOLOGY

Because of an unintentional oversight, the name of Hollis Stevenson was omitted from the list of soloists who took part in the College Cantata, January 10th. The *Star* wishes to correct the mistake, and apologize for the error. Mr. Stevenson, the baritone soloist, greatly pleased the audience with his deep, melodious voice, and the unusual manner in which he interpreted his solo selections. Many have been the favorable comments upon his work. As a member of the College Glee Club, we hope to hear him again in the near future.

Ruth and Margaret Williams were here last week. Monday eve they were given a party by some of the Senior girls. They remained to hear the chorus, and left on Wednesday.



Another favorite scene near Houghton. Nature has favored us with many a beautiful view. This picture represents the valley at the rear of the College buildings.

## LETTER FROM JAPAN

### George Laug a Missionary There

(The following letter was received by Prof. Ries recently from George Laug, a former student of Houghton. That Houghton does not lose her hold upon the hearts of the students who leave her halls, is plainly portrayed by this letter. The *Star* wishes success to Mr. Laug in his chosen field.)

Nishi Hori Bata, Saga, Japan,  
December 8, 1927

Dear Claude,  
What a happy day it was for me as we climbed the steps of old Houghton College and wandered about the spot of precious memories. Houghton was my college in one way for only two years but in the true sense still is my college. Those were years of struggle and development when I scarcely knew myself and they were days of forming friendships. After those two years came the war and then two years in Hope College, happy years too, but not so full of attraction and attachment as I look back to them. "Houghton, Houghton, now and e're, may thy name be dear."

Now we are in Japan, happy to be out in the Lord's harvest field together. We left our home in Michigan on the 12th of August and after making several stops to visit friends and relatives, sailed from San Francisco on August 30, reaching Yokohama on the 15th of September. Again making several stops to visit

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## AN EASY WIN

### "Ann" English, High Point Player

In the preliminary to the Freshmen Junior game Friday night, local basketball fans were given an opportunity to determine which is conducive to better playing, long tresses or the more popular bob. The results were very convincing as the "shorn pates" romped to an easy victory, 16-1. "Ann" English, center for the latter team, scored fourteen points; "Gen" Matthews netted the other two-pointer. "Lil" Clark averted a shut-out for her team by making good on a foul try. Stevens, Matthews, English, Pearl Moore and Folger represented the winners; Dyer, Mattoon, Clark, Anderson, and Grace Molyneux, the losers.

## STOP! LOOK! LISTEN!

### College Examination Schedule

January 23-28, 1928

Morning examinations are held from 9:00-12:00. Afternoon examinations are held from 1:30-4:30.

Monday a. m.—Freshman English, sections A and B.

Monday p. m.—1:30-2:30 and 2:30-3:30 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes.

Tuesday a. m.—8:00 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes.

Tuesday p. m.—9:00 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes.

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## GRACIOUS STUDENT PRAYER MEETING

### Victory

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" was the keynote of the last Tuesday evening student prayer meeting. The leader urged those present to lead a deeper prayer life, and encouraged those who may be tempted. He emphasized the fact that as God moved Elias of olden times to pray for a specific purpose, so He would move through a Christian of the twentieth century if that individual would but yield himself to prayer.

The full hour was devoted to a refreshing season of prayer. God is putting upon the Christian people of Houghton a spirit of intercession for those who do not know Him. Special prayer groups are being held in preparation for the revival that is to begin January 29. God is graciously outpouring His Spirit upon us. Will you not unite your prayers with ours that we may see a lasting revival come to us at Houghton.

## Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to members of the Faculty and Student Body who so kindly remembered me with letters and cards during my recent illness.

