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DEGREES CONFERRED IN CONVOCATION

Roman Totenberg To Make Concert Appearance Soon

Has Traveled Extensively in European Capitals; now Makes American Debut.

Plays Noted Stradivarius

Enjoys Philosophy and Language Study as well as the Musical Classics.

Roman Totenberg, brilliant young Polish violinist whose virtuoso playing and rich sensitive tone bid fair to put him in the class of the many great violinists who have come to us from the eastern part of Europe, will be heard in his first appearance in this territory at Houghton College on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 8:15 p.m.

Europe has known Totenberg for several years, and in his appearances in London, in Madrid, in Rome, in Berlin, in Paris and in the Scandinavian countries he has been hailed as a talent of the first rank. The fall of 1935, he fulfilled a long cherished ambition to visit America; and America, in return, had the opportunity of knowing a musician of whom the great modern composer Georges Enesco of Paris said, "I was moved as much by his interpretation as by his technical ability. His career deserves to grow by leaps and bounds."

Born in Poland, Roman Totenberg began his musical studies in Moscow at the age of eight, and even as a child had great success in this field. He was sent to Warsaw, to the Chopin Conservatory, where he studied under Professor Michalowitch (a pupil of Leopold Auer) who recognized in him a coming great talent. Professor Carl Flesch, for many years

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Children's Home to Get Xmas Presents From Local Women

Each of the children in the Hepzibah Orphanage of Macon, Georgia, will have one extra present on the Christmas tree this year. The women of the Anna Houghton Daughters are purchasing a number of presents to send to the orphanage for the holiday season.

At a meeting held at the home of Miss Josephine Rickard on Nov. 6, the women drew the names of those for whom they were to purchase gifts.

This organization sends gifts not only to the Hepzibah orphanage, but also to the young mothers of the Bethshan Home at Canton, Ohio, and to the Bethel Mission at Taulbee, Kentucky.

The last meeting of the Anna Houghton Daughters was held at the home of Mrs. P. E. Woolsey on November 20.

"WELCOME HOME, ALUMNI"



Dear Alumni and Old Students:

Again you are gathered together for Homecoming under very auspicious circumstances for which we give thanks to Almighty God. His blessings have been upon the school very manifestly during the past year, and a few new steps of progress have been made. The increasing enrollment has made necessary another enlargement of the dormitory, which we invite you all to inspect. In June the Board presented a request to the Board of Regents for the right to confer honorary degrees, and the charter was amended giving this right. Today we have given the first honorary degrees in the history of the institution. May we all with humble simplicity thank God for His blessings and acknowledge Him as the source of them all. We welcome you back to Houghton.

Very truly yours, James S. Luckey

Honorary Guests and Dignitaries From Other Sections of Country Unite With Faculty in Academic Parade

CALENDAR

Saturday

10:00 a.m. Convocation
12:00 a.m. Founder's Day Luncheon
2:00 p.m. Tour of College
5:30 p.m. Homecoming Banquet
8:15 p.m. Alumni Program, Chapel

Sunday

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship—Dr. J. O. Buswell
6:45 p.m. W. Y. P. S.
7:30 p.m. Evangelistic Service

About That New Furniture.....

Smiling broadly at a crowd of cheering students and faculty members, President Luckey, was borne up the steps of the administration building Friday afternoon to his familiar sanctum on the second floor. Strange to say, the sanctum was no longer in its habitual garb. Even the walls and the windows had taken on a rejuvenated appearance. But the furniture—

Yes, what about the furniture? Gone! And in its place a beautiful new desk with five leather-upholstered chairs, a wooden wastebasket, a hall tree and a letter tray. And on the desk some of those classy bookstore book-ends.

Was President surprised! Who? What? Where? When?

Well, you see it's like this. A few months ago several interested people, among them Harold Boon, thought that there could be no finer way for the student body and faculty to express their appreciation to President Luckey than by some such gift. With alacrity, Boon went to work, and with the aid of Wilfred Gibbins, a former Houghton student, he carefully investigated all types of office furnishings.

The next step was to contact the class officers, and after the faculty had given nods of co-operative agreement the idea seemed much nearer realization.

Still, there were obstacles. When the furniture arrived from the freight station, President was making one of his inspection tours of the building. Some of the boys accomplished a bit of hot hoofing, as did the furniture as it traveled from room to room and floor to floor. Finally everything subsided and many were the sighs of relief as the key turned in the door of the Boulder office, temporarily commandeered as a hiding place.

But Manager Boon was optimistic and persevered. A day or two later the furniture reached its destination.

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Several Schools Send Representatives to Take Part in Granting of Degrees.

Cooper, McLeister Speak

Dr. Luckey Unable to Take Active Part in Granting of Degrees.

