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93 GRADS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

\$45,645 PLEDGED FOR THE LUCKEY MEMORIAL DRIVE

Three Methods Suggested To Carry Out Next Phase of Campaign

Hussey Outlines Contest Ideas

Paid Pledges Total over Thirty-four Hundred; Alumni Canvassed

Virgil Hussey ('28) treasurer of the Luckey Memorial fund, reported at the alumni dinner that \$45,645 has been pledged and that \$3,412.58 has been paid. Now, he declared, we are entering a new phase of the campaign, for virtually all of the alumni have been canvassed. The new plans he outlined are as follows:

SOLICITATION FOR SIZEABLE GIFTS

That alumni send to the Luckey Memorial Committee the names of individuals who would be interested in the principles for which Houghton stands and who could be influenced to become interested in the Luckey Memorial. (Address: Virgil Hussey, Greenwood, New York)

That the alumni advisory committee approve the principle of setting aside individual rooms in the Luckey Memorial Building as Memorials to outstanding donors, or to those designated by these donors.

That these rooms be endowed in consideration of from five to ten thousand dollars, depending on the size of the room.

SOLICITATION FOR SMALL GIFTS

That certificates symbolizing bricks from the Luckey Memorial be sold to friends of the college through the individual members of the alumni association at a cost of five dollars per certificate.

That the alumni group be organized into competitive teams by classes for the purpose of selling said certificates, each class to be captained

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VALEDICTORIAN



WILBER DAYTON

Academy Seniors Orate, March In Annual Exercises

To the stirring strains of *March of the War Priests*, played by Walter Ferchen, the gray-clad Houghton seminary seniors, ushered by Warren Woolsey and Janet Fyfe, of the junior class, made their slow, stately approach to the chapel platform for their class day exercises on Friday morning, June 3, at ten o'clock.

Mrs. Philinda S. Bowen, principal of the high school, pronounced the invocation, after which Edith Preston gave the salutatory address and oration on "The Spirit of Sacrifice." During the program, Marvin Eyer, tenor, sang two solos, "En Cuba," by Frank LaForge, and "I Heard a Forest Praying," by Peter DeHoe. Bertha Reynolds played as a violin solo, a selection by Ambrosio entitled "Two Guitars."

An oration, "Dr. Russel H. Conwell," by Fannie Snider, gave the audience an insight into the struggle which Dr. Conwell put forth in establishing Temple university and nurturing it in its early days. "Thou Shalt Not Kill" was the appropriate title affixed to Bernard Smith's oration, which dealt with causes of automobile accidents and suggested measures by which accidents might be reduced.

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Orations, Gift Presenting At '38 Class Day

Crosby's Oration Is Entitled "Builders of What"

Dayton, Rose High Point

Seniors Divide Their Gift: Scoreboard; Flag Pole

"Builders of What" was the subject of the class oration given by Robert Crosby in the annual class day exercises held in the college chapel, Saturday morning, June 5.

Bluebirds build nests faithfully as a result of instinct, stated Mr. Crosby, but man differs in that he has the power within himself to modify instinct. To each one is given some marble from which to carve character, and the results obtained by each individual are in direct proportion to the purpose with which he builds.

The 1938 salutatory was given by Miss Alice Rose. Originally, said Miss Rose, we were graduated into a new power, newer attitudes, into Houghton college—a college in its youth—and now, we have graduated into an amity which has given us personally as a class.

In delivering the traditional mantle oration, Dean Thompson pointed out that the present world situation shows a great lack of social justice. Other remedies have all failed, said Mr. Thompson, but the principles for

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They Rambled Endlessly But Wilson Seemed To Ramble Best

"Oh, they rambled on endlessly all thru the night," was the way in which the songsters greeted the audience at the annual oratorical contest given in the college chapel, Thursday evening, June 2. However the sentiments of the audience, as indicated by their applause, proved that the efforts of the orators were appreciated.

The decision of the judges, who were Miss Lavina Mullen of the Rushford high school faculty, Rev. H. S. Miller of Rushford, and Rev. John Mann of Scio, N. Y., was: first prize, a Thompson Chain Reference Bible donated by a friend of the college and awarded to Kenneth Wilson for the excellency of his oration, "Dictatorship Comes to Main Street;"

second prize, to Margaret Wright for her oration "Public Enemy No. 1—Mary Jane;" and the third award to Paul Nelson for the delivery of the oration "Patriotism."

Marion Smith, Esther Bohlayer, and Lloyd Elliott also gave orations which were well-received by the audience.

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DR. FRANK GRAVES, REV. E. F. McCARTY, HAVE HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED

Fiftieth Commencement Attracts Nearly One Thousand To the First Graduating Exercises To Be Conducted in the College Church

SALUTATORIAN



ALICE ROSE

Nearly a thousand relatives and guests were in attendance at the fiftieth annual commencement exercises of Houghton College, held Monday morning, June 6 at 10:00 a. m. in the College church. Seventy-nine undergraduate degrees were awarded in Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science in Music.

Diplomas were also given to eleven academy graduates and three seniors in the Houghton Bible School, making a total of 93 graduating from all departments.