Alma Ruth Baker

## COLLEGE JUNIORS CLASS CHAMPS

### Lane and Roth Display Brilliance

Last Friday evening, the Freshmen five met the Junior quintet on the Bedford court in the fastest game of the season. The fact that this game determined the class championship for the year, created a keen interest and much rivalry among the classes. The game started out with a rush, and every man on his toes. During the first quarter, the two teams were well matched, but the Juniors displayed unusual speed in breaking away from the Freshman defense, and soon rolled up a lead of ten points which was not to be tied by the Freshmen. The Freshmen were outclassed by the Juniors in team work, which was to be expected of a team that has played together as many years as the Juniors. However, the Freshmen five are the prospective class champions of the College. "Curley" Lane had a streak of shooting in Friday evening's game that gave him the place of high point man, totaling twelve points. "Skeets" Roth, although playing in the position of guard, slipped through the Junior defense in a clean break for four field goals. It is interesting to note that the class champions of this year won the same laurels in their Sophomore year.

FRESHMEN	F.G.	F.P.	T.P.
Folger, R. F.	0	0	0
Fero, L. F.	2	2	6
Fiske, C.	1	0	2
Rosbach, R. G.	1	0	2
Roth, L. G.	4	0	8
	8	2	18

JUNIORS	F.G.	F.P.	T.P.
Lane, R. F.	6	0	12
Fox, L. F.	2	2	6
Mosher, C.	3	0	6
Dyer, R. G.	3	0	6
Miller, L. G.	0	0	0
	14	2	30

## IS THE WORLD GROWING BETTER?

"No," says Zuber. "It's Good Enough," says Estabrook

Many people today claim that the world is growing better, and in a sense this claim may be correct. Man has made gigantic strides in the last few centuries. From the crude tallow and candle lights, we have risen to the electric lamp which has made living more comfortable and better. We sit down in rooms heated and ventilated, while a few hundred years ago men lived in homes heated by a fire in the middle of the room, a room filled with smoke. Of course, man has, by his skill and development, made the world in many ways a better place in which to live. The invention of the radio, the automobile, the aeroplane, the submarine, and the great ocean-going ships have been great advancements.

Is the world becoming better in a spiritual sense? Jesus Christ said that the days would become as they were in the time of Noe. He prophesied a great falling away in his church and a decline in spirituality. "When the Son of man cometh will he find faith on the earth?" In writing to Timothy, Paul was inspired

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## Collegiate Sam Says:

There never will be a college that can make something out of nothing.

## EDITORIAL

## THE BASER SIDE OF HUMAN NATURE

It is a significant fact that when glory surrounds an individual, when money is a part of his good fortune, when the lime-light provides his pathway with brilliancy, the amount of people who follow that man, and who seek to do him homage is enormous. Lindberg has acquired popularity because of the public's insatiable desire for a hero. True, this brave ambassador of the American people deserves every iota of honor bestowed upon him. Yet, if this man who has brought fame to his native land, had fallen in his flight, and had failed in his great undertaking, I wonder what the reactions of the public would have been. Why, the people would have forgotten him within a week. He would have been stamped as one more failure, and would have been unnoticed by man. Human nature is always thus. To the one who is a success, it gives its praise; to the one who has made a mistake, it spurns. When a man or woman has fallen, the baser side of mankind asserts itself. For it is only the minority that attempt to aid that individual in again rising to a respectable level; the majority of the human race will always kick the one who is down. In a recent Sunday evening sermon, Rev. Pitt asserted one of the greatest truths that I have ever heard uttered, when he said, "There is one thing more dangerous than the wolf, and that is a ravening society against a fallen man or woman." The story of the good Samaritan should help us to see our failure towards others, yet it apparently goes unheeded by the greater number. Those who have become successful, do not need our help. It is only those who have fallen in the race, who merit aid. Therefore, the person that slanders him who has once committed an error, the individual that injures him who has slipped, is worse than the one whom he criticizes. By an unkind word, or a misdirected action, we may blast forever the life and hopes of him who is attempting to rise from despair, and to forget a careless past. It is for us, then, to guard ourselves against undue criticism, to aid rather than slander the erring one, and to stamp out our baser nature.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Lewis Sillsbee and wife visited friends in town last week.