Houghton College conferred her first honorary degrees on Saturday morning at the Founder's Day Convocation. LL.D. degrees were given to Dr. Herman Cooper, Assistant Commissioner of Education of New York State, and Dr. Buswell, President of Wheaton College. A D.D. degree was awarded to Rev. I. F. McLeister, President of the board of trustees of Houghton College.

The program of the morning opened with a very impressive academic procession in which the following institutions were represented: Genesee Wesleyan Seminary by Prof. Charles Moon (Houghton '31); Keuka College by Prof. Hubert Winters; St. Bonaventure by the very Rev. Thomas Plassman, President; Chesbrough Seminary by President Merlin Smith; Genesee Normal School by Prof. Clarence Lehman; Alfred University by Chaplain James McLeod; the University of the State of New York by Dr. Russell Carter.

The first address of the morning was delivered by the Rev. I. F. McLeister. He pointed to the early beginnings of Houghton College and emphasized her sterling principles while speaking of "Records and Me-"

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German Club Hears Amusing Chalk Talk At November Meet

The German club met Wednesday afternoon, November 18, for a program based on the life of Goethe. Katherine Anderson gave a brief summary of the author's life, and Walter Sheffer related outstanding incidents from Goethe's life. After an appreciation of one of Goethe's works by Ransom Richardson, Ramon Barnes concluded the program with an amusing worthwhile chalk talk.

At a former meeting the following officers were elected for the organization: president, Wesley Thomas; vice president, Merritt Queen; and secretary-treasurer, Ruth Donahue. This club is a revival of the Der Rhinverein. It is hoped that all students interested in German will attend the meetings and enjoy the programs which have been planned for the coming year.

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Editorial

UTTER DEPENDENCE

When President Roosevelt proclaimed a nation-wide day of thanksgiving this week, comparatively few were surprised at the news. It has become a tradition in our country to mark the last Thursday in November with feasting and general celebrating.

However, there has been a change from sentiments expressed at the first thanksgiving. God's protection through the frightful winter, His renewal of their courage with the spring, and His bountiful harvest were real proofs to the Pilgrims that there was cause for thanksgiving. Divine help had saved them. Divine help would save them—but America, today, has forgotten God.

Among the small minority, nearly lost among the throng of other schools, Houghton stands—a Christian school. We humbly recognize utter dependence upon God.

This fall alone we have seen His leading in remarkable ways. The enlarged enrollment, the revival services, and perhaps most of all, the direct answer to prayer in behalf of President Luckey at the time of his operation are outstanding in our minds.

With prayer and thanksgiving we let this request be known unto God: that His guiding hand rest upon us through the coming year. We dare not face it alone.

A. W. L.

JUST PAUSE TO THINK

If all the thoughts that are stirred up during Homecoming could be projected in legible form, the result would be revealing. Seeing old faces, hearing familiar voices, visiting old haunts—all these bring back memories. We realize that time has changed things and people—we are rapidly growing older.

That deluge of thoughts, pleasant and unpleasant, has a message for us. The light of present day experience makes ridiculous many of the pranks of the past. But in trying our preconceived opinions, we have altered them into firm convictions. Things that once were all-important are now mere trifles.

Do not the benefits received from others during our school days challenge us to give the same or greater benefit to still others in this our day?

W. G. S.

Thanksgiving Service Held in the Church

Praise and gratitude to God were beautifully expressed in the service in Houghton church Thanksgiving morning at ten o'clock. Following the responsive reading of Psalm 103 the Rev. Mr. Pitt made a few comments and then conducted a service

of praise. The remarkable feature of the testimonies was the large amount of Scripture quoted in the giving of thanks.

"The Word of God," said Mr. Pitt, "is a treasure chest into which we may delve. According to Psalm 103, it is a gift that challenges all within us to praise him. But, to realize all these benefits, we must first learn of them by reading God's Word."

OSCAR The Office Mouse

Matilda was cleaning up around our home in the waste basket the other day and discovered a leaf which had been torn out of the

HOUGHTON DICTIONARY

ABRIDGE: Something one should not cross until he comes to it.

ACQUIRE: A group of Church singers

BAIL: A receptacle for carrying water.

BACTERIA: Something like a Presbyterian only different.

BALM: The flat part of the hand.

BANE: A synonym for choir director.

BUOY: Opposite of girl.

CARBON: Place where the family keeps the car.

CART: What one usually sends the folks back home—if he has a cent.

CEDE: Past tense of see.

CHEER: Article of furniture used for seating.

COAL: Opposite of hot.

CURL: Opposite of a boy.

DATE: A fruity friendship.

DEED: Past tense of do.

DEPRAVE: Those not cowardly.

DETOUR: The roughest distance between two points.

DEVISE: Opposite of the foolish.

EXPENSE: ex—out of; pense—money: without funds.