Outstanding speaker for the occasion was Dr. Frank Pierrepont Graves, president of the University of the State of New York and Commissioner of Education. Dr. Graves was awarded the highest honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

One other honorary degree was conferred upon Rev. E. F. McCarty, Foreign Missionary Secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, who delivered the Baccalaureate sermon. Mr. McCarty was given the distinction of Doctor of Divinity.

The 1938 Commencement witnessed the first granting of degrees in the new College Tabernacle church, whose large seating capacity proved almost inadequate for the ceremonies. As the first Commencement Day speaker to address graduates from the pulpit of the new church, Dr.

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McCarty Speaks To All Graduates In Baccalaureate

The Rev. Mr. E. F. McCarty, Foreign Missionary Secretary of the Wesleyan Methodist church, was the speaker at the annual Baccalaureate service of the college and seminary Sunday morning, June 5, in the college church. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Houghton college choir, in this its last appearance of the 1937-38 season.

Speaking on the subject, "Magnifying the Things That Remain," Mr. McCarty stated in part: "May God help us to see that among the shaking, toppling conditions round about us, the throne of God, the Word of God, the Son of God and the Church of God, will remain."

The throne of God cannot be shaken, for it is fixed high above all created things, Mr. McCarty said. If we as Christians, as a government, as a denomination, or as schoolmen wish to prosper, we must recognize the authority of this power.

Jehovah has magnified Jesus as Deliverer, Saviour and King, he continued. Though conditions are rapidly becoming chaotic, yet there is one on the right hand of God who will bring order out of chaos, life out of death, and fullness out of emptiness.

As for the Bible, stated Mr. McCarty, it is an unchangeable, imperishable, universal Book having the power to revive, to convict, and to convert, while the Church of God, he said, stands alone among the institutions of God as Jesus stands alone among men.

In his last word to the graduating class Mr. McCarty remarked that going out into life with a firm belief in these things which stand firm, we can be more than conquerors.

Faculty Depart Various Ways for Vacation Trips

New York University has become a popular place for graduate work for Houghton teachers. Four of the staff will be there either for the inter-session or the summer session: Miss Crystal Rork, Miss Helen Herr, Mr. Alton Cronk, and Mr. Willard Smith.

The university of Michigan has attracted Miss Frieda Gillette and Rachel Davison. Professor Ries and Ione Driscoll expect to be at Winona Lake. Prof. LeRoy Fancher, as has been previously announced, will spend the summer in Germany.

Mr. Wilfred Bain is at the North Texas State Teacher's College, Denton, Texas, where he is to be acting head of the music department during the summer in the absence of the permanent head, who is in Europe. He will teach courses in public school music and conduct a chorus and a choir. His work will be completed there August 26.

SHEA, SMITH REJOIN FACULTY; HAZLITT BECOMES DEAN; STOCKIN ALSO ADDED

Four new members, all well known in Houghton, will be added to the faculty of Houghton for the 1938-39 school session.

Ray W. Hazlitt comes here, after several years of teaching on the staff of Long Island university, to become dean of the college, a position vacated last fall by Dr. Paine when he accepted the presidency. Professor Hazlitt, having received both his A. B. and A. M. degrees at Oberlin college, has completed his residence work for the duties as professor of English and college dean.

J. Whitney Shea returns to the college after teaching in the Extension department of Pennsylvania state

college as associate professor of economics and sociology. Professor Shea received his Bachelor's degree from Columbia university.

Willard G. Smith, a Houghton graduate in 1935, has received his master's degree from New York university and will be an instructor of history. Mr. Smith has already begun work on his doctor's degree.

Frank Gordon Stockin, salutatorian of the class of '37, takes his place on the teaching staff in the department of Latin. Mr. Stockin has done admirable work in completing his course for a master's degree in one year at the University of Cincinnati.

Luckey Chosen Alumni President; Pocock Is Toastmaster for Dinner

Professor S. W. Wright Is Speaker; Topic Is "Fifty Years of Progress"

Robert Luckey ('37) son of the late President J. S. Luckey, was chosen alumni president for the year 1938-39, at the alumni dinner, held Saturday evening. Roscoe Fancher ('36) was elected vice president, and Rachel Davison ('25) secretary and treasurer.

Other persons elected to various offices were:

Men's basketball manager: Walter Schogoleff ('37)

Women's basketball manager: Ellen Donley ('38)

Men's baseball: Victor Murphy (h.s. '35) and Wesley Churchill ('37) (a tie)

Alumni Star committee: Josephine Rickard ('25) Howard Andrus ('38) Bess Fancher (ex '27) P. E. Woolsey (ex '17) Lena Stevenson ('33)

Decorating Committee for the alumni dinner, June, 1939:

Alfred Kreckman (h.s. '27), Marvin Eyer (h.s. '38), Alice Pool (28) Zola Fancher ('26), Barbara Cronk (h.s. '36)

Featuring this fiftieth commencement of Houghton College, Professor S. W. Wright spoke on "Fifty Years of Progress." In the year 1888, he said, there was one graduate, Melvin Eugene Warburton, father of Fidelia Warburton, present at this year's dinner, and uncle of Edith Warburton Pocock, wife of the 1938 toastmaster. This one graduate came from a student body of 128 students. He could have sat under the tutelage of seven members of the faculty, and have been a member of one club, the Neosophic Literary Society.

