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Forensic Union Plans Busy Season

Sponsoring an Interesting
Series of Class Debates
Beginning Oct. 24

BY GRACE SMITH, SEC'Y

Prospects for a busy season with the College Forensic Union were revealed at the season's first meeting last Thursday evening. It was discovered that, with the passing of last year's seniors, the membership was markedly decreased. However, the remaining veterans were greatly encouraged at the number of recruits for membership who have presented themselves as candidates. Some excellent debate material seems to be thus included, so that it is with high hopes and expectations of hard work that the Union looks forward to a busy second year that will hold more of real interest and value than ever.

One decision of interest to members and prospective members has to do with the regular monthly business meetings to be held on the first Thursday of the month. This year, these are to be carried on somewhat similarly to the lit. societies of other colleges, with varied programs featuring more than formal debates. It is hoped that these meetings will prove so helpful, interesting, and a part of our college life that many students interested in debate but unable to go out for varsity will wish to join the Union. Marjorie Filson and Mickey Paine are the committee in charge of planning the monthly programs. Esther Fancher is poster chairman, and Malcolm Cronk the new sergeant-at-arms.

The Forensic Union is sponsoring a series of interclass debates to be held on student chapel days, beginning October 24th. The choice of those to participate was left to the individual classes. The subject for debate will be announced later.

Candidates for varsity inter-collegiate debate are to meet each Thursday for squad meetings. It is hoped that this year there will be one or two all-women teams in addition to the men's teams. A junior varsity for the underclassmen is being considered for debates with normal schools and junior colleges.

The tentative schedule for intercollegiate debate as now planned, includes: on

- Mar. 4—Buffalo University
- Mar. 5—Niagara University
- Mar. 6—Nazareth College
- Mar. 7—Elmira College
- Mar. 8—Keuka College
- Mar. 9 or 11—Wells College
- Mar. 11—Hartwick College
- Mar. 12—Cornell University (?)
- Mar. 13—Ithaca College
- Odd debates are scheduled for:
Mar. 1—dual debate with Alford
- Mar. 22—dual debate with St. Bonaventure.
- Feb. 19—Hobart College.

Mid-Semester Examinations

In order to get an earlier check on the progress of the students the faculty have set the dates for the Mid-semester Examinations at October 29, 30 and 31.

Juniors Take Frosh to Letchworth

Annual Event Celebrated with
Picnic and Program about
Campfires

BY DORIS BAIN

The Juniors gave their annual party for the Freshmen last Friday evening, October twelfth, at Wolf Creek.

The group, which numbered about a hundred and fifty, were carried there in various cars. Besides the large group of students which attended, there were several of the faculty members present.

Before going to Wolf Creek, however the party visited the upper, middle and lower falls of Letchworth Park. There were many students who had never visited Letchworth before, and those had the opportunity to see it on a beautiful fall day when its natural beauties were enhanced by the many colors fall brings.

Although the evening was cold the party enjoyed a lovely picnic supper of wieners and rolls, doughnuts, coffee and apples. There were several fires built which allowed each one to roast his own wieners and fix them to his liking.

After the picnic supper the Juniors presented a program which consisted of several guitar and quarter numbers and one or two impromptu speeches. The program was concluded by the entire group's singing the Alma Mater.

The party arrived home about eight in the evening, everyone agreeing that they had spent a most enjoyable three hours together. The Freshmen in particular wish to thank the Juniors for the grand outing which they gave them.

Class Elections Again Completed for a Year

Absence of Factions Makes
Results Interesting

With school settling down to a regular routine again, the holding of class elections has been a topic for considerable discussion on the campus.

We are publishing here a list of class officers and faculty advisors as they have been elected by the classes.

Seniors:

President—Keith Burr
Vice-President—Beth Harmon
Secretary—Ethel Doty
Treasurer—Pritchard Douglas
Faculty Advisors—Prof. Shea and Miss Fancher

Juniors:

President—Paul McCarty
Vice-President—Alton Shea
Secretary—Marion Burns
Treasurer—Marvin Goldberg
Advisor—Dr. Paine.

Sophomores:

President—Carlyle Smith
Vice-President—William Foster
Secretary—Marjorie Filson
Treasurer—Mary Paine
Advisor—Miss Rork.

Freshmen:

President—Paul McIntire
Vice-President—Alex Spooner
Secretary—Albert Garcia
Treasurer—Herbert Stevenson
Advisor—Dr. Douglas.

Houghton Professors Featured as Speakers in Teachers' Conferences

First Supervisory District Convention Held at Rushford;
Sectional Meeting in Wellsville High School.

BY WILLET ALBRO

Last Wednesday and Thursday the teachers of the First Supervisory District held their annual fall meeting under the leadership of Superintendent F. L. Tuthill.

"It was just two beautiful autumn days ruined, when the students got a break but the teachers were forced to spend hours in a physical state of fatigue and a mental state of boredom." This was the attitude of the very few who are so learned that they cannot profit by the experience of others or who are not at all interested in the profession they have chosen or in the students with whom they are dealing.

For the majority, however, those same two beautiful autumn days were well spent in receiving much worthwhile information and joining in good fellowship around the conference table to discuss those trying and illusive, yet interesting little human problems that confront all those who are in the teaching profession.

The opening of each day's program was started off in an instructive and cheerful way when the students of Rushford High School under the leadership of their instructor, Miss Elizabeth Carlson, presented musical numbers by the Orchestra, the Girls' Glee Club, some grade singers and the rhythm band.