Beatrice Cooper visited her college friends here last week.

Mrs. Calkins has been under the doctor's care for two weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

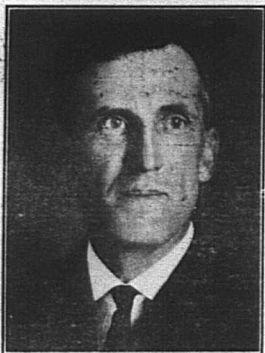
We are glad to be able to say that the Crouch family is getting along as well as can be expected. Ruth seems to be suffering the most from her sickness.

Joe Shipman was forced to go home last week, on account of his bad physical condition. It is expected that he may have to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Cecil Burr, of Canadea, has for three weeks been spending her Thursdays with Mrs. Lillian Burr, where she has been collecting taxes from Houghton and vicinity.

Mr. Loftis had a serious accident last Thursday, when he caught his left hand in one of the machines in his factory. The ends of his two forefingers were cut off. He was taken to Olean immediately, to receive medical assistance.

Charlie Thayer, who has been working in the Erie Car Shops in Hornell, is in a very serious condition. He suffered a fall a few weeks ago, and has been in the hospital ever since. We hear that the doctor gives him but little hope. We offer our sympathy.



DEAN F. H. WRIGHT

Who is conducting each week a department devoted to the answering of religious questions. This department is open to all, and will always be found on page three of the Star.

## Miss Grace Terry Entertains

Wednesday evening, about six o'clock, having supplied the wants of the patrons, the College Dormitory Serving Men joyously left the dining hall, bound for the home of Miss Grace Terry, cook par excellence at the dormitory.

An annual custom, yet one in which personal kindness is not relegated to second place, of Miss Terry's is to invite the boys who serve tables in the dining hall to come to her home for a meal.

To make a long story short, and a big story little, the waiters, upon arrival, were seated at a large table with the Misses Terry occupying seats at the head, the boys ranged along the sides, and two charming co-eds at the foot. The four course dinner met the requirements of six healthy, hungry fellows, and even Alvin Densmore took time to consume a goodly portion without losing too much of his plentiful and precious hot air.

After this sumptuous dinner, all repaired to the living room, where, to the untrained ear at least, the men's voices harmonized well enough to secure for them the approbation of their audience.

The coming part had been easy; but, oh, the leaving part! At eight o'clock duty called several of the fellows, after nearly scaring the goldfish to death with mighty cheers in appreciation of Miss Terry's hospitality, the heavily-laden men left the house and climbed laboriously to the campus, to enter upon the now sordid task of study.

## OPEN FORUM

## An Answer to "Dad's" Athletic Article

We heartily thank you, "Dad," for "waking us up", so to speak, concerning the condition of athletics in Houghton. We realize that your articles were written for our good and not to criticize us unduly. But there are a few of the suggestions that would bear a little more investigation.

We admit that the true sportsman's spirit is lacking in many of our students, but there is still a few of us who love our Purple and Gold sides, and are proud to support them.

As for the crowds at our Purple-Gold basket ball games, we scarcely believe that they were ever larger. If they were, the people either were on top of the gym gazing through the skylight, or hanging on the sides of the building peeping through the windows, since no more could possibly get in to see the games than did last year. If you don't believe it, you should have tried to get through the crowd to take up a collection.

We all realize with you that there are few things indeed outside of "olives", that one can learn to love. In

the "old countries" parents pick their children's husbands and wives whom they must love; but in America we feel that it is only right to choose whom and what we wish to love and honor. Therefore, we agree that the present idea of dividing the sides is a very, very poor one. But, "Dad", you are mistaken. The H. A. A. never, to our knowledge, passed any such act. This year one side was given one fellow who knew something about basketball, and another one who had played baseball; the other side received four stars in each sport. Is that fair or even? This system has put all the tall athletes on one side and most of the short ones on the other. Is that fair or even? At this rate, in a few years one side or the other will be very weak. There is no reason to believe such a thing may not happen, for in the past three years there have been two new basketball players come to one side by this new system, and the other side has received a "brand new" team, and some subs to spare. Don't you think the H. A. A. would have realized the mistake before now if she had instigated such a plan?