GRUDGE: A place where autos are kept

NERTZ: Doctor's assistant

PARADOX: Two ducks

PUPPET: A small dog.

SARDINES: Czar's children

TOUPEE: Indian abode

Henry, the printer's devil, showed up at the shop one morning at nine o'clock.

"Henry," said Willard, "you should have been here at eight!"

"Yeah?" queried Henry, "What happened at eight o'clock?"

We told Dutch Kahier that a certain party around here was so dumb that he thought a West Pointer was an army dog. Quick as a flash, Dutch came back with, "What kind of a dog is it?"

They had new neighbors and the wife was very interested in them. In a few days, she reported, "They seem a most devoted couple, W. G. He kisses her every time he goes out, and even waves kisses to her from the road. Why don't you do that?" "Why don't I?" replied W. G. "Why I don't even know her yet."

Patsy Brindisi has solved the association problem. Says this master of the none-too-gentle art of "pointing", "Just buy one seat for the lecture course. Then she will have to sit on your lap."

Art Lynip opened the door for the broom salesman. "Is your most charming wife at home?" the salesman queried.

"Sir," replied Art sternly, "I have only one wife."

Donley: Do you know I have never been kissed?

Hilgeman: Are you boasting or begging?

Le Cercle Francais Has Annual Dinner

The members of the French Club held their monthly meeting Friday, November 6. After the business meeting, conducted by the president, Gordon Stockin, the program committee furnished entertainment until the club adjourned to the dining hall for the annual Cercle Francais dinner. The club members were distinguished by tiny paper hats, made in the blue, white, and red of the French flag. The occasion was further enlivened by a chorus of "Levez-vous club francais" rising from an adjoining table. To this the Frenchmen "temporaires" responded by standing en masse.

The club members present at the dinner were Dr. Woolsey, Miss Pool, Gordon Stockin, Hazel Fox, Zilpha Gates, Norva Bassage, Mabel Montgomery, Pearl Crapo, Esther Fancher, Ellen Stickle, Dorothea Prusman, Adeline Van Antwerp, Florence Aikin, Dorothy Piatt, Marie Lyon, Claribel Saile, Doris Taylor, Ruth Walton, Mary Madwid, Helen Morse, and Jean Feldt.

Students Represent Four Colleges in YMWB Service

The missionary department had charge of student's prayer meeting Tuesday, November 24. After Lynn Einfeldt read part of Paul's defense recorded in Acts, Matthew Lancaster sang a solo, and James Bence introduced several transfer students to tell of the missionary activities in other schools.

Mr. Fern spoke of the activity of the students of John Brown's College, in Oklahoma. Here poverty, ignorance, and lack of modern conveniences are faced as the gospel is carried to the people of the rural communities.

A discussion of Chesbrough's foreign mission zeal and home mission work was brought by Ruth Miner.

Park Tucker spoke about the missionary activities in Wheaton College. In addition to interest in foreign mission work, that school has gospel teams which tour our country, Canada, and Mexico. Also it carries on a work of distributing tracts and visiting various institutions which care for the less fortunate.

Mr. Boon discussed the zeal and success of Nyack, the school that raised nearly five thousand dollars for missions in one year, in spite of the fact that the school included hardly more than two hundred and fifty students. He considered the frequent visit of foreign missionaries and the faculty sponsorship of the extension department to be two great advantages to the work.

Miss Rickard summarized Houghton's fifty years of missionary work and Robert Lytle submitted his treasurer's report. Miss Rickard mentioned that in the past the church has looked, in time of stress, to Houghton students and faculty, who have been the main stay of the missionaries. Fifty-four have gone out from Houghton and thousands of dollars have been raised for them. We must put forth a greater effort if we hope to maintain our record.

A profession is the sphere of our activity. There is something sacred in work."

"Know Yourself" Theme of Special Banquet Speaker

Members of the Student Ministerial Association and friends assembled at the college dining hall for their semi-annual banquet on Monday evening, November 23. An exceptionally fine program, featuring as speaker, Rev. Lentz of the Christian Temple at Wellsville, made the evening most worthwhile.

Following a short devotional period, James Bence, president of the club spoke briefly on the "jovial nature of a preacher". Professor Frank Wright then introduced Rev. Lentz whose thought-provoking message thoroughly substantiated the philosophical Greek utterance "Know thyself".

"An intimate knowledge of God and the Bible are absolute essentials for a preacher", said Rev. Lentz. Of greater importance, however, he stated is a *knowledge of yourself*, a knowledge which alone can help you to understand others.

Rev. Lentz then stated that a minister should study to know his own disposition and his own personal habits. A preacher's specialization, he remarked, must be devotion to God, and until he has this devotion he will never be effective. "Without a knowledge of yourself, concluded Rev. Lentz, "you will be a poor shepherd of the flock."