On Wednesday the academic teachers held informal discussions in charge of Principal Wood of Fillmore and Principal Pocock of Rushford. The "give and take" that was prevalent in these meetings added zest and humor to the occasion and the exchange of ideas, methods, and means of dealing with high school problems from a teaching and an administrative standpoint will surely help all of the teachers who were present. School teachers oftentimes feel that their lot is a hard one and that the duties which other teachers have must be a snap, but after these informal get-togethers we all realize that human nature does not change very much in time or place, that we all have our problems, and that our duty to our community and to our school is to do our best at the job we have undertaken.

Superintendent Tuthill had charge of the last academic session on Wednesday and talked to the teachers, in a spirit more humble than his position or experience really demanded, upon the topic of, "Pupil Adjustment in Freshman High School." He drew upon his wealth of information and practical experience which he has gained as a father, a teacher, a principal, and a superintendent, and pointed out to us many of the problems that confront a beginning high school student and suggested many helpful ideas for their solution. He made each teacher realize that their responsibility is not only to help Freshmen adjust themselves to the High School situation but to help them make adjustments which will aid them in becoming more worthwhile citizens in the practical school of life.

On Thursday morning the teachers of the special subjects;—Art, Agriculture, Music, and Home Eco-

nomics, from the Fillmore and Rushford High Schools, gave to the teachers of the district some comprehensive ideas concerning the value and scope of their respective courses. If the teachers ever looked upon these special subjects as unimportant they will never make the error again. When the speakers had finished many of the teachers wished to quit their jobs, go back to high school and sign up for that better part of their education which so many missed while attending the schools of yesterday. However most of them decided to put it off until next year as it would be poor professional ethics to jump a contract.

Thursday afternoon a pleasing and instructive hour was spent in listening to an address on the subject, "What a College Has a Right to Expect from Freshmen," given by Frieda Gillette, who is Professor of History in Houghton College. She pointed out some of the most prevalent weak spots that a careful diagnosis of Freshmen reveals and presented them, not as a criticism of high school teaching, but as possible ways in which the high school may be of more value to its students who plan to go to college. A better command of English Grammar, greater ability to read rapidly and comprehend, a little more reliance upon self for their work, a bit more evidence of a forgotten art called courtesy, and a higher conception of good sportsmanship, were pointed out as possible goods for the high school that is preparing students for college.

Perhaps the highest spot in the conference was an inspirational address given by Professor Stanley Wright of Houghton College. He spoke upon the topic, "Perspective", and had all of us looking at our neighbors, at ourselves, at our jobs and at nearly everything in a little more reasonable way than we probably had for some time. It was humorous; it was interesting; it was challenging. He sold us on the idea that if we look at life and all its parts in the right perspective this old world isn't a bad place to be born into, to live and work in, or to depart from, and if the teachers of the district absorbed that idea the conference was a real success.

In the special elementary group sessions other interesting and instructive programs were given. Members of Genesee State Normal School Faculty presented many new ideas along the line of progressive education. Wednesday forenoon, Miss Quinby, history specialist and Miss Moran, instructor in geography outlined the place of these subjects under the new grouping known as Social Studies. They clearly pointed out that we are primarily interested in the peoples of different countries and how they have had to modify and adjust their ways of living because of various reasons, many of which are physical. These should be stressed in their relation to the people of each separate section rather than as separate facts to be memorized. The emphasis now rests on man and what has caused him to behave as he

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Columbus Party Given Sophmores

Clever Pantomime in Three
Scenes Gave Historical
Setting to Occasion

The Senior-Soph party held in the gym Friday, October 12, was pronounced by all attending one of the most original and interesting parties Houghton has ever had.

Upon entering the gym, the Sophs found themselves on board the ship "Santa Maria". The huge mast and sails, life preservers, port holes, lanterns, heavy ropes and anchors produced that rather weak feeling in the solar-plexus and one could almost smell the salty breeze of the Atlantic.

Visitors were first ushered into the Spanish throne by the courtiers, Douglas and Van Ornum, who presented each one to King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella in the persons of Keith Burr and Magdalene Murphy. Faculty members and students alike were made welcome and told to make themselves comfortable until Columbus arrived and the ship set sail.

The program consisted of a cleverly arranged Pantomime, divided into three scenes and read by Harriet Pinkney.

Three Spanish maidens—Florence Smith, Loraine Brownell and Beth Harmon—sang Juanita as court music; Columbus, namely Paul Allen entered then accompanied by two courtiers, and kneeling at the throne, he made his plea to the King and Queen. By means of his trusty map he pointed out that the earth was round, not flat, and that by sailing west one could reach the East. According to the story, everything turned out all right and Columbus made his exit laden with the Queens jewels, as the three Spanish maidens again stepped forward and sang "Marianina".

The second act found Columbus setting sail with his crew for America. After the farewells the voyage was enlivened by songs sung by the sailors (Smith, Cronk, Barker and Hess). As Titus heaved the huge anchor onto the deck, the quartet pealed forth with "Sea Wind". Action continued parallel to the story of Columbus with which we are all so familiar, the quartet singing a rousing number "Who-oo" and the whole group enjoying the deck games led by Doris Lee. There were many laughs at the expense of those who tried to sing "America", omitting every third word, and who learned Spanish in the idiom "O-wah-ta-goo-siam".