Other commencements Professor Wright mentioned were those of 1906, the first to be held in the present administration building, which was finished just in time for the event, and that of 1925, when the first degrees were granted. In the class of 1906, he said, sixteen were graduated and in the class of 1925, twenty. Two advantages of the year 1888 he pointed out—four trains a day on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and cheap rates. Board and room could be secured for \$2.50 a week and tuition at \$6 for thirteen weeks.

The high school class of 1938 was represented by Bertha Reynolds and the college class by Howard Andrus. Charles Pocock, president of the alumni association and toastmaster at the dinner, spoke on the privileges of Houghton graduates and their responsibilities. He quoted a manager of a teacher's agency as saying that Houghton graduates stand up better than those from some of the larger institutions. Some of those have been dismissed from their communities after a year or so," he said, "but I have never had such an experience with Houghton graduates." Mr. Pocock quoted another manager as saying "We are getting several requests from school authorities for graduates from Houghton."

Mr. Pocock pointed out the responsibilities of the alumni as: building up Houghton's reputation by careful living, supporting financially, directing students here.

Paul Steese, chairman of the Luckey Memorial Committee introduced the treasurer of the Committee, Virgil Hussey. The college quartette—Robert Homan, Halward Homan, Robert Crosby and Wayne Bedford—sang six numbers, three of them encores. About 175 persons were present at the dinner.

ALUMNI HEAD



ROBERT LUCKEY

House Mothers Will Introduce Reforms For Men's Rooming

On Thursday, May 26, at 3 p.m. the house mothers for boys rooming houses met at the college at the invitation of Dean of Men, Prof. S. W. Wright to talk over the problems arising out of their past year's experience.

Professor Wright stated that the purpose of the meeting was to achieve a more mutual understanding between the house mothers and the college.

Four main problems were considered: (1) Written contracts or understandings between the owners of the house and roomers, (2) Conduct of the men in their rooms, (3) An understanding concerning the entertaining of guests in rooms either by the owner or student, (4) Uniform furnishings for each room (including bedding).

A committee was elected from the group to further consider these questions. Final decisions arrived at will be placed in the hand book for next year.

An open forum discussion was held concerning the problems faced, and these are to be studied in relation to future problems which must be met.

ALUMNI CAMPAIGN (Continued from Page One)

by its senior president. That the classes of the present student body be allowed to compete on the same basis as the alumni classes. This contest shall terminate June 30, 1941.

That a suitable bronze plate be placed in the Luckey Memorial Building in honor of the class selling the largest number of certificates. That the person selling five or more of these certificates be given a copy of *The Man of the Hour*, autographed by the author.

GENERAL CAMPAIGN PROMOTION

That the college furnish a full-time scholarship for a young man to spend three hours a day (five days a week) on work of the Luckey Memorial Campaign.

That the student promotion manager shall put on a Luckey Memorial Committee program at least once a year.

That the college send bulletins to the alumni reporting the progress of the campaign once every two months during the school year.

That the college design a new folder setting forth the campaign with an illustration showing the proposed Luckey Memorial Building, this folder to be used in contacting prospective donors.

MUSICAL EVENTS TOOK IN FAMOUS ARTISTS AND LOCAL TALENT

Musically speaking, Houghton college has had a great year. Few schools of similar size have been able to bring such prominent people of the musical world to their campuses. On November 15, the artist series opened with the world famous Don Cossack Chorus under the directorship of Serge Jaroff. The marvelous program given by these thirty-four voices blended into a beautiful virile tone will long be remembered as a musical high spot.

At the Christmas season we find local talent coming to the fore as the Oratorio Society presented the "Messiah" by Handel in a commendable manner. This was the sixth year in which the oratorio has been sung here. Obviously through popular demand it has become an annual institution.

Stephan Hero, suave violinist, appeared in the chapel on January 6. The beauty of his tone and the interpretation of his music was remarkable.

The Little Symphony gave a concert on February 4 under the baton of Prof. Alton Cronk. Featured as guest soloist was Prof. Alfred Kreckman who played Grieg's "Concerto in E Minor."

Elizabeth Wysor won the hearts of Houghton Audiences with the excellent voice recital which she gave March 10. Few vocalists presented here have been able to produce such a lovely full tone in such a charming manner as Miss Wysor.

The Alfred University Band under the leadership of Director William Marvin was enthusiastically received at their concert given here the same week.

March 25 was featured by the appearance of the famous Harold Bauer who, remaining three days on our campus, climaxed his stay with a thrilling piano recital.

Mr. Bauer remains unsurpassed in his field. His concert was one of unmatched brilliance and artistry.

The A Cappella choir presented its home concert at the church on May 19. Giving its usual splendid performance, the choir under the direction of Prof. Bain, proved the validity of its reputation.

The Little Symphony orchestra gave its last concert of the year May 18 with Walter Ferchen as guest pianist playing a Liszt Concerto.

The Music Festival bringing the music potentialities of Genesee Country to our campus was a decided success and showed great improvement over former years.

The final musical event of the year was the Oratorio the "Requiem" by Verdi which was sung by the Oratorio Society on June 1.