Special music for the occasion was furnished by a brass trio consisting of William Grosvenor, Henry Ortlip, and Melvin Morris. Two quartet numbers were rendered by Robert and Hal Homan, Robert Crosby and Verdon Dunkel.

Funeral for Houghton Resident Held Recently

The funeral of Fred M. Vedder was held at his home here on Thursday morning, November 12. The Rev. J. R. Pitt, who officiated, read the 14th chapter of St. John and commented upon it. About seventy-five were present at the funeral, some of them being from out of town.

Mr. Vedder died on Monday after an illness of five weeks, thought to have been caused by tooth infection. He was 75 years of age.

Mr. Vedder came from Detroit to make his home in Houghton in June, 1932, immediately after his marriage to Mrs. Sarah Robbins, a resident of this place. Mrs. Vedder survives her husband. He is survived also by a daughter and a granddaughter, Mrs. Wuester, both of Detroit.

Those present from out of town for the funeral services were: Mrs. Arlene Wuester and daughter, Gloria and Miss Gertrude Harding of Detroit; Mr. Bert Harris of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Udell; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watson of Rochester; and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Ball and son of Falconer, New York.

Houghton people will remember Mr. Vedder as the man who beautified his section of the main street by keeping a colorful flower bed next the walk. After his slight stroke in 1934 he spent much time on his porch greeting the passersby.

"Tough luck," said the egg in the monastery. "Out of the frying pan into the friar." —Princeton Tiger

ALUMNI CORNER

Chautauqua Alumni Chapter
Has Meeting November 19

The meeting of the Chautauqua Chapter of Houghton Alumni was held in Ellington, New York on November 19. Dinner was served by the Church at the manse. The group retired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hugh Thomas for the program.

Willard Smith showed moving pictures of the college activities. Following this, officers were elected for the coming year: President, Willett Albrow; secretary, Mrs. Willett Albrow. Discussion on the Alumni activities and the Luckey Memorial ensued. The chapter was one hundred percent for the memorial project and offered various comments concerning the Alumni work in general. Definite plans were made for two meetings of the Chautauqua Chapter during the coming year. One will take place in the spring and the other in the fall of the year.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leffingwell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur France, Mr. and Mrs. Willett Albrow, Mr. Walter Alexis, and Mr. Henry Weiss.

Owen Walton Sends His
Greetings to Houghton

Owen M. Walton of Cleveland, Ohio, is now in the employ of the Cleveland Church Federation as associate secretary in charge of religious education and young people's work. He writes as follows:

"Please let me congratulate you and the college upon the latest recognition from the University of the State of New York. The ability to grant honorary degrees, the increased enrollment, and the distribution of the student body by denominations were of great interest to me, as I know they must have been to every alumnus eager to see Houghton reach with its influence into every stratum of life and culture.

"I have noted also the increasing frequency of alumni meetings in the East. I would be glad to see something done to stimulate the group once active in Ohio. Its members apparently lack homogeneity in age and interests but their collective interest in Houghton should not be allowed to die entirely.

"Please accept every good wish and hope that the gathering and convocation over the week-end may exceed your anticipations."

Miss Burnell Visits Grads
In Westfield, Pennsylvania

Last week-end Miss Burnell visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Douglass at Westfield, Pa. Their daughter, Janet Ruth, is two years of age. Mr. Douglass was a former student and Mrs. Douglass (Pearl Hill) a former Dean of Women. Harold is press-agent for the tannery at Westfield. They hold Sunday services in a rural community nearby.

Roderick Douglass accompanied Miss Burnell, visiting his uncle and aunt and several other relatives. On Sunday she attended worship in the Wesleyan Church where Mrs. Warburton is pastor.

NEWS FLASHES

Grace Smith Hiltbrand ('35) was in Houghton recently. Mrs. Hiltbrand teaches social science in Interlaken, New York. Besides her school work, she coaches dramatics, conducts the church choir, is an active member of the Epworth League, and a member of the Grange.

The Burns family is well represented in the schools of our land. Robert Burns, freshman here this year gave us some interesting information concerning his brother and sisters, all alumni of Houghton.

Esther Burns ('33) is teaching a district school in Portville. It is the same one in which she started after finishing at Houghton. This speaks well for her work. She is looking forward to graduate work in her major field of chemistry, and hopes to start it next year.

Floyd Burns ('34) is now a senior in Capital University, Columbus, O. where he is enjoying the theological course which he is studying. One thing of particular interest in the school is the number of so called "clubs"—a group of fellows who live together in a dormitory, doing all the work except the cooking. In this way they cut down their expense considerably. Since there is an abundance of rabbits in that section of the country, the boys, when they feel the need for recreation or food, go rabbit-hunting. The result—rabbit dinner. The way of insuring silence in the dining hall is unique. Any fellow unnecessarily noisy is fined ten cents; for the second offense in a single day one dollar.