Suddenly as the days and months passed in rapid succession, the sailors broke out in mutiny which was stopped only at the cry of "Soups On" from the upper deck where tables for four were set up in attractive ship style. Candles furnished a soft lighting and the high school students acting as waiters and waitresses were in Spanish and sailor dress.

Tomato cocktail, salmon salad, rolls, coffee and apple pie filled all the attention and stomachs of the worthy sailors and passengers for the next half hour, and the third act was viewed from the upper deck at the close of the lunch. In fact, the main floor was not safe for passengers, for no sooner had Columbus discovered America than a pack of howling Indians came tearing forth from the

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Editorial

Time for the Faculty-Junior-Seinor Banquet is rolling around again and upper classmen are looking forward to an enjoyable and profitable evening—enjoyable, due to the innovation of last year (men and women entertained together instead of separate functions, as formerly,) and profitable, because the affair has each year become increasingly successful in the attainment of student desires. To refresh our memories a bit we might mention some of the suggestions of last year which have since been made realities. Outstanding is the recreation room which is fast becoming a fact at the present time. The library being opened at one o'clock was first suggested then. Less prominent but just as welcome changes have been the weekly hymn sing, the new parking system for commuters, several dormitory regulations, etc. Among those suggestions which did not materialize were the matters of class cuts and exemptions, a lunch room for commuters, and intercollegiate athletics. This last we remember particularly as very convincing but nevertheless failed to be accepted.

On the whole, however, this affair is certainly one of the most progressive projects in Houghton. Naturally, students and faculty must compromise on many things, but there is no better way to reach an agreement than to talk it out. Upperclassmen, this is the best opportunity that we have for launching projects of improvement which everyone of us think a change for the better. We do not mean by this that the faculty will hasten to fulfill our individual pet peeves, but any plan which will be a benefit to the majority will receive the consideration of the faculty and our representatives, the Student Council. Many things presented before, we still believe to be improvements. Let's bring them up again with new and better arguments, and each year always brings a new list of things which can be improved upon. This is our opportunity to make Houghton College "fine as any college in the land."—K. J. B.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The Junior and Senior party was held last Friday at the famous Scour Cabin. With Mrs. Bowen as chaperon, the group assembled and for some time the various members were busily engaged in gathering wood. Although the air was somewhat cold, it was invigorating, and some lively games kept those warm who were inclined to get chilly. Due to an in-

sufficient quantity of artificial illumination, preparations for refreshment were ready, and the disappearance of a marvelously large number of hamburger sandwiches witnessed to the appetites which had been acquired (who said we didn't have enough cocoa?). After more games and marshmallow roasting, the party was voted a success, and "the meeting was adjourned."

ments had to begin before dark. At

ALUMNI NEWS



A WORD FROM KENNETH WRIGHT

Someone out in the hall grabbed me and told me to write a paragraph for this Alumni Column. They suggested I mention the fact that I'm still alive and kicking. (Why did they say "kicking"? I'm still alive, but I've been working with one who hasn't been alive. (At Syracuse U. we call them "stiffs".) I'm in Syracuse Medical College and hope to continue there for some time.

Yours,
Kenneth Wright.



"BILL JOSLYN ('34) TALKS ATHLETICS

Nice work fellows, nice work and keep it up! It does my heart good to pick up the STAR and see so many familiar names in the sport's headlines and comments. All things surely point toward as lively and active year of athletic activities in and around Bedford Gym.

Dick Farnsworth sure did a good job of whipping a Varsity Baseball Team into shape; and they in turn, did an equally good job of setting down the Frosh in that first baseball contest. Dick will make a great Varsity Captain and, with help from all departments, should be able to do a good deal for "Houghton."

That reminds me of something that has seemed rather of a problem which has arisen this fall. The old students are all aware and the new ones soon will be, that certain reforms and plans were instigated last year under the very able guidance of Prof. Steese and the Athletic Ass'n officers. These reforms were carried out as far as possible under that management and should be carried on where they left off, by the new management. The present Athletic Ass'n officers are very competent and know the ropes; however they can't help but miss the aid and guidance of "Pete". So it appears to me that it is everyone's duty and obligation to get behind and push the sports program as it has been outlined by those who know.

Every person may do his part to make this program a success. First of all, those who have been prominent in High School sports and have ability should go out for the various teams and strive to make them the best teams possible, regardless of classification as to Purple or Gold. Then there are those who can't play with or make the team but they certainly have the job of giving support

to the players. Talk things up, fans and give your support by attending the games and cheering for your respective teams.

As I am writing this, the radio brings me the play-by-play description of a World Series Contest. How did these players get where they are and how did baseball come to be such a national pastime? The players got where they are by giving all they had when they were young and, in a great many cases, this took place and they got their start while in college. Baseball is a national pastime because it appeals to and is supported by such a large percentage of the people. So why not have more baseball at Houghton?

Last year we tried it by playing group games instead of Purple-Gold baseball in the fall. Some great contests were staged and real enthusiasm developed which should be aroused each year. The Hill-Billies were champions and although they lost their ace hurler they still have a good line-up to put against their competitors.

So let's liven things up, you sport fans and enthusiasts, and give your sports writers something real to put in the STAR which the subscribers will enjoy and anticipate reading.
Bill Joslyn, '34.



MABLE HOPES PUPILS ARE LEARNING

Dear Star Readers:

Your Alumni Editor laid his trap well and so I, too, find myself giving the more or less unnecessary information that I am alive and enjoying myself.