As for the track met in the past two years, it might be well to investigate that situation also. Weather conditions have made it impossible to secure much practice. But in spite of these difficulties, all of the new students who are eligible to compete were willing; but the "old timers" and the old leaders in sports among the students and elsewhere did their best to "kill" it and they did. Are we all to be criticized for what a few can do and did?

Again we thank you, Dad, for your interest, and sincerely hope with you that the Purple and Gold followers will acquire once more the right to choose the "Alma Mater" in athletics that they love and honor in order to put the proper and true spirit and sportsmanship into their presentations.

## "TIME OUT"

"The Yanks are Coming" hummed the dentist as he prepared for an extraction.

Irish Army Surgeon—Two of your wounds are fatal. But the third you need have no fear about. A month's good nursing will cure it.

Miss Rickard—Write the days of the week backward beginning with December.

Gentleman Jim was so polite that he even offered his chair to the warden when he was about to be electrocuted.

The first night that the Glee Club made their appearance in their new tuxes, Katy Secord was heard to remark: "Well! Just because they wear winged collars, they needn't think they are angels."

"Yes," the teacher explained, "quite a number of plants and flowers have the prefix 'dog'. For instance, the dog-rose and the dog-violet are well known. Can any of you name another?"

There was a silence, then a happy look illuminated the face of a boy at the back of the class.

"Please, miss," he called out, proud of his knowledge, "Collie-flower."

One morning in church the minister announced that there would be a meeting of the Board directly after church. After church, only one man remained. This man was not a member of the Board. The minister looked at him, and asked him why he was remaining. The man replied, "Well, you called for a meeting of the Board and I was surely bored to tears."

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school year will be offered next  
Thursday at eleven o'clock in the  
College Chapel, when Dr. Bates  
from Cornell University will lecture.  
He will undoubtedly speak about "In-  
dian-Lore," a subject with which he  
is well acquainted. This should be  
well-attended. Dr. Bates visited us  
last year.

### Library Concert

The Library Benefit Concert gives  
to this community an opportunity to  
appreciate the talent of the art de-  
partment of Houghton College. It  
also gives the community a responsi-  
bility in the maintenance of the Lib-  
rary.

The concert will be given at the  
Houghton College Chapel, Friday,  
Jan. 20th, at 8.00 p. m.

Come and bring your friends.  
Tickets for adults, 50c; children 35c.

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College Examination Schedule

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Wednesday a. m.—10:00 Monday  
Wednesday, and Friday classes.

Wednesday p. m.—11:00 Monday  
Wednesday, and Friday classes.

Thursday a. m.—Oratory I, sec-  
tions A and B.

Thursday p. m.—8:00 Tuesday,  
Thursday, and Saturday classes.

Friday a. m.—9:00 Tuesday,  
Thursday, and Saturday classes.

Friday a. m.—10:00 Tuesday,  
Thursday, and Saturday classes.

Saturday a. m.—11:00 Tuesday,  
Thursday, and Saturday classes.

Physical Training exams will be  
held at the last regular class periods.

### ALUMNI NOTES

George Gates '27

George Gates, a graduate of  
Houghton High School and Theo-  
logical Department of the class of  
'27 write of his pleasant experiences  
on a fruit farm during the summer.  
He is now a waiter in a restaurant  
at Lockport, New York. He men-

tioned his deep appreciation for the  
spiritual influences of Houghton,  
that helped to shape his Christian  
character, and especially spoke of the  
Chapel talks as being of inspiration  
to him. Among his friends at  
Houghton he spoke of Lynn Russell  
and said that Professor Whitaker  
was his favorite teacher. Mr. Gates  
was at Houghton for several years,  
and all who knew him realize the  
sincerity of his Christian life.