This fitting rendition brought to a close the 1937-38 season, leaving all of us proud of forward steps in musical achievement.

Driscoll and Rork Entertain At Shower for Miss Orlip

Miss Aileen Orlip, whose marriage to Alton Shea ('36) will take place this summer, was entertained at a shower given by Dean Driscoll and Miss Rork at the Rork-Gillette home on May 29, 1938.

Those present included all faculty women, some students and Miss Marjorie Orlip and Miss Evelyn Scheimer of Fort Lee, New Jersey.

The afternoon was spent in playing games. After the guest of honor had been presented with many lovely gifts, a delicious luncheon was served by the hostesses. The table was beautifully decorated in the spring motif.

Receive Degrees



WILLARD SMITH



GORDON STOCKIN

(See story below)

Ten-Year-Ago Grads Are Present Fifty Percent

Nearly fifty percent of the members of the class of '28 were present at their luncheon, June 4, held in the recreation hall at 12:30 p.m. A total of 36 were in attendance, including the wives, husbands and children of the ten-year-ago graduates.

Of the 31 members of the class, fifteen came to the reunion besides Miss Burnell, class mother and honorary member. Five others sent messages and several who had planned to come were unavoidably detained.

Occupational statistics of the group show that 22 have taught school, three are ministers, one a missionary, one a doctor in New York city, and four have other ways of "making a living."

Virgil Hussey, class president, presided at the luncheon and introduced several members who "reminisced" concerning college days. Luncheon was prepared by Miss Burnell, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Kreckman, and Mrs. Gelsner.

Two Alumni Have Advanced Degrees Awarded At June Commencements

Mr. Gordon Stockin ('37) the new head of the Latin department for the next year was a candidate for the degree of Master of Arts in classical language at Cincinnati University on June 3. His master's thesis was written on the topic "Juvenal".

Among Mr. Stockin's professors was Dr. R. K. Hack, who has done considerable research in Greek and Latin, Dr. Carl Blegen, who recently conducted an archeological expedition to Troy sponsored by the University, and Dr. Rodney Robinson, who has done extensive work in the field of paleontology and has also published a new edition of Tacitus.

Mr. Stockin was able to pursue his advanced work through a university scholarship which he received in 1937. While attending college he was active in extra-curricular affairs and was also salutatorian of his class. His undergraduate honors included presidency of both the Latin and French clubs and membership on the

OLD STANDBYS BACK AS WELL AS THOSE GRADS LESS OFTEN SEEN

The unusual is news. Therefore, those at the alumni dinner who have not been here in years should be mentioned. Those who have faithfully attended year after year should not. *That isn't news.* But if it weren't for the danger of leaving out the names of faithful alumni and thereby causing hard feeling, these are the very ones who would be mentioned in this article, for certainly they should receive recognition.

One man and his wife have come the four hundred miles virtually every time since their graduation. A superintendent of schools in a neighboring county is always on hand, as is a certain teacher of mathematics in a city high school seventy-five miles distant. It is a pleasure to see a certain two faithful teachers from near Buffalo.

But now for those who have come for the first time, or who have not been able to be here frequently. Dr. and Mrs. S. I. McMillen ('25), missionaries to Sierra Leone, West Africa, were able to be present for the first time in six years. They are at home on furlough, but expect to return to Africa sometime this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wadsworth ('28) at present living in Pike were here for the first time since 1929, when the class of 1928 had a reunion. Mr. Wadsworth is a salesman for the American Educational Press of Columbus, Ohio. His territory is twenty-four counties in western New York.

Ruth Van Dusen, last here in 1934, found her way thither this year. She teaches English at Auburn, New York, and has charge of the school paper.

Carol Bird (ex '39) of toy elephant fame, who took her freshman year here, made a pilgrimage here this June. She taught, as she said, "Forty-three little cherubs"—first graders—at Lewiston, Pa. last year. She was graduated from Shippensburg Teachers' College in 1937. She now has three hundred toy elephants, the last one having come from India.

Beatrice Bush (ex '38) couldn't keep herself from returning to see the class graduate of which she would have been a part if it had been possible for her to remain in school. She is now traveling with Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Bosworth, evangelists. Her work is to play the piano and assist in the singing.

student council. He was also listed in the 1937 edition of *Who's Who for College Students*.

It is of singular note that the work for his advanced degree has been completed by Mr. Stockin in a year's time.

Houghton was also represented in the awarding of degrees at the 106th commencement exercises of New York University, when Willard G. Smith, ('35) was a candidate for the Master of Arts degree from the School of Education.

Mr. Smith completed the actual requirements for this award in January of this year, and since that time has been working on his residence for a doctorate. He plans to continue his study in the summer session.

While in Houghton as a member of the class of '35, Mr. Smith supervised the work of the print shop, and was also active in extra-curricular affairs, being president of his college

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LOST YOUNG PIANIST OF GREAT FAME FOUND IN "FOR SALE 'SPRING'"

Story Written by Esther Bohlayer Wins Second Prize in Annual Contest

Among literary contest prize entries was a short story written by Miss Esther Bohlayer which took second prize. Miss Bohlayer is one of three seniors to place in one of the divisions of the literary contest. Other seniors were Miss Ruth Walton and Mr. George Charlesworth.