I am finding my work very interesting and absorbing. I only hope the children are learning as much as I am. With quarterly exams drawing near, I'll soon find out, anyway.

Sincerely,
Mable Farwell, '34.

NEWS ITEMS

Rev. Eddie Zuber ('31) has been stationed at Pittsford, Michigan. He recently moved there from Ottawa Lake.

Rev. Ernest Crocker ('27) now holds the Hastings charge, Hastings, Michigan. He was moved there this summer. Mr. Crocker is hoping to attend Home-coming.

Howard Dietrich ('33) has resigned his position as teacher in a district school near Gowanda and is now employed by E. G. Dietrich and Son in Syracuse as a salesman.

Eleanor Weaver (ex '36) is training for a nurse in the Buffalo City Hospital.

Among the Alumni visitors here over the week-end were:
Wenona Ware ('34)
Kenneth Wright ('34)
Albert Albro ('33)
Catherine Secord Brandt ('29)
Willett Albro ('30)
Edith Stearns ('33)

Maxim for Successful Living Discussed

On Friday morning, the chapel speaker was S. Hugh Paine, a Houghton resident engaged in advertising. In his opening words, Mr. Paine read several passages from the third chapter of Proverbs, the words of a father speaking to a son. He besought every student to study carefully these helpful phrases, for therein is contained a maxim which controls all of successful living. The greatest problem facing youth today, stated Mr. Paine, is to find favor with both God and man. In the third verse of Proverbs lies the Key of Successful living. It is, "Let not mercy and truth forsake thee."

Paul said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God." Mercy and truth are the means to this end. They are characteristics which are absolutely necessary to success in life. If a man is upright, true and well founded, he can master any difficulty. This matter of uprightness is the attribute that will put man in a position of trust in the world. Mr. Paine drew attention to the fact that positions of rank and distinction are today being entrusted to men and women who are both merciful and truthful. Truth must be tempered with mercy. In Mr. Paine's own field of service, it is truth presented to the people that sells the goods. As a final word in his interesting and helpful talk, Mr. Paine urged that every student in Houghton College find favor with God and man by filling his soul with the spirit of mercy and truth.

Freshmen Music Students Give Recital

The first of a series of class recitals was given Wednesday evening, October 10th. In this recital the freshmen acquainted the remainder of the school with their talent. The following was the program presented:

Piano solo, "Traumerei" Schuman
Lois Shea
Vocal solo, "Lullaby" Brahms
June Pratt
Saxophone solo, "Waltz Marilyn" Weindoft
James Buffon
Piano solo, "Scarf Dance" Chaminade
Grace Mercereau
Vocal solo, "O That We two Were Maying" Nevin
Marion Brown
Piano solo, "The Fauns" Chaminade
Eunice Kidder
Piano solo, "Whims" Schuman
Armeda Bullock
Violin solo, "Bluettes" Pappini
Jeanette Frost
Piano solo, "Kamevna Austrow" Rubinstein
Beatrice Bush
Vocal solo, "Lullaby" Mozart
Doris Bain
Piano solo, "Fourth Mazurka" Godard
Walter Ferchen
Piano solo, "Prelude in c sharp minor" Rachmaninoff
Carl Vanderburg

The variety of the talent displayed both in the vocal and instrumental fields was rather unusual for a freshman class. The performance merited praise, since very few of those participating had studied very extensively. It is hoped and expected that these new students will be an asset to the music department.

Lovina Mullen ('31)
Lowell Fox ('29)
Howard and Marjorie Bain ('28)
Betty Coe ('34)
Mable Farwell ('34)
Richard Farwell ('34)
Sinclair Gannon ('34)
Arthur and Verena France ('34)
Ralph Jones ('28)
If any have been omitted, just write us, and then we will have an alumni letter for the STAR.

Plans Are Under Way for a Great Home-Coming

Beautiful hill-sides, autumn breezes, frosty mornings and Thanksgiving Day! And then, right upon its heels the biggest and grandest Home-Coming that Houghton College has witnessed. The date for this illustrious occasion has been set for Friday, November 30 to Sunday, December 2. Furthermore, to make your visit still more memorable, the present plans for that Sunday include the dedication of Houghton's long-desired new church.

What alumnus doesn't enjoy roaming over the campus, renewing old acquaintances, picking out the seat where he engraved his initials, joining in another chapel service? What alumna wouldn't find pleasure in tramping thru the corridors of Gayadeo Hall, or in watching the sunset from the point of the campus, or in eating once more with former class-mates and listening again to Prexy's Stories that are always "Clear as a bell and straight as a string"? And there's not a son or daughter that the *Alma Mater* would not welcome back with open arms!

Plans for the big celebration are flowing: for Friday evening, athletic moving forward and include the following: for Saturday morning an alumni chapel, the main address to be given by an outstanding alumnus; alumni dinner Saturday evening to be followed by the all-alumni program in the chapel. Dedicatory services for the new church will occupy everyone's attention throughout Sunday and services are being planned which will be, not only impressive but devotional and of interest to all former students of Houghton.

The committees herewith listed have begun their work and letters are being sent in all directions in the hope that arrangements may be made for an enjoyable Home-Coming for everyone. These hopes can be fulfilled only if these letters meet with a spirit of willing cooperation on the part of all alumni. Won't you do your part to make this a joyous occasion.