Marion Burns ('36) is working on her Master's in Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, and expects to complete her requirements during the summer of 1937. Since she is doing her graduate work in German, all her courses except one are German.

Leon Warden ('30) is teaching history and civics in the eighth grade at Batavia. He began teaching last year as a substitute and now has a permanent position.

Ruth Kissinger ('32) who was recently so ill that her life was in question has recovered. She is a teacher of history in the Ebenezer High School, a girls' basketball coach and prominent in girl scouting.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Meton Armison a son, Howard Mack, on November 23.

Janet Donley ('34) is adviser of the sophomore class in Avoca High School where she teaches history. She is responsible for the excellent chapel programs which the class presents.

Miss Maxine Morgan, teacher of violin here in 1929-31, has been virtually bedridden for three and a half years with arthritis. In the afternoons she is able to sit up for a little while in a wheel chair, but is scarcely able to move. She is being cared for at her home at 519 Liberty Street, Conneaut, Ohio.

Rev. A. Clair King, a member of the class of 1928, had preached in Erie, Pennsylvania until he moved to Ohio to assist his parents.

NEW FURNITURE

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and the stage was set.

On Friday afternoon, the President of the Student Body, William Foster, did a bit of impromptu cheerleading, made a presentation speech, and a happy group of students dispersed with the feeling of a job well done.

Cyrus Little Writes
From the Far West

Ingomar, Montana

Dear Professor Fancher and Classmates:

I regret that I can not be with you all for your alumni gathering at Thanksgiving time.

Just now I pause in the midst of six-weeks tests to give an account of myself.

I came to Poplar, Montana, in January, 1936, and spent two months visiting Indians who live on the Reservation there. I was living with an aunt who was nurse to these Sioux Indians.

In March, I went to Missoula to attend the University of Montana, where I completed two quarters toward a Master's degree in Education. It is a grand school in the part of the Rockies just a short distance from Glacier Park and not too far from Yellowstone Park. The West has a certain way of getting one, but nevertheless I am rather anxious to be with you at Houghton.

During summer school I secured a job teaching Junior High seventh and eighth grades here. Ingomar is a Western Prairie town. Real West—my kids wear Western hats and studded belts. They can ride horseback before they learn to walk. Horses and sheep run the range and try to find something wet and green. The drought has certainly been terrible. The people smile through it all and "pin their all in all" with the Democratic Land Slide.

I stayed in the school dormitory which is operated for children who live on ranches far from town. I am thinking some of homesteading and raising sheep. Can I place an order for "sheepskins"? Mine hangs on the wall here. If sheep only knew what happy memories they can bring back to those who are fortunate to have a "chunk" of their pelt hanging in their room some two thousand miles away from their Alma Mater.

How's the series going this year? I hope Tony Beldon from Bliss is Gold.

I hope to be with you in June. School is out here about the middle of May and I plan to come East.

May you all have a happy Thanksgiving. I sincerely wish the best to all of you and the school.

Most respectfully,
Cyrus Little ('38)

Mrs. Vivian Sanders King writes from Ravenna, Ohio: "We were sorry we couldn't be present at the alumni dinner of the Ohio Chapter. We came here from Pennsylvania last April to be with Clair's people, as their health is very poor and we were needed. We help with their church and farm work and do supply work as the way opens."

Born to Rev. and Mrs. Adrian Everts of Canadea, New York, a daughter Amy Ruth on November 20. Mr. Everts is a graduate of the Seminary ('34), and Mrs. Everts was Grace Haradon (ex '38).

RELIGIOUS WEEK

Sunday Services

HIS POWER

Speaking from the healing of the nobleman's son, the Rev. Mr. Pitt declared some astounding truths Sunday morning, November 22.

"Jesus moved when he wasn't wanted in one community," said Mr. Pitt, "because he knew that he would be received somewhere else. It is so today. Jesus is still where he is wanted, and no person or community is barren of his manifest power except by choice. This is true since man's own decision is all that can reject Christ's claims.

"When the time comes that a soul is in trouble and wants help, Christ becomes very frank with him. As Jesus tested the nobleman to see if he really believed regardless of outward manifestation, he tests us to see if we are earnest and believing when we come to him. When he finds faith, his power fills the need."

MICHIGAN STUDENTS

The Michigan group of students conducted the young people's service Sunday Evening, November 22. Those participating were Charles Foster, William Foster, Carl Coffey, Carl Vanderburg, Ted Bowditch, Dr. Paine, Miss Watrous, and Miss Sellman. Dr. Paine spoke on an inspiring thanksgiving theme, "Who can acceptably praise the Lord?"