The *Star* is pleased to publish the complete manuscript which was not published in the *Lantern*, but is deserving of college recognition.

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"Here y'are! Read all about it! 'Noted young pianist with the auburn hair disappears! Read all about it! 'Young pianist—'
"Here's your three cents, Buddy. Give me a paper quick!"
"O. K. Thanks mister. Read all about it! 'Noted young pianist with the auburn—'"

Gordon Walker eagerly scanned the paper he had just bought. But what's this? He's not reading exciting headlines; he's searching the next to last page—the *For Sale* and *Wanted* columns. Yes, he's been doing this for—let's see now—yes, for eight months. He has told his story to art collectors, to antique dealers to little dingy shop-keepers.

"My name's Gordon Walker. I'm a young artist. I studied with Daulet—you know, the famous artist who just died about eight months ago? I'm looking for an oil painting called 'Spring.' It is a garden scene in which there are two crocuses just blossomed reflected in a clear, limpid pool in the foreground. Have you seen such a painting?"

Always the answer was, "No."
Every day Gordon Walker scanned the *For Sale* column in hope of finding some clue. He went to auctions; he visited art galleries; he contacted art collectors; he poked around in antique collections, in little knick-knack and out-of-the-way shops. He must find that picture! He must find that picture!

He could still hear the dying words of his beloved teacher, Daulet: "Gordon, you say you owe me much. Maybe you do and maybe you don't. But I have one request to make of you."

"You know I have been looking for a painting called 'Spring.' You know what it looks like; I have described it to you. But I have never told you who painted that picture—Bernardo! Yes, Bernardo—the Master Artist! I know he painted such a picture because I was with him at the time he did it."

Enlarged Water System Considered at Houghton

In comparison to former years the campus will not see as much activity this year in the line of improvements. Plans, however, have been completed for a few changes.

The county road in front of the Administration Building will be hard-surfaced during the month of August. This will be another step toward completion of surfacing of all roads upon the campus.

As usual, much painting will be done on the buildings to recondition them for another year. New sidewalks are also planned for the dormitory and the College Inn.

A tentative plan is at present under consideration to enlarge the present water system. Previous years have occasionally seen a water shortage, though on the whole the college has been fortunate in this respect this year. An enlarged system would eliminate any danger of future shortage.

"After his death, when all his pictures were collected, I noticed that it was missing. I must shorten my story; I have not long to stay—." He paused, breathing hard. "I searched for it in Europe and finally traced it to America, but since then I have found no clue of it."

"My boy—it was a masterpiece! The artistic world is losing much by not having it. My boy—it must be found—for your sake and for those following you. It must be found! Promise me—promise—" Gordon promised, his voice husky with emotion. Daulet was gone.

II
A year and six months have passed since we saw Gordon eagerly searching the paper. He spent six more months in New York combing it as fine as one could. It certainly was no small task—searching aimlessly or following a tiny clue only to meet disappointment, going even into the worst slum districts to be sure he did not miss any shop, no matter how repulsive, where the picture might be.

But at the end of those six months, his small amount of savings had dwindled nearly away and his health was being undermined because of the constant strain. He realized he must leave the city for a time. He must go somewhere and paint more pictures in order to get money to carry on the search. But he did not wish to be too far from the city for perchance he might get some clues. He finally chose a picturesque town twenty-five miles away—Pleasantville.

Now a man necessarily has to eat, and when he's a bachelor he quite often eats in a restaurant, and quite often the person who waits upon him is a girl. There was a particular restaurant in Pleasantville, the White Swan, in which Gordon Walker ate, and in which there was a particular waitress, Mary Graham.

III
Gordon had been in Pleasantville a year. It was Wednesday evening in April. Every Wednesday evening Mary was free from her duties at the White Swan, and every Wednesday

Eyler, Foster, Densmore, Ortlip Organize Quartet

The Gospel Quartette, consisting of Marvin Eyler, Charles Foster, Bruce Densmore, and Henry Ortlip expect to travel this summer, singing for evangelistic meetings, and for young people's and Bible conferences.

Beginning June 12 the quartette will be at the Wesleyan Methodist church at Canisteo, New York, where the Rev. Mr. Glenn McKinley is pastor. After the close of that meeting on June 26 they plan to proceed to Detroit. Later in the summer they will be at Coldwater, New York, a suburb of Rochester, where Alton Shea is pastor, and at Olcott Beach at a young people's conference.

During part of the season, Willis Elliott will travel with the quartet as evangelist.

PRIZE WINNER



ESTHER BOHLAYER

day evening Mary was to be found in her four-room apartment on the second floor of Mrs. Bell's dwelling or else on the bench in Mrs. Bell's garden. Every Wednesday evening Gordon was found in Mrs. Bell's rented apartment or in Mrs. Bell's garden.

Mary had a piano in her apartment which she played extraordinarily well. Often she played soft, sweet music, soothing Gordon's nerves into a restful calm. As Gordon said one evening, "You know, Mary, it's not the easiest thing in the world to paint all day long, although I do love it."