The following special committees would appreciate your helpful suggestions:

Programs—
General Chairman—S. W. Wright
Church and Chapel
C. A. Ries
J. R. Pitt
Malcolm Cronk
Saturday Evening
Alton Cronk
Roma Lapham
Hazel Fox
Banquet
Josephine Rickard
P. E. Woolsey
Frieda Gillette
Refreshments
Rachel Davison
Mrs. Harold McKinney
Mrs. P. E. Woolsey
Decorations
Alfred Kreckman
Mrs. Stanley Wright
Howard Hopkins
Paul McCarty
Kenneth Burr
Lena Hunt
Esther Fancher
Invitations
Mrs. Wilfred Bain
Crystal Rork
Athletics
Margaret Moxey
Chairs
Graydon McCarty
Donald Molyneux
Earle Bowen
P. E. Woolsey
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Teachers' Convention

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Does his present behavior in any way affect the life of his posterity?

Wednesday afternoon, Miss Miller, critic in Rural Education, urged a broader field of reading. She said, "Give the children many enjoyable experiences in reading. Select books of interest to the children both for pictures and context. Allow children to read aloud only in an audience situation. Encourage the use of many easy books in preference to a few hard ones. Try in every way to create a love for reading." A period set aside as a free reading period was suggested when the busy teacher could pass from group to group assisting where necessary. Miss Rigney, Instructor in English, chose composition as the most important phase of English work. She urged teachers to encourage free expression in the boys and girls, giving form second place. Miss Rigney presented many suggestions for expression. She exhibited a few things which had been developed in the Practice School. A movie on Hans Brinker, correlated composition, reading, art, spelling and arithmetic so that any child would enjoy it. Several year books were shown a scrap book, invitations, thank-you notes and original poems. The message left was for us to encourage boys and girls to tell their own thought freely in their own way, rather than in the words of an adult, as parents or teacher.

For the past two years the sectional Teacher's Meeting that is usually held in Wellsville in February has been in session during some of the coldest and most inclement weather of the whole year. Therefore, the date was changed for this year to October eleventh and twelfth, hoping for more favorable weather and better attendance. They were fortunate in the choice of time as conditions were ideal and an unusually large group was present. This is the largest local conference in this section as it comprises four supervisory districts in Allegany county and two of Steuben county.

Several general sessions were held in the High School Auditorium with speakers from Albany, Cornell, University of Buffalo, New York University and Genesee Normal.

On Wednesday afternoon the work was divided into several sections thus meeting the needs of the individual groups. The Academic sessions were all held in the Wellsville Christian Temple where ample opportunity was given for discussion in the various fields of instruction. Four faculty members of Houghton College took part in these sectional meetings, Miss Gillette and Miss Fancher in the History section and Mr. Bain and Mr. Cronk in the music section.

Miss Gillette in her interesting manner presented the importance of definite knowledge of our colonial possessions and of stimulating interest in them. She related this to her experience in Hawaii this summer and showed the value of travel in vitalizing teaching.

Miss Fancher presented some of the component parts of a good history recitation with practical applications of these to classroom procedure. Both discussions were well received by the group.

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Class Debaters Chosen for Intramural Debates

With the reopening of the Forensic Union and Student Chapels, the beginning of class debates becomes of major interest to the classes. Unusual attention has been manifested already, especially considering that last year was Houghton's initial year of debating.

Wednesday, October 24, will exhibit in Chapel the first in the series of contests—Soph vs. Fresh: the following Wednesday Seniors vs. Juniors. After two weeks intermission, the winners of each debate will meet for a final contest. The victor class will have its numerals engraved on the loving cup. We look forward with interest to the opening of the debate season.

The Freshman-Soph question for debate is "Resolved: that Houghton should adopt a system of student government." The Senior-Junior question is "Resolved: that the Federal government should own and operate all radio stations."

Senior debaters: Paul Allen, Magdalene Murphy.

Junior debaters: Marion Whitbeck, James Bedford.

Sophomore debaters: Mary Paine Merritt Queen.

Freshmen debaters: Ellen Donley, Dean Thompson.

Pastor Pitt Addresses Student Body Thursday

Houghton students received a pleasant surprise on Thursday, when their own pastor greeted them from the chapel rostrum. His message was based on the very familiar Scripture recorded in John 10:1-10, from which he at no time deviated. Naturally eloquent verses took on a new lustre, the old truth was made newly personal, and the Christ became a living reality. Such is the power of unadulterated Scripture.

Attention was called to the fact that unregenerated human beings are on the same plane as animal life: characteristics of both are a seeking for the satisfaction of physical pleasures and lusts. For ages priests, philosophers, and monastics have sought a broader experience in life through depriving themselves of all normal physical activities. Failure has terminated all their efforts.

The fulfillment of the quest for a richer life is here offered by Jesus Christ in terms understandable to every person. "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." Nor is this salvation alone of eternal life; it is the means for man to break from the bonds of sin and degradation and to rise to a broader, more fruitful existence on earth. It is one not of enduring privations or of abandonment of all relationships, but one wherein there is room for normal activities and an opportunity to live a life similar to the one which Jesus lived. Christ did not come to blight things most precious to man but to raise up even better things, to give to all who will a joint heirship with God.

Junior - Soph Party

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unknown regions of Houghton to see what was happening. These, Miss Pinkney informed the passengers, were Ho-tonites, and, as Columbus tactfully traded beads and trinkets with them, he warded off all danger of hard feelings.

