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Private Peat Proves a Treat

It was our good fortune last Friday night to hear "Private" Peat lecture on the subject, "The Inexcusable Lie." At the beginning he told his audience a bit concerning his first experience on the front line. These were amusing and started us listening with a quickened interest. But all was not humorous. Indeed, it was highly serious and provocative of thought, and made us feel a deeper sense of responsibility than ever before.

Some people may say, "The war has been over these five years—why not bury its animosities and bitter memories and try to forget its horrors and its cost?" The trouble is that most people forget too easily. Witness the quick change in public sentiment as soon as our soldier boys had exchanged khaki for mufti and started out to secure honorable work and rehabilitate themselves; and the immediate talk of scientists and military authorities concerning the even more deadly character of "the next war".

But Private Peat did not talk of the sacrifice that he or his "buddies" had made, or of any possible injustice that had been done them. The war had left its irradicable impress upon him; he had no illusions remaining. There was a touch of sardonic bitterness concerning the mistakes of the past and the present, but more than a trace of hope for the future. He brought a vital message, which backed by an unusual imagination and personality, was almost irresistible.

"What starts war? Why is war?" he dramatically asked. How many of us could answer that question correctly? At last we have heard someone who dared tell us the truth. He called the cause of war, "The Inexcusable Lie". We are told that wars are for economic, religious, or other reasons—but are they? Are we interested in

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Gala Occasion for Sophomores

The Sophomores showed their usual abundance of pep Monday night when after the Mock Trial they had a gala occasion in honor of Miss Elsie Pocock, a former member of the class. The impressive function was held in the vocal studio which with its charmingly shaded light and delightful decorations made every one feel immediately at home and ready for a hilarious time. Even the chaperon, Miss Hildreth, caught the contagion of the evening and entered into the spirit of the occasion.

After a season of merriment, two members of the social committee served the company with dainty refreshments of fruited jello with whipped cream, and fancy cakes. The refreshments must have been good for it was necessary to protect them very carefully from the evil designs of upper classmen who were determined to sample them at the expense of the Sophs. But the Sophs completely outwitted honored upper classmen and naturally feel very self-congratulatory at the success of their evening of entertainment.

New Cinder Track to be Christened on May 23

The new cinder track to be partially complete next week will be christened, conditions permitting on May 23. Upon this date will occur the fourth Annual Purple--Gold track and field meet which combines both the College and Seminary men and women. This meet is planned to be the largest in the history of Houghton athletics. Of the three other annual meets which have been held, the first two were copied by the Gold, however the Purple retaliated last year by more than doubling the score on them. So far this year the Gold have emerged victors in two branches of sport but each side confidently predicts a win in the spring sports.

The athletic association will invite all their friends from the neighboring schools and the surrounding county. Plan to be here.

Former Theological Professor Visits Houghton

Rev. J. J. Coleman who was for some years head of our Theological Department, has been visiting Houghton. He is now pastor of the Wesleyan Church at Lansing, Michigan. We are all glad to welcome Mr. Coleman to our midst again and wish he might remain longer. May success attend him as he goes back to his labors.

Cupid Ties Hearts in India

Announcements Received

To date, we have noticed no published word from "our" missionary, Floyd Banker. A few of his close friends, however, have received letters from him written about fourteen days from his destination. From these letters it is understood that eighteen other missionaries were on board, one of them, whom he had previously met, bound for Palestine. Floyd had charge of the singing in the evening services on the boat besides doing considerable special singing with one of his newly found friends.

The captain of the boat stated that the voyage had been the roughest he had ever experienced, but that meant nothing to Banker who was the only one on board not affected by sea-sickness. Pretty good for a land-lubber.

Announcements have been received here telling of the marriage of Mr. Banker and Miss Rodgers. As the custom of that land requires that such events be publicly announced by posters in prominent places in the village at least three weeks before they take place, we judge that the town was posted before Mr. Banker arrived on the scene. We wish them joy and happiness and pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon them as they labor to advance His kingdom in India.

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Weekly Food for Thought

"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Proverbs 4:18.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." Hebrews 12: 1, 2.

Editorial

(Editor's Note—We are indebted for the editorial this week to three of the members of Professor Wright's Freshman Bible class. The productions published below on the subject, "What it Means to be Saved", are a part of the regular classwork and, out of about twenty, these papers were considered the best.)

Helen Davison:—

The first and most important requisite for membership in the Christian Church should be conversion, for we cannot be a part of the body of Christ until we have been regenerated. Beyond this it is somewhat difficult to say what other things should be con-

sidered requisite. Nothing should be permitted to enter which is contrary to the spirit of the gospel, or else discord will come about where there should be harmony. The candidate for membership should show himself willing to accept and walk in all the light which God sends. There are many things in the life of the newly born soul which we could not reconcile in a person who has been under the teaching of Jesus Christ for years. To say that the newly born soul shall be refused a place in the Church of Jesus Christ on account of these would be a little hard, it seems to me. Providing that the worldly element would be kept outside, it would seem best to omit many of the minor details that are now made tests of membership. The young convert should then be instructed in the Christian way by the pastor of the flock, both from the pulpit and personally. As he walks with God, he will be instructed in the way he should go.