Upon this particular Wednesday evening Mary was softly playing "Liebstraum." "Mary," Gordon suddenly spoke, "Will you let me paint you as you are seated there at the piano now, in your simple white dress against the background of that rose damask drape, and with the lovely light glowing in your eyes?"
"Paint me? At the piano?"
"Yes, Mary. Why, don't act so scared! What's wrong?"
"Why—nothing. It's just the idea that anyone would want to paint me I suppose."

"Do you know Mary, that in spite of the fact that I've known you for a year, in spite of the fact you've pro-

mised to marry me, I know scarcely anything about you? How can you afford an apartment like this when you're only a waitress, and in the first place why is a refined, intelligent talented girl like you just a common waitress?"

"I've told you that I had some money left me and that I didn't want to be idle. But oh, Gordon! Why can't we be married next month? I do so want to be!"

Gordon's face clouded. "But dear, I've told you—how I promised Daulet. I can't be married until I've found the picture and get started on my own work. Oh, how I'd like to—but I must first find the painting."

"Forgive me, Gordon. But I do love you so much that I guess it makes me impatient."

"Why look, here's the paper and I haven't looked at the *For Sales* yet." Gordon changed the subject because it hurt his heart. "Mary! Look! There's an antique sale on 52nd tomorrow. I'm going in. There might be a chance."

IV
Mary anxiously awaited Gordon's return on Thursday evening. It was getting late. Had Gordon really found the picture this time, or was it to be another disappointment?

Mary peered through her window into the duskiness below. Wasn't that Mrs. Dillingham, Gordon's landlady, excitedly waddling across the street? Yes—it was. Maybe she had some news. Mary opened her door into the hall to see if she were wanted.

"Oh Mrs. Bell—you tell her. I can't."

"Whatever are you talking about? Why Mrs. Dillingham, you're, you're crying!"

"Yes, Mrs. Bell. I can't help it. You'll have to tell Miss Mary; I can't." Mary's heart—was it still beating? "You see, Mister—Mister Gordon was killed this morning in the city. He was hit by a falling steel bar from a new building on 51st. They said he must have been

thinking awful hard because he did not even hear them hollering. They found his address in his coat pocket."
"Oh—Mrs. Dillingham—I can't tell—"

"Never mind, Mrs. Bell. I heard." Mary had slowly descended the stairs. Her face was drained of all color; her eyes were dry, her hands clenched, her breath coming in quick, and sharp catches. "I—heard."

V
Mary walked slowly down Great Oak Lane about four o'clock Friday afternoon. She had not stirred from the house all day. She was forcing herself to now. She walked listlessly as though her blood were pulsing sluggishly through her veins. She paid no attention to anything until she passed an auction being held in a yard about two blocks from Mrs. Bell's. Then she paid attention from sheer force of habit—simply because Gordon always did.

The raucous voice of the auctioneer forced itself upon her ear: "Going, going, gone—to the man wearing green spectacles in the last row. And now ladies and gentlemen, we have a real bargain for you—a rare chance! It is an old oil painting—see—there are two flowers reflected here in the water. What am I bid for his marvelous picture?"

"Here—let me see it!" Mary had pushed through the scattered crowd. She snatched the picture from the auctioneer. The flowers were crocuses; they were reflected in a clear, limpid pool in the foreground; there was a tiny triangle in the lower right hand corner—Bernardo's mark!

"Move back! Move back everybody! The lady's fainted. Why—she has a wig on—her fall knocked it part way off. Her hair's auburn!"

VI
"Extra! Extra! Read all about it! 'Lost young pianist found in Pleasantville! Read all about it! 'Lost young pianist with the auburn hair found in Pleasantville! Read all about it! Extra! Extra!"

Last Student Prayer Meeting

More than 30 seniors gave a parting testimony at the last students prayer service of the year, Tuesday evening, May 31. Dean Stanley W. Wright was in charge of the meeting.

Many expressed their gratitude to God for having led them to Houghton College, where they had been brought into a closer spiritual relationship.

We fear for those of the senior class who are going out into an unfriendly world without Christ, stated Professor Wright. Basing his remarks upon I Cor. 4:9, he pointed out that there are few in the world who will help, and many who will endeavor to defeat the hopeful youth as he leaves the college.

Francis Cott Dies

Francis Cott, 36, a member of the graduating class of '27, was taken with a heart attack on Saturday morning, May 28, and died suddenly Saturday evening, May 28.

The funeral was held at the home in Riverside, Wellsville, with the Rev. Mr. Smith of Rushford officiating, assisted by Prof. Stanley Wright. Mr. Cott was buried in Houghton cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Esther, two sons, Wendell and Bernard, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cott, and a brother, Worth Cott. Many friends and relatives were present at the funeral.

Fancher Goes to Hitlerland; Wants To See Life of the Real Germany

"It seems almost like a dream. It is something I've thought of for a good many years. I've thought about it and partially planned it before, but it never seemed to work out. But now I have my ticket and passport, and it really looks as though my dream were coming true."

Professor LeRoy Fancher, instructor in German at Houghton college, plans to make an extensive bicycle tour of Germany this summer. He will sail from New York city on June 18 on the S. S. *Veendam*, a slow but comfortable ship of the Holland American Line. He will return on the same ship, leaving Rotterdam, Holland on August 3, and arriving in New York August 13.