Then, as the quartet sailors sang "Down to the Sea", Columbus unfolded his Country's flag, planted it by the Boulder, and claimed the territory for Spain.

The program closed with "Come Back to Dear Old Houghton" and the *Alma Mater*. Everyone pronounced the evening a distinguished success.



VARIORUM

Every now and then around the library one is apt to hear such remarks as these: "I do wish they would get some new books. I know these all by heart"; "These old books were copyrighted before the civil war", etc., etc. It is to be regretted that the library hasn't a better selection of fiction. Of course we all know reference books and non-fiction must have first place, yet we do wish more new fiction could be added. There is no protest whatsoever as to quality; we appreciate the selection, types and authors offered; it is only that the quantity of modern fiction we have is not adequate to the size of our student body. This detracts from the urge to become acquainted with a representative group of present day writers which, after all is a part of our education. While we are waiting for some new books, we might make sure we had read those we have. For instance have we all read Bess Streeter Aldrich's *Miss Bishop*? (Mrs. Aldrich's books come in handy sometimes—ask your history or English teacher if they do not!)

Those who have read her former books, especially *A Lantern in her Hand* and *A White Bird Flying*, will need no further knowledge than that this book shares the charming style and sympathetic pioneer background of the others, to want to read it. Mrs. Aldrich's challenging idealism presents a very sane tonic to the pessimism, disillusionment and muck raking of some writers.

Miss Bishop is of particular interest and appeal to College students, or those who recall their own college days. The setting is laid in Oak River in 1876 when Midwestern University was a single square brick building set in the center of forty acres of prairie grass; and Ella Bishop was a girl of sixteen in a plaid dress made with hoops and basques, one of the thirty-one students forming the first class. From the very beginning Ella's strong zest in living and love for her fellow beings proved an inspiration to the little college. A member of the first graduating class and added thereafter to the faculty, she and the college matured together.

When love was building bright colors into her pattern of life, Fate stepped in and tore apart the threads. The little college offered her a means of rebuilding her life and she resolved to make it a torch to pass on living flame to the students of Midwestern. Years passed and further sacrifices, in which the college grew to University size. Once again love beckoned to Ella Bishop in the form of attractive John Stevens, a married professor. But thought of the flames she must bear gave her courage to send him back to his insane wife.

During her fifty years of teaching at Midwestern, Ella became the Mother confessor of the struggling young freshmen, the favored councilor of upperclassmen.

One day, an old woman of seventy, she faced bank liquidation, forced resignation from her job and approaching helplessness with dismay, fearing that her life of sacrifice had been foolish. But at a banquet given in her honor in the halls of Old Central—condemned like her as worn out—she heard from the lips of old students that the flames she bore had gone on burning and would

Sunday Services

With the hope of soon meeting in the new tabernacle, the congregation filed into the little church at Houghton Sunday morning. The choir gave a rendition of Morse's "My Soul Waiteth," after which the Scripture was read.

In his sermon, the Rev. Mr. Pitt spoke eloquently upon "The Glory of God in the Face of Jesus," taking his text from II Corinthians 4:6. "The very word, glory, claims our attention," said Mr. Pitt at an important juncture, and defined it, stating that the only applicable definition that he could recall that really would congrue with the context was, that it is "the unspoken manifestation of God," and that this glory, he continued, the first essential God. To be able to perceive this glory, he continued, the first essential is the preparation of the heart, for, "with the heart man beholds the Christ," and this involves a delivery from those things that blind man to the glory of the gospel.

Miss Florence Smith conducted the evening song service, which was followed by a period of testimony and praise directed by Gordon Clark.

Mr. Pitt expounded from the fifth chapter of Galatians, upon "Walking in the Spirit," and after offering sage comments upon man's meager response to the challenge of a life led in close communion with the Holy Spirit, he expressed his impassioned desire to submit wholly and unreservedly to the will of the Spirit, contending that it is the only life worth while.

"This challenge to the high goal of the Holy Spirit," he declared, "is the essence of this vital chapter in Galatians."

Large Number Testify in Prayer Service

Thankfulness for the salvation, peace and joy of Jesus Christ permeated the eighty testimonies at the Students' Prayer Meeting Tuesday night. The prayer session consisted mostly of petitions to make every professing Christian a soul-winner for his Lord.

Winton Halsted led the meeting and took his text from Acts 16:25, 26. This text he paraphrased into current language and graphically portrayed what would be the result of a praying community. By prayer and by action, a constant revival can be assured.

It is the duty of every Christian, he said, to assume a definite position in the matter of saving souls. To this end, the prayer meeting should be used as a refueling station where one can discharge his cares at the foot of the Cross and receive new power and inspiration for his work.

The hymns were conducted by Lorraine Brownell, assisted by Elizabeth Harmon.

According to a record kept by Miss Rickard 160 students have testified during the last two meetings.

light the hearts of Midwesterners for years to come. Content that her weaving of life had been worthy, she faced poverty, old age and death—the recompense paid the teacher—with fearlessness—

"She had loved humanity too deeply to be fearful of the dead."

Miss Bishop is an unforgettable epic typical of the lives of many teachers who give their best to students and institutions in as brave a bit of pioneering as the Abbie Deals of the world. You will be charmed by other characters but you feel the youth and understanding of Ella Bishop to be immortal.