Helen Hammond:—

To be saved means to repent, to have one's sins forgiven, to let God into the heart, believe Him, and obey his teachings. To people who have lived upright lives, the step is not so difficult; to those who have not, it means the making restitution to those who have been wronged in either deed or thought. Only those who are saved through the grace of Jesus Christ shall be admitted to the kingdom, for the Saviour said, "Except as ye be born again and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven"; "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

Donald Schumann:—

To be saved means to be preserved from danger, injury and destruction. This is the definition concerning material and worldly things among the worldly people. However, among spiritual people, the definition means much more. It is the sole object in the life of the spiritual person to be saved. Then again, to be saved, creates a feeling in a person different from any other feeling. It is a blessed assurance in the mind of the spiritual

party. The feeling of being saved creates another feeling of joy and also a feeling of care. In being saved, everything is not joy. There is the continual watching and working to keep free from sin. To be saved from sin involves prayers never-ceasing.

Pres. Luckey asked us to bring back a student for next year. Have you got yours?

HE WAS SUPPOSED to meet A CERTAIN committee of WHICH HE WAS a member, at EXACTLY ONE-THIRTY o'clock AND HE HAD promised that HE WOULD BE there on time AS THE OTHER members had OTHER WORK to do at two O'CLOCK AND the other MEMBERS WERE there but HE FORGOT and so they HAD TO CALL a meeting at ANOTHER TIME and so you see HE STOLE an hour of OTHER PEOPLE'S time besides HIS OWN AND THERE was ANOTHER GUY who was NOT VERY BUSY as he was seen HANGING AROUND the halls A GOODLY SHARE of the time SO SOMEONE asked him TO DO something for HIS ATHLETIC association OR FOR HIS SIDE or his SOCIETY AND as it was not A VERY BIG thing or very HARD to accomplish HE AGREED THAT he would have IT DONE AT a certain time BUT WHEN THE TIME came of COURSE IT was not done and the OTHER FELLOW had to do IT AFTER all and the shirker DID NOT realize how much time HE HAD STOLE from someone else AND THE VERY next day he was HEARD TO CRAB because something WAS NOT DONE and perhaps he WAS THE ONE who was to blame WATCH NEXT week and we will tell YOU ABOUT another fellow.

Miss Fancher—"In the old days all writing was done on tablets of stone."

Student—"It must have taken a crowbar to break the news."

Contest Closes Monday

All productions for the literary contest must be in the hands of Professor Hazlett not later than Monday, April 28.

All those who submit a story, essay, or poem must make three type-written copies of the same and at the top of each copy they must place the name of the production and their pen name. Accompanying the productions there must be a sealed letter on the outside of which shall be placed the name of the masterpiece and the pen name of the writer, and which shall contain his or her real name. In this way the judges ignorant of the writers name will be enabled to adjudge the winners entirely on a basis of merit.

All those budding literary geniuses who aspire to the honor of having their name engraved on the literary cup should get their work in immediately. Remember! Monday is the last day.

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The orchestra, with Gerald Scott directing, acquitted itself admirably and was heartily applauded. Even most prosaic listener should have been able to visualize the "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" as interpreted by the orchestra. The mandolin trio and Mark Bedford's reading, also, came in for their share of recognition, and Scottie's violin solo, "Souvenir", showed to advantage his command of the violin.

The Houghton Harmonizers are surely a fine advertisement for Houghton College, and they render a program which, though high class, pleases a popular audience. Encouraged by their success at Rushford, they will undoubtedly duplicate their program at other nearby places, as Belfast, Cuba, Fillmore, and Warsaw.

Plans for Commencement Changed

The commencement exercises for this year will be conducted in a manner much different than in the past. In previous years each member of the graduating class has delivered his oration on commencement morning. However, because of the largeness of this year's class, it was decided that only ten members shall be allowed to participate.

The following plan was arranged whereby the best orations might be delivered. The orations were presented to three judges, who, after grading the manuscripts, took the pupil's average regents grade, added it to the oration grade, and obtained an average of the combined oration grade, and scholastic rating. Some of the Senior orations were automatically thrown out, occasioned by the fact that the writers had not obtained eighteen regents counts or spent one year in New York State schools previous to the Senior period. The ten students obtaining the highest averages will deliver their orations at the commencement exercises while the other members of the class will give their productions from time to time in chapel.