William Gearhart '20

William Gearhart of Pittsford,  
Michigan, is pleasantly engaged as  
pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist  
church there. He married Mildred  
Jones, and they now have two sons.  
Mr. Gearhart, like Mr. Hill, be-  
lieves his most interesting experi-  
ence since leaving Houghton was  
getting married. He relates an ex-  
perience during his school life that  
is humorous now, but at the time he  
probably did not consider it as such.  
He was sick with LaGrippe, and had  
to be moved during his illness. Pro-  
fessor James Elliott secured a cutter  
and patched up a harness with the  
exception of lines. The horse was  
fastened to the cutter, and the sick  
boy placed in the vehicle of trans-  
portation. Thus they proceeded  
with Professor Elliott leading the  
horse since he had no lines with  
which to drive. Stanley Lawrence  
was his school pal, and he mentions  
Mrs. Bowen, President Luckey, and  
Miss Rigall as his favorite teachers.  
Mr. Gearhart was in Houghton in  
1919 and '20, and left in his third  
year of theological work.

John Higgins '26

John Higgins, who attended  
Houghton High School and College  
from 1917 to 1926, and attained his  
A. B. degree at the end of that pe-  
riod, is now principal of the Cady-  
ville High School at Cadyville, New  
York. He writes, "I am in love  
with my work." Since leaving  
Houghton, John has taken a great  
interest in basket ball and is coach-  
ing a team that plays with the teams  
in other high schools of Clinton  
County. Floyd Banker and Clair  
Carey were his pals in school at  
Houghton. He mentions Mrs.  
Bowen and Professor Ries as being  
among his favorite teachers.

### Perplexing Religious Questions Answered

By Dean Frank H. Wright

In this department, Prof. F. H. Wright in conjunction with others,  
will attempt to answer, each week, questions relating to religious creed  
and doctrine. Send your questions to the Houghton Star, Houghton,  
N. Y.

Is Sanctification a Growth?

I think it will be helpful for us to  
use clear and accurate terms. Sancti-  
fication is a mark of God's grace.  
It may be preceded by preparation on  
the part of the seeker, but it is not  
itself a growth or development. It  
is wrought instantaneously and is  
complete as a work of grace, just as  
regeneration is complete as a work of  
grace.

Holiness is a state that results  
from Sanctification. It is begun in  
Regeneration and completed in En-  
tire Sanctification. This does not  
imply incompleteness in the state en-  
joyed under Regeneration grace. It  
is not correct to say that God saves  
one in two installments. The spheres  
of operation in each of these works  
of grace are not the same. In the  
first, God is dealing with the unre-  
generated heart, in the second with  
carnality. Just why the infinite God  
has chosen to deal thus with the prob-  
lems of sin in the human family,  
lies deep-hidden in the external wis-  
dom of the Father, not in the finite  
mind of man.

God's graces are progressive. One  
can grow in grace, but not into grace.  
The fruit of the Spirit may be real-

ized as an ever-increasing scale in all  
times, and even in Eternity.

Where in the Bible is the doctrine  
of the Trinity found and explained?

The term trinity is not found in  
our version of the scriptures. The  
doctrine of the trinity, like many  
other doctrines, was formulated by  
the church. However, this doctrine  
has a scriptural basis. The term  
means, "thrice-in-one." It is oppo-  
sed to the term Tri-theism. The  
basic fact to be considered is the  
unity of God. God himself has for-  
bidden polytheism. "Thou shalt  
have no other gods before me." Ex.  
20:3. He has also established the  
fact of His unity. "Hear, O Israel,  
Jehovah, our God, is one Jehovah.  
All orthodox persons admit that God,  
the Father, is God, that Jesus Christ  
is God, and that the Holy Spirit is  
God. Since we cannot accept the  
idea of Tri-theism, we must accept  
the doctrine of the trinity. Not  
three Gods, but one God, in three  
persons. Mark 1:10-11, shows us  
a picture of the Trinity; God, the  
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## Mrs. Clarke Attends Detroit Convention