Food for Thought

At 20 we don't care what the world thinks of us; at 30 we worry about what it thinks of us; at 40 we discover it doesn't think of us.—aw, what's the use?

Fond parent: Isn't your young man rather fast, Kathryn?
Kay Schehl: Yes, but I don't think he'll get away.

Prof. F. H.: Why are you reading that book on the education of children, son?

Gerald: To see if you are bringing me up properly.

Two sailors found themselves shipwrecked.

"Say, Bill," said one, "Can you pray?"

"No," said the other.

"Well, can you sing a hymn?"

"No."

"Well, we'd better do something religious—let's take a collection."

Carlyle Smith was tossing out left-overs from a previous meal, when his imperial majesty, Paul Titus, appeared.

"Whatcha doin', Smith?"

"Throwing out the remains of last night's supper."

"Yea verily, Ted! How long have you been sick?"

(Upon such bits of subtle humor does the world revolve)

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DEAN OF WOMEN; Marion Whitbeck, Contact Mgr.

Bill Foster: May I serve you some mashed potatoes?

Vanderburg: Yes, please, with two lumps.

Here's a Scotchman who says he'll never hit a man first—he only gives blow for blow.

For our chef-d'oeuvre, we present a joke over which we have been puzzling for some time. The reason we print it is because we still don't see any point to it. For translation, see Boon of the book-store.

Anyway it seems that His Lowness, Glenn Donelson, was occupying the back seat of a car with a certain young lady, and they were earnestly and vigorously engaged in conversation, when some would-be wag remarked that it looked as if they were getting down to brass tacks. And Glenn intelligently piped up—"I haven't found any yet!"

Wesley Thomas is pondering over the age-old problem of how to take one pill three times a day. Merrit Queen comes out with the brilliant suggestion that he use a string.

Mrs. Barker: They say the War caused a great increase in the number of marriages.

Mrs. Hess: Oh, let's not keep bringing up the horrors of war!

Q. When is it permissible to tell a gentleman caller to leave?

A. You don't have to tell him. Just yawn, or start talking about the dean.

Q. How can a person get a good mark in a stiff course?

A. Invite the Prof to dinner.

Q. How to politely squelch a lower hall yodeler?

A. Applaud him.

PERHAPS

If you can drive a car when all about you

The homeward rush is on at 5 o'clock,

And know you're right when all the family doubt you

And red lights flag you down at every block;

If you can trust your instinct to inform you

Which way the guy in front intends to turn,

Tho he hasn't given any sign to warn you

Except that his stop light starts to burn;

If you're content to drive the speed that's safest,

Regardless of the speed by law allowed

And, knowing you are good, can still give credit

To those who are with greater skill endowed;

If you can use your horn and not abuse it

When those in front are creeping like a snail;

The boulevard is yours to have and use it,

And, what is more, you may keep out of jail.

—Alfred A. Strader in the Los Angeles Times.

The History 3 class wishes to go on record for the prize boner of the season: A certain more or less dignified upperclassman was peacefully sleeping when the Prof. inquired as to the probable length of time required for an edict of the King to travel from England to the colonies. Our heroine, woke up, and sleepily muttered: "Oh, a week, at least"—shades of Lindbergh!

And finally: Our natural curiosity made us peruse the sign flapping on the tennis courts: "Please wear skirts and jerseys"—or words to that effect—Anyway—Hoot mon! and to think our boys used to wear trousers.

Evangelical Student

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!"—Isaiah 52:7.

God is Working

From all the earth come reports of deepening spiritual life, and although "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse," we may feel sure that a great multitude of God's children shall wax holier and holier as they walk in the light which comes to those who look steadfastly into the glorious face of their Christ. Among students in many countries God has been moving, and such a report comes from Trinity College, Dublin, where a revival began with fifty students last May and has since spread far beyond the walls of the institution. "The worst character in the student body was converted; also prominent athletes, and the leading classical scholar of his year, and pagan medical men. The meetings for men students rose from 50 to 120, some of the most irreligious attending." This we hear from our informant, and further, "These wonderful experiences have only deepened our conviction that revival is within the reach of any of us if the Holy Ghost can only get us sufficiently ablaze for souls."

Some Cambridge University undergraduates, too, are catching a vision of what miracles can be wrought by the Spirit in the hearts of men. They have been proclaiming the Gospel in open-air meetings, factory services, hospital and school visits, deputations to centers of the unemployed, and various other ministries of love about the city of Oldham, England.

General Wang Yu-san, commander of 2000 Chinese soldiers, often preaches on Sunday to a congregation averaging 600 men. They reverently march into the church with their Testaments and closely follow the Scripture lesson and sermon. They are actively engaged in evangelism, too, while still discharging their military duties.

West Canada is seeing a spiritual struggle between the Gospel and various politico-religious sects. The people are eager to hear the story of Christ, although when they become Christians, they are subjected to a little persecution by the ardent proponents of communism, atheism, and the like. An increasing number of men, women, and children are receiving Christian training for life and service.

Unity Among Methodists

The possibilities of merging three branches of American Methodism were under discussion at Baltimore on October 11. The Methodist Protestant branch of the church was formed in 1828 over differences in lay representatives, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was formed in 1845 because of the slavery issue. On the preceding day Dr. James H. Straughn warned that "laymen are becoming utterly weary of dissension in the Methodist family." They think that preachers are engaged in a fight over issues no longer alive.