Five of the Senior orations will be entered in the June Oratorical Contest.

Mrs. Reese of Niagara Falls, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Scouten, and sister, Mrs. Howard Eyler.

New Cinder Track Planned**Tennis Courts on the Way**

Plans for the construction of a new one-sixth mile cinder track on the Athletic field are well under way.

The track will extend across the lower side of the athletic field with a straight away of one hundred yards in front of the gymnasium.

Jumping pits and circles for the shot and discus will occupy the lower end of the track while a base ball field will be laid out on the other end. With this great boon to our track-work many new records will undoubtedly be made this year.

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G. A. A. Membership Report

We notice that the G. A. A. have only partially succeeded in their drive for members. We also notice that the proportion of the college girls and high school girls who have joined is as follows. College—22 out of 52. High School—40 out of 70. Now girls aren't you all ashamed of yourselves, all of you. But especially in the College! We don't suppose you are, however, because so few of you would realize that there was something to be ashamed over. And you who have not joined, you must be one of those people who want to get something for nothing. Join! Join! Join! Membership committee, have you done your duty?

Private Peat Proves a Treat

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Peace? We all say that we are; but upon analyzing our motives more closely we find them a bit selfish. We don't want war; not because it takes a tremendous toll of human life, but because it takes our loved ones.

The younger generation looks forward to another war. We must therefore start with them now, and tell them the real truth about war. We should not lead children to believe that war is chivalrous, heroic, and glorious; for this is the inexcusable lie. Between the ages of six and fourteen is the vital formative period of the child's life, yet he is taught in his text-books of his own racial superiority and the military greatness of his nation, and of the glory of war, and his duty as a true citizen. These text-books teach him to "be ready to die for his country." Why do they not teach him to live for his country? Why don't they tell of the degenerating influences, the tears, the heartbreaks, and the wooden crosses? Would anyone want war then?

There will never be peace until all nations have one symbol, and that symbol Jesus Christ. We must preach and declare Christ as a red-blooded hero—for he was and is that—who had the power to execute His will by force, but who always used kindness and love. Hatred is a result of war, not the cause. We must popularize peace, and practice the words of the great Prince of Peace, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

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Mrs. Reed and children are moving. Lily Field of Bliss is visiting Alice Davis.

Dorothy Peck of Barker, N. Y. is spending her vacation at home.

Ward Bowen of Albany, N. Y. visited his mother over the week-end.

John Kopler, undertaker and furniture-dealer of Fillmore has sold his business to Arthur Wiles.

Pres. J. S. Luckey left Wednesday for the Champlain Conference, to return sometime next week.

Ruth Luckey returned home from Mooers, N. Y. and will spend the remainder of her vacation with her parents here.

Mrs. J. R. Molyneaux, who has been visiting her sons, Glenn and Max at Oberlin, Ohio, returned home Wednesday morning.

Elsie and Charles Pocock, both former College students, are visiting old friends here. Mr. Pocock graduated from Cornell University last January and is now a professor in the high school at Falconer, N. Y.

Earl Tierney and Stewart Hill motored to Syracuse Friday. They returned Sunday morning and Edmund Peck came with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Calkins and Charles Weaver visited at Hornell Sunday. Eleanor, Charles, and Phyllis Weaver returned with them for a short visit.

Irene Fladd was called to her home in Rochester, Wednesday, by the sudden death of her father. Our sympathy goes out to her in this time of sorrow.

Purple and Gold Will Both Present Strong Tennis Teams

The teams representing the Purple and Gold sides on the courts this year will be as strong if not stronger than ever before.

The Gold can pick from Williams, Henshaw last year's winner in singles, Donohue a dark horse in tennis, Schumann, Clark and others. The Purple has the Steese Midgets, Wolf Fox, M. Enty, and Gibbin, besides an array of unknown stars upon which they might pin their colors.

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"Faith of Our Fathers"

The weekly prayer and praise services are the greatest privileges of the students of Houghton. This week's meeting was an especially spiritual uplift. Miss Greenleaf as leader brought out many truths about faith from the chapter of faith-heroes, the eleventh of Hebrews. They endured as seeing Him who is invisible, and they sought a better country, that is a heavenly.

Present-day Christians are so enduring with the same destination in mind. The prayers, songs and words of praise must make the young people hungry who have no spiritual life. Some of the testimonies which were as little sermons were:

"I like to see somebody get blessed once in a while. It seems as if sometimes the devil has a campaign against Christians. But when we praise God the devil cannot stay around. I am going to stay close to God and press on."

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. The last few months have been the best of my life. The unfolding of the Word and the daily communion with God are precious to me."

"I am glad God is willing to take us back even if go away from Him. I am determined from this time to go on with my Saviour."

What did you do to make the meeting a good one? What will you do next time for your Lord, for your fellow-students, and for yourself?

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