"No man," he said, "can acceptably praise the Lord until he has received this greatest gift, Salvation. This is illustrated by the sons of Korah who are responsible for many of the psalms. Whereas Korah was destroyed for rebellion against Moses, his sons were saved when they withdrew from their wicked father. These sons became the progenitors of a great line of warriors, door-keepers, and singers. Although there are many proofs that their praise was acceptable, one incident stands out—when the glory of the Lord so filled the place that the priests couldn't stand to worship."

PRAYER OF POWER

"The prayer of power" was the theme of the Rev. Mr. Pitt's sermon Sunday evening, as he spoke from the prayer of Hannah.

"Out of the humble, commonplace life of Hannah came the last and greatest judge and the first of a mighty line of prophets of Israel. This was all because she prayed the prayer of power. In the current of her humble devotion, God wrought a mighty deed in behalf of the nation. Two things are especially noteworthy in this prayer. She wouldn't stop praying when downhearted as a result of repeated chidings from her adversary, nor would she accept as wayside consolation anything short of her heart's objective. Thus, in the bitterness of her soul, she eliminated less worthy ambitions, burst the bounds of convention, and rejected all other solace until she came to the place where she could receive from God. The principle behind this great prayer still exists. The prayer of power may be a lone experience, but the power of prayer is not a lone thing. It is the most far-reaching ministry in the world."

There is no way of finding reality in religion, except by letting God into the details of ordinary life.

Evangelical Student

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION

Stanley Hall, the psychologist, is right in saying that "Every life is stunted unless it receives this metamorphosis (conversion) in some form or another. If the church allows this to fossilize, then psychology, when it becomes truly biological, will preach it, for the chief fact of genetic psychology is conversion—a fact of unsurpassed scientific importance and interest." Every life is stunted! Spiritual dwarfs, moral runts, undeveloped souls lying in the womb of matter awaiting the touch of the Spirit to bring them to birth! . . . Every soul is stunted until it puts its taproot down into God and begins to draw sustenance from the Divine. If it lives upon the surface roots of mere intellectual and material life, it will remain stunted and dwarfed. Spiritual conversion puts a taproot of faith into God and there begins a life that draws on Resources not its own. *The Christ of the Mount*, E. S. Jones

A GOOD TESTIMONY

The *London Christian* tells of a Russian girl, only nineteen years of age, who was such a pronounced atheist that she earned the title of "The Godless". She was converted in 1934 and was arrested merely for professing her Christian faith. Sent to Siberia, she was made to work from twelve to thirteen hours daily with insufficient food. Yet, when asked if she regretted her step, she replied, "No! If they would free me now, I would return and tell them of the wonderful love of Christ. . . At work I tell each one what the Lord has done for me, how He has made of me—the one formerly on the way to perdition—a new person, a new creation. Though I am condemned and even more heavily punished, I can not be silent. No, never! So long as my life lasts, I can not cease to proclaim His great love."

Free Methodist

CATHOLICS TO REVISE NEW
TESTAMENT

Though within the last century the English-speaking world has seen innumerable new translations of the Scriptures, based on new discoveries and research in Biblical fields, the official New Testament of the Roman Catholic Church has been revised but once since 1582 when the Dewey-Rheims edition in the English was promulgated. In 1749 an English bishop had a revision made which eliminated some of the cumbersome old English forms difficult to understand and not used outside the Testament. Now, according to a recent announcement of a Catholic Congress, another revision has been authorized. Twenty church theologians will devote two or three years to the work of clarity. Since the English language has made notable growth in the past two centuries, the Catholic committee will find many changes necessary in order to bring the text up to modern usage.

Christian Observer

BIBLE VERSE FOR WEEK

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord. Ps. 117

Sportorials

If you want to know "why the disposition of a sergeant", drop in at the Bedford Gym some period when the frosh are working on their physical education requirement. Barnum and Bailey have nothing on "Tex" Leonard in the matter of a troupe of clowns. The antics of the ungainly squad as it performs numerous calisthenics rivals any clown act ever presented under canvas.

Anything can happen. The old adage was proven again when the seniors upset the dope bucket by rising from the basement position to administer to the leading soph team their first defeat of the series. The championship scramble now, however, has settled to something definite. Conforming to early predictions, the sophs and the unbeaten frosh will meet in the concluding game of the series to determine the championship. If the freshmen are defeated, a tie for the title will result, and another game will be played to decide the issue. On the other hand, a yearling victory will gain for them the championship and the series prizes.

In the women's division, the results ran true to form with the junior co-eds coping the pole position and the soph lasses close on their heels. With only one game left, the chances of another undefeated season for the juniors looks probable.

Last night the basketball stars of earlier years once again displayed their abilities on the Bedford hardwood court before Houghton fans in the alumni Purple-Gold clash. The Purple tide with their famed offensive machine again drove the hard-fighting Gold team to ambush in this annual classic. The boys seemed to be in fairly good condition in spite of the fact that they are now outside of Houghton's protective walls. Among the interested spectators at the game were the candidates for this year's varsity team. The undergraduate basketballers thoroughly scouted the alumni teams in view of the forthcoming varsity-alumni encounter.