Those who attended the special chapel last Friday, enjoyed Mrs. Clarke's interesting talk in which she gave her impressions of the Student Volunteer Convention at Detroit. These were from the standpoint of a returned missionary who had attended other similar conventions, and could comprehend the progress and the general trend of the missionary work as a whole. In the first place, she mentioned the personal benefit she received. After her return she felt ten years younger, her vision had been enlarged, she would be a better Christian and express more freely the life of Christ. After the royal entertainment, to the delegates by Mrs. Dart, one of the matrons of the Episcopalian home for girls, she was filled with the desire to be a better hostess.

The Detroit convention was different in many ways from the precedents ones at Des Moines and Indianapolis. The missionaries were not seated in a body on the platform, but were asked to find their seats among the students in the audience. Students were in charge, and figured largely on the programs. Appreciation and interest was shown over the large Masonic hall by cheers. Two of the well known and great speakers, were John R. Mott and Robert E. Speer. Numerous missionaries and nationals were present. The name "nationals" refers to students and people of other nationalities, as Chinese, Japanese, and Negroes. All were treated equally and mingled together freely. At the close of every evening session, the meeting was thrown open for questions from anywhere in that vast audience. Two boys were there from Sierra Leone, who told something about their country and its needs. The best reports were from Korea and the Philippines. One statement which Mrs. Clarke made, speaks well for the missionary work of the coming generation. She said, "There was nothing to criticize in the young people." If these only keep spiritual, God will be able to accomplish much through them in the future.

## An Announcement

Next Saturday evening, the Pike High School quintet will meet Belfast's Cagers on the Bedford Gym court. This should be a snappy game. A preliminary will also be played. Everybody out for the fun.

"That's the guy I'm laying for cackled the hen."

## Rev. Pitt Brings Splendid Message

Evidences and Responsibilities

"If a man thinks wrong he will go wrong," said Rev. J. R. Pitt in his Sunday morning sermon on "Wrong Theories Concerning Holiness". Three essential errors were dealt with, namely—all is received at conversion, holiness comes only by growth, and holiness is secured only in the resurrection life. This formed a fitting sequence to his sermon on the preceding Sunday, "Hindrances to Holiness". We appreciate these fresh and unconditioned sermons on the great theme of holiness. Too often the Biblical expression and exposition of true holiness is so glossed over by the shibboleths of religious leaders and the traditional stereotyped forms of expression that the real, pulsating Spirit-filled expression of the divine Word of God is submerged, and people become confused. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in clear and simple Biblical expression, the pastor has sought to lead up to the great truth and in the same simple

and sane manner, reveal what God has to say on the subject. It is a fitting preparation for our approaching revival services. Let us walk in the light.

Another indication of the Holy Spirit's leading in our midst, is seen in the call and the heed to prayer by various groups in the community and in the college. These are gracious seasons and should increase in divine intensity and power. Fellow Christians, let us search ourselves, humble ourselves, and become such vessels as are meet for the Master's use. This is our day and opportunity. Let us work while it is called day.

A still further evidence of the Spirit's guidance is seen, we believe, in the choice of a spiritual leader for our special services. Dr. O. G. Mingleford, of Georgia, is a real ambassador of the full gospel of Jesus Christ. His training as physician, dentist, missionary, teacher, and preacher sanctified by good common sense and a holy life makes him a choice vessel in the Master's vineyard. However, neither in his briefcase, nor in his several abilities, can be found a revival. We must all be co-laborers together with God by in tercessory prayer and by being in stant in season and out of season. "Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit" saith the Lord. If we would see God's power manifest in our midst, we must individually pay the price, which will mean not a spasmodic revival but a spirit-filled continuous walk with Christ.

Claude A. Ries

## IS THE WORLD GROWING BETTER?

Enough," says Estabrook.