Christ in Europe

Dr. Daniel Poling, editor of the Christian Herald, recently returned from a European trip with a stirring and encouraging report that spirituality is increasing in all countries. Churches in most regions are fuller than ever before. Even anti-Christian Russia has large evangelistic groups, and Christians there are meeting secretly in forests and abandoned mines to worship and hear the Gospel.



Star Sport Flashes

Highly important intersectional battles featured the grid play over the week-end; games were played which will undoubtedly have a distinct bearing on the national title hopes of many college elevens.

In the east, the Columbia Lions continued their unbroken string of victories defeating Virginia Military Institute 29-6. Syracuse administered a 20-7 setback to the Cornell Red Raiders while Dartmouth was handing Maine a 27-0 beating. Harvard defeated a highly favored Brown team 13-0; Princeton, also undefeated, won from Williams 35-6, Yale beat Penn 14-6 and West Virginia Wesleyan conquered N.Y.U. 21-3. The outstanding game in the east however, was Pitt's 20-6 victory over Southern California which was sweet revenge for the two Rose Bowl licks the Panthers received in 1930-33. Army and Navy elevens swept through Drake and Maryland respectively winning 48-0 and 16-13.

In the midwest, Michigan went down to its second successive defeat this time at the hands of Chicago 27-0. Illinois eked out a 14-13 decision over Ohio State in a big ten game while Nebraska was winning 14-7 over Iowa. Michigan State continued its sensational play defeating Carnegie Tech 13-0 at Lansing. Notre Dame showed an upward reversal of form and took Purdue 18-7. Wisconsin handed South Dakota a 38-7 shellacking at Wisconsin.

Pacific Coast games found Gonzaga upsetting Washington State 13-0, Washington winning from Oregon 16-6, California beating College of the Pacific 7-6 and Stanford whipping Northwestern 20-0 in an east-west battle played on the coast.

In the south, Duke defeated Georgia Tech 20-0, revenging last year's beating; North Carolina won from Georgia 14-0, Alabama walloped Mississippi State 41-0 and Tulane continued its winning ways over Florida 28-12. Centenary's 13-0 defeat of Texas A&M., Arkansas' victory over Baylor 6-0, and the defeat of Southern Methodist by Rice 9-0 were the leading games in the Southwestern Conference.

In the western New York games Western Reserve trounced University of Buffalo 33-0; Alfred and Allegheny drew 7-7; Colgate smeared St. Bonaventure 62-0 while both Canisius and Niagara turned in victories.

The Frosh and Varsity basketball quintets went through their initial workouts of the season Monday in preparation for the opening game of the season which is scheduled within the next two weeks. The Frosh squad includes Wright, Stevenson, Willet, Bellows, Kingsbury and several other promising candidates. Not much information has been gleaned concerning the court ability of this year's yearlings but, from rumors heard around the campus, they expect to give this year's revamped varsity a stiff battle. Captain Farnsworth who will direct the team or the floor, will be the remaining regular from last year's varsity. Other leading candidates include Gibbons, Schogoleff, Anderson, Houghton, Goldberg and Luckey. "Barney" Gere, elongated pivotman, is also expected to strengthen the lineup. Although the loss of such stars as

Gospel Teams Begin Activities of Year

Several Appointments Are
Already Made for Extension
Workers' Groups

Last Sunday three gospel teams went out from Houghton to hold services in nearby churches under the auspices of the Extension Department of the W.Y.P.S. In the morning Professor F. H. Wright preached in the First Congregational Church in Arcade, and he took a quartet consisting of Messrs. Eyer, Molyneux, York, and Luckey, who assisted him in the service of song.

In the evening two groups went out. Professor Stanley Wright took John and Paul MacIntyre to the Methodist church of Angelica, where the three Houghton representatives held an evangelistic service. The second evening team was composed of Vanderburg, VanOrnum, Willard Smith, and Bedford, who sang as a quartet, and Donelson and Foster, who played a trumpet duet. They held the service in the First Presbyterian Church in Gowanda, whose pastor is the Rev. Mr. Thurston. Mr. Bedford, who is the Extension Secretary of the local W.Y.P.S., preached the sermon.

Some girls have also begun Sunday School work in some unchurched regions about Houghton, and this endeavor is sure to grow. Next Sunday a gospel team is scheduled to visit the First Baptist Church in Sandusky, of which the Rev. Mr. Mills is pastor, and another group will hold a service in the Fillmore Wesleyan Church in the evening. Thus the Extension Department's year has commenced auspiciously, and ample opportunity should be afforded to everyone who is interested in this phase of Christian service.

LIGHT BEARERS

Sunday, October 14—After a song service led by Gerald Wright with Ruth Wright as pianist, a praise service was led by Paul Paine, who later read from Isaiah 56.

Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke brought a message on the life of Paul. "This man had a splendid background for his ministry, a good family and a life yielded to God, and what is more, a call from God Himself. Even as Paul had a call, so has each Christian a call to serve God in one way or another. Paul was a man of instant obedience and of great courage, and so must a Christian be, if he would serve God! Likewise men cannot be at their best for Him unless they are fully surrendered. Paul's life was a life of prayer; therefore he succeeded in God's plan for his life. If we spend much time in prayer, we will be able to serve Him better.

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The Purple-Gold lists, as published in last week's STAR, show an even distribution as far as athletic selections are concerned. Athletes on both sides should show their school spirit and report for their respective teams. Let us make this year the banner year for Purple and Gold events.