CONVOCATION

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mories of Houghton College. Following this the College Choir, under the direction of Prof. Wilfred C. Bain, sang two exquisite numbers, *Tenebrae Factae Sunt* and *The Shepherd's Story*. Dr. Herman Cooper's address was entitled, "A Contribution of the Liberal Arts College". Dr. Cooper discussed the character building ministry of the small college.

The peak of the convocation program was the conferring of degrees. Dr. James S. Luckey, who has been ill recently and is now convalescing, could not preside at the ceremonies. In his place, Vice President H. Le Roy Fancher presided. The presentation speeches were delivered by Dr. Stephen W. Paine, Dean of the College. The Administration, with appropriate words conferred the degrees upon the aforementioned men.

The academic procession left the platform following the benediction by Dr. J. O. Buswell. For the processional and the recessional the College Orchestra, conducted by Prof. Alton M. Cronk, furnished the music.

PURPLE TEAM DEFEATS GOLD IN ANNUAL ALUMNI CLASSIC

Last Half Splurge Wins For Dark Cohorts 42-34

Last night the purple tide continued the precedent set by former purple teams, defeating a hard fighting gold quintet, 42 to 34. For some reason the alumni women failed to present two complete alumni teams. The preliminary encounter, accordingly, was a makeshift affair in which teams composed partly of alumni and partly of undergraduates competed against each other.

In the main feature of the evening the gold forces gave the purple backers many an anxious moment by attaining an early lead and holding it through the major portion of the game. Slipping in several sparkling shots, "Red" Frank led the gold scoring spree. During the first half, the famous purple offense seemed hardly to click at all, falling far short of expectations. When the period ended, the dark hued warriors were upholding the small end of a 21 to 12 score.

During intermission captain "Bill" Farnsworth must have solved his teammates' troubles, for when the whistle blew to renew the fray, a rejuvenated purple team made its ap-

pearance. By a series of fast breaks and passes plus accurate shooting, the purple aggregation fairly set the gold team on its heels. In the first five minutes of play the victors' combination surmounted the lead of their opponents, the rally due mostly to the accurate eye of "little" Pete Albro. Another outstanding feature of this period of play furthering the Purple's cause was the bounding antics of "Mert" McMahon, graduate of Annapolis and at present officer in the U. S. Navy.

As the game continued, the gilded quintet valiantly attempted to stem their opponents' onslaught, but to no avail. The purple mentors, due to

their superior floor work, continued to draw away from the gold forces. The sounding of the final whistle found the purple once more triumphant in the annual classic.

The outstanding performance of the evening was presented by the losers' center, "Red" Frank, who displayed heady team work and led in scoring honors with 17 points. Captain "Bill" Farnsworth and his diminutive team mate, "Pete" Albro, starred in the victors' offensive drive with 13 and 11 points respectively. The game was witnessed and enjoyed by one of the largest crowds ever present at the Homecoming Purple-Gold battle.

Game Academy Five Succumbs To Frosh 46-32

Last Wednesday afternoon, a near capacity crowd watched the "verdant valiants" score a brace of impressive victories over a pair of outclassed sem quints. The freshman "co-ed cagers" smothered their younger adversaries 23-5. From the opening whistle they showed marked superiority, making numerous marches down the court, many of which culminated in field goals. "Gerry" Paine, who tallied ten points, and Pheobe Smith shone brightly for the winners. Capt. "Billie" Paine proved to be the star scrapper for the losers.

Advance predictions pointed to a close combat in the feature fray, since both teams rated highly, but the yearlings ran roughshod over the academy five in the closing minutes of play to win by an imposing margin of fourteen points—46-32. Both clans started cautiously, and at the termination of the initial period, the frosh were slightly in the van. The entire first half saw both aggregations having difficulty in converting their shots into points. Only "Frankie" Taylor seemed immune as he provided the first year boys with a comfortable lead at half time.

Desperately determined to keep in the running, the high school struck quickly, at the beginning of the third period, and pared down the lead. However, the collegiate combine fiercely retaliated in the last few minutes to turn the game into a rout. Don Brown cut loose on one of his periodic scoring sprees, dividing the high scoring honors with his team mate Frank Taylor. Both tallied fifteen points.

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TOTENBERG

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head of the violin department of the Curtis Institute here, was his next teacher, in Berlin, and under him Totenberg won the important Mendelssohn prize at the Berlin Academy. Then, after a residence in Paris and Instrumental Institute, he made his formal debut in recital and his musical future was immediately assured.