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ed to pen the following prophecy: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." (II Tim. 3: 1-5). Does not this condition exist today? Anyone who has given the matter a mere thought will agree that Paul was right. The world is getting farther away from God continually, and becoming spiritually degenerated.

Eddie Zuber

Satisfied With the World as it is. Who knows whether the world is getting better or worse? Does anyone really believe that the world is not getting better? Ah yes, there are those who are bound to believe that the youth of today is but a fore-runner of what the whole coming generation is going to be. Because there are some young people today who have inherited some of their great grandparents diabolical tendencies, is no sign that ALL of "our young people" are going wrong.

There are in the making today as great fathers and mothers of tomorrow as there were a generation ago. Why worry about the future? God will take care of that.

The general tendencies of the world today, I admit, are more frivolous and pleasure-seeking than they were perhaps a hundred years ago. Were it not for the fact that the world has progressed, such conditions would not exist.

Some people say, "The good are getting better and the bad are getting worse." Why be pessimistic? Admitting that there is a chance for improvement in even the best of persons, yet I am quite satisfied with the world's best.

Phyllis Estabrook

## LETTER FROM JAPAN

George Laug A Missionary There  
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fellow missionaries we reached our home down here in Saga of Kyushu on the 24th of that month.

Of course you realize how helpless we are in the land of Japan without their language. I had been in Japan for three years but that was in Tokyo as a teacher and therefore not a place to learn the language. The little speaking knowledge I did have was requisitioned at once for we were appointed to this place to live by ourselves among the masses of Japanese where I have been compelled to speak the language daily. With this advantage I have been slowly acquiring a little more of the language and ways. Mrs. Laug also has her chance to use what she is acquiring for we have a little maid who knows but little of the English. Our private teacher comes each morning and we sit at his feet eagerly struggling with the medium that will mean so much to us in getting the message to the people.

While we are handicapped through lack of knowledge of the language we are not exactly imprisoned. There is first of all the avenue of prayer and praise by which I believe we can break down seemingly impregnable barriers. In this school of prayer I realize more and more that I am but a beginner and that there are oceans of possibility. Isn't it wonderful! That "whatsoever ye will" and the "availeth much" of James are pretty hard to overstep, aren't they? I know it is not necessary to urge you to join us in prayer for the speedy evangelization of the millions of the world still waiting for the Word of Life.

And I am glad to say that we can live as a testimony among the people day by day. Then too, I have three Bible classes each week for college boys. Of these boys already three have confessed Christ as their Saviour in baptism. O, for real deep conviction for sin and a definite turning to God in faith by these college boys and then, O, for their complete consecration and filling with the Holy Spirit to become burning and shining lights for the Lord right here in Japan. I'll tell you, Claude, I do thoroughly believe that here lies the key to the fulfillment of the great Commission, right in natives of all lands who profess to love the Lord to really burn up for Him. It wouldn't take long and this old world would have the light preached to it and we would be hearing the Trumpet sound announcing His Glorious Coming. I suppose it is our real task out here in Japan, namely to be Christ's co-worker, that Japanese and missionaries may "let go and let God" work as He so yearns to do.

Well, we are happy to have the message burning in our hearts. What a privilege to belong to the Lord and to be used of Him in some measure to act as ambassadors! This is certainly your position as an ambassador to the young lives whom you help to mould as they come to Houghton and ever after they leave its halls. May the Lord give you even more abundant joy in seeing fruits upon your labors.

Now I find that it is growing dusk and the watch tells me it is 4:45 so I must close and Mildred and I will take a little walk. I can picture you awaking for your day as you are about 11 hours behind us. With kindest regards to you and your dear ones, and also to any friends who may care to hear from us in Houghton, yours

In joyful service in Japan,  
Geo. W. Laug

Elsie Chind (at county fair)—  
"Look at the people! Aren't they numerous?"

Doty—"Yes, and ain't there a lot of them?"