Rotterdam, Holland will be his first stop on June 28, where he will remain overnight, and then take a train to Cleve, Germany. At an express office in Cleve he will find waiting for him the bicycle which he purchased from the Student's International Travel Association. It is a gear-shift cycle of German make especially adapted to hill climbing.

Professor Fancher plans to follow the Rhine river up into southern Germany to visit the Black Forest, a mountainous region famous for its beauty spots. In the center of the forest is the town of Triberg, where

Professor Fancher intends to convey greetings to brother of Frederic Ebner ('32), a native of Baden, now residing in California. Also while in southern Germany, Professor Fancher expects to visit the Swabian Alb, the city of Munich, and the Bavarian Alps.

Returning through central Germany, Professor Fancher's route may include Berlin. He would like to visit the beautiful cathedral at Cologne, Heidelberg university, Oberammergau, scene of the passion play presentations, the University in Bonn, and many of the places made famous by Luther, although as yet this actual itinerary is not definitely outlined.

Concerning his plans while in Germany Professor Fancher said, "I hope to see some of the points of interest in the big cities but I want to see as many phases of German life as possible, and especially those places not visited frequently by tourists. I want to see the real Germany, and not the part especially for display to travelers."

Since last fall Professor Fancher has been corresponding with various travel agencies, and finally bought his ticket from the Student's International Travel Association. This

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HEY! LISTEN, JUST ONCE.

They ask, they teach, they criticize, they advocate — and they declare. Declare what? Policies.

Strange to say such editorials are few and far between in everything except college weeklies. This latter breed, with chronological promptness changes its motive force, and at the end of another 30 issues assumes a new staff. The *Star* being no exception, succumbs once more to a statement of what has been termed in politics, "a platform."

Plank No. 1 — We will build upon the past and for the future. To work for the present alone has never signaled progress, and we value experience highly.

Plank No. 2 — We like to ride horses, but fences are not in our line. Fairness shall be our criterion, but we must present the facts at all times.

Plank No. 3 — We will print all the alumni news which you think fit to mail in. So bombard Farley's men with something spontaneous; don't wait until the alumni editors put a bloodhound on your trail.

Plank No. 4 — We plan to carry on and improve the literary standards, the features and the advances in make-up and composition.

Plank No. 5 — Your co-operation is the determining factor. The critic who hides his comments under a bushel is a help to no one, and a general nuisance.

With that off our chest we feel relieved. Admonition: After reading, please stuff one ear with cotton! We have no illusions concerning the worthlessness of our remarks, but we should like to see what would happen if everyone heeded them just once. E. J. W.

NOW WHAT?

Commencement! As has been said many times, its true significance lies not in the completion of something; it marks the beginning of real life, brushing elbows with the rich and poor, hobnobbing with the great and small.

Graduates, we have mingled feelings as we see you go forth. For four years others have planned your work. They have told you what to study and even how to study. Now you must prove that you can do as well for others. You have enjoyed the friendships you have made here; now you must find out if you have that certain something which will enable you to make new friendships. While in Houghton your spiritual life has been given every opportunity for development; now it will be put to the test.

Yes, you are just beginning the toughest assignment you've ever tackled, and we're counting on you to "make the grade." How about it? Will the years to come prove that Houghton for you has been a success?

REVIVED QUARTET PLANS SUMMER TOUR; VISIT BIBLE CONFERENCES

The Houghton College Quartet has been reincarnated. For the past two years it has just been a ghost of the past but it has now again come to its own. After the summer two years ago, the college quartet broke up not to be reorganized until the past year.

During the summer of 1937 a quartet was called back to represent the school at the Central New York Bible Conference at Homer, New York. This quartet also attended the W. Y. P. S. Convention of the Rochester Conference at Chambers, N. Y. but this marked the close of their work.

During the past school year, however, the quartet again was organized the personnel being made up of Bob Homan, Hal Homan, Bob Crosby, and Wayne Bedford. This quartet went out quite a bit during the week attending school assemblies and church brotherhoods, and on Sundays they often traveled with Dr. Paine to different churches in western New York.

This summer, however, the personnel has again been changed this time with Walter Ferchen and David Paine taking the places of Crosby and Bedford. After a few days of practice this quartet will set out on their summer's work. Their itinerary includes the following places: Stoneboro Missionary Convention, Michigan Young People's Convention, Montrose, Indian Park, Odasagih (Lime Lake), Central New York, and Buffalo Bible Conference, and Houghton and Long Island Camps.

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At this time a French award for supremacy in grades was presented to Miss Norva Bassage, and a German award to Mr. Reinhold Bohnacker.

Professor Stanley Wright presided as Master of Ceremonies. Music was furnished by Barbara Cronk, Mariam Crofoot, and Virginia Crofoot.

Wilson Wins Contest Award

In a recent contest conducted by the *Advertising Age*, a trade magazine, Kenneth Wilson ('41) received honorable mention for his essay on "How Advertising Benefits the Consumer." The contest was open to both college and high school students. First prize was \$250 and a trip to Detroit.

Houghton Participates in Many Debates, Honors During Year

Debate has filled a large place in Houghton this year. The women's Varsity team—Ellen Donley, Lois Roughan, and Thelma Havill began a debate trip on February 28, scoring a victory at Nazareth college in their first debate. They participated in non-decision debates with Keuka, Hartwick, St. Rose, and Colgate colleges during their tour.