Since then, Totenberg, still in his early twenties, has given concerts all over Europe and is renowned as much for his fine Mozart and Brahms playing as for artistic pioneering in modern musical works. His fellow-countryman and great friend, the composer Szymanowski, has dedicated his violin concerto to him, and Ernest Toch and Georges Enesco have also written contemporary compositions especially for him. He himself frequently makes his own arrangements of classical compositions which appear often on programs of great violinists throughout the world.

In appearance startlingly like the virtuoso Paganini, the greatest violinist of the last century, Totenberg's broad brow and blue eyes proclaim him not only a brilliant technician but a serious and sensitive interpreter of the musical classics. He is essentially a profound student,—in musical fields, in philosophy (which is his favorite reading), and in learning new languages of which he has already mastered six.

Of special interest to America is the fact that Totenberg's magnificent Stradivarius was given him by the Nicholas Longworths, through the good offices of Washington's musical group who heard him play abroad.

Debate Teams Make Trip To Almond High School

Two debate teams, one consisting of Hazel Fox and Merritt Queen, and the other of Arthur Lynip and Dean Thompson, debated in Almond High School near Hornell on Friday afternoon, November 20. In a special assembly program, these two teams again discussed the question used in the recent interclass debate, namely, that electric utilities should be governmentally owned and operated. At the conclusion of the debate, a faculty vote was taken which was 2-1 in favor of the negative.

Two Houghton alumni, Barbara Sanford and Stephen Todd, who are teachers there were present to receive the debaters.

Born to Prof. and Mrs. Alfred Kreckman, a daughter, Ellen Elizabeth, at 6 a.m. November 25. Ellen Elizabeth weighs 8 lbs. and 7 ounces.

Sophs Lose to Seniors 29-33; Click to Defeat Junior Team By Narrow Margin of 42-38

Senior - Soph

The biggest upset of the season was staged Friday, Nov. 20 when the senior cage mentors downed the undefeated sophomore combination by the narrow margin of 33 to 29. In the women's game the tables were reversed as the sophomore lassies barely topped the seniors with a 12 to 10 score.

Excellent class spirit was manifested in the preliminary contest.

Due to the accurate shooting of Kingsbury and Higgins, the soph girls ran up a 10 point lead in the first half which later proved insurmountable. The last half was a different tale, but the final desperate attack of coach Crandall's lassies proved futile, and the whistle sounded with the sophs still two points ahead. For the losers Stone and Paine were outstanding in both floor-work and scoring.

The men's game was a splendid exhibition of good basketball, both teams displaying good team work. Luckey, making his seasonal debut, starred for the seniors during the first half, while Tuthill kept the sophomore end of the score on the upgrade.

Schogoleff, captain of the senior team, grew stronger as the first half progressed and in the last frame appeared to have much of the flashy form of two years ago.

The lead changed hands several times during the contest, but when the final whistle blew, the seniors were more than conquerors to the tune of two field goals, and as a result climbed out of the cellar position in the series.

Schlafer did an excellent piece of floor-work for the losers as did Churchill and Eddy for the winners.

An extra word of commendation is due the referee who handled the game in expert fashion. Not only did he keep the game clean, but at the same time had it moving at a fast clip.

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Junior - Soph

The junior and sophomore teams split victories in a basket-ball double-header, Saturday night, Nov. 21. The previously undefeated soph girls received their first set-back of the series by the junior co-eds to the tune of 10 to 6. Although the outcome of the game had an important bearing on the championship, it was slow and uninteresting with neither team displaying their best brand of basketball.

Captain Watson's forces seized an early lead which they never relinquished. Ellen Donley and Millie Shaffer paced the offensive drives with five and three points respectively, while "Tish" Higgins and Mabel Hess bore the brunt of the soph floor work. This junior victory placed the girls in undisputed first place, and the odds are in their favor for another undefeated season.

The main clash of the evening proved to be a real thriller in which the soph men nosed out the juniors in the last few minutes of the contest. The Thompson machine, giving their best performance of the year, threw a real scare into the superior soph aggregation by taking the lead for almost the entire game. Due to the scoring abilities of Thompson and Hopkins the hapless underdogs led at half-time, 17 to 14.

In the third period, the juniors continued their scoring onslaught to lead by seven points. However, the victors quintet snapped out of their lethargy in the last moments to cop the game 42 to 38. Co-captains Crandall and Tuthill, and Charlie Benjamin were outstanding in the last period scoring drive of the sophs. The crucial game of the series will be the one between the sophs and the frosh.

Eastern Baptist Benefits By Miss Colgate's Will

The Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary was found to have received a gift of \$250,000 when the will of Miss Mary Colgate was filed for probate on Nov. 9, according to a New York Times report. Gordon College received \$25,000. Houghton is particularly interested in these institutions in which her graduates have taken advanced work. Clifford Weber ('36) is now at Eastern Baptist.