The Houghton college men's team composed of Frederick Schlafer, Everett Elliott, and Walter Sheffer, left for a week's tour on March 7. During their trip they took part in non-decision debates at Hiram college, Oberlin university, Ohio Wesleyan, and Carnegie School of Technology.

On March 12 both Varsity teams met at Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, for the tri-state debate tournament, where two victories were scored for Houghton.

On the evening of April 14 the

Choir Maestro Will Teach This Summer In Texas Teachers'

The coming summer school season will find Prof. Wilfred C. Bain, head of the division of voice of Houghton college and conductor of the Houghton College A Cappella Choir, esconced as head of the division of music of North Texas Teacher's College at Denton, Texas.

Invited by the board of directors to assume this position, Prof. Bain was to start his duties on June 7, which will include advanced courses of sight singing and ear training, history of music, chorus and private instruction.

This college, reputedly the largest of its kind in the United States, has a summer school enrollment of about 3,500, which lasts for nine weeks.

In order to arrive in time for the opening of the session, Prof. Bain was forced to leave the evening of Bacca-laureate Sunday by air from Buffalo, and was not seen in the academic procession of Commencement Day. Mrs. Bain will join him in Texas, driving down later in the summer.

Verdi REQUIEM Is Given By Oratorio Society As Its Final Presentation

The Houghton College Oratorio society, composed of approximately ninety mixed voices, presented the Verdi *Requiem* under the direction of Professor Wilfred C. Bain the evening of June 1 at the college church.

Solo selections from the *Requiem* included: "An Invocation," "The Day of Anger," "Lamb of God," "Deliver Thou the Souls," and "Lord Deliver My Soul." All were beautifully rendered.

Emma Rea Bechtel, soprano, Doris Bain, soprano, Luella Fisk, contralto, Halward Homan, tenor, and Richard Chamberlain, baritone presented what seemed to many to be their outstanding performances of the year. Unusually artistic accompaniment on the organ was given by Theodore Holtenbach. Mrs. Edith Arlin, regular accompanist, was unable to assist in this spring presentation of the Oratorio society.

The commencement season sees only one of three annual presentations of this group. Others come at Christmas and Easter. Last year's commencement rendering was the well-known and popular composition, *Elijah*.



By "Hi" Toot-hill

They arose from their beds of pain and struggled toward the door. Silently with agonized faces they met in the dimmed halls like ships that pass in the night. Slowly at first then more rapidly the word spread. A victim reluctantly confessed to a roommate and was surprised to have her own feelings confirmed by the other's groans. Then it ramified to room after room, from one floor to the next until all through the great brick dorm the news of the gastro-nomic plague had spread and was slowly creeping over the campus.

The scene changes. Hours have passed and the gloomy picture melts into a breakfast table scene. Complaints that behemoth of the rolling mower blades, Ernie Swarthout, "Gee I had the most awful cramps last night. I thought I was gonna die." This unsolicited statement, preserved for future reference in the Archives Building of Greater Houghton college represents the views of many a fellow student who chanced to eat at the dorm that fateful day and verifies the fact that horsemeat isn't bad, even with the harness on, if after you have convinced yourself of its merits you can also persuade your stomach.

I suppose one ought to take a parting shot at the seniors, but after all, they haven't hurt us, so rest, little ones, and may the peaceful thought of no more "blue books" follow you all the days of your life.

"It's all off."
"What's all off?"
"The hair on some of our professors' heads."

I inspected the new domestic plant of Willard Smith and family, which commands one of the best vistas in Houghton. Air-conditioned throughout, with two kitchens, door chimes, den, and . . . rooms upstairs for nine senior girls! Willard, better buy a shotgun and a mustache to scare out the young bucks who will eventually (if not sooner) find their way up Smith Summit.

It's true, just as several people thought. That strange smell that everyone experienced upon leaving the commencement services last Monday—was fresh air.

The old college is deserted and as dead as a cemetery. At the close of the year one is reminded of Robert Luckey's classic remark, uttered when he lived in the president's house (about 100 yards from the administration building). Said Robert to his departing classmates, "Just think, guys, in two more weeks we'll be going home."

The time has come to say goodbye, so until September, the *Star* Staff bids you take care of your telescopes for autumnal astronomical observations.

NEWS FLASHES

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Hess ('29 and '28) were in town from June 6 to 8 preparing to leave for their mission field at Zamboanga, Mindanao, Philippine Islands. They expect to sail on June 14.

Edith Stearns ('32) has moved from Panama, New York, where she taught for a number of years, to Waverly, where she teaches in the eighth grade and has part charge of the music. Next year she will have two choruses.

Returned Sierra Leone Missionary Here To Address Annual YMWB Service When \$389 Is Pledged On Next Year's Budget

Charles Carter Back From Second Term in Africa

The Rev. Mr. Charles Carter, missionary to Sierra Leone, West Africa, presented the message at the annual college missionary service in the church Sunday evening, June 5. Pledges and offerings taken at this time for the support of the college missionary, Mrs. Hazel Banker, amounted to \$389.

Mr. Carter returned to America from Sierra Leone, May 9. He has spent two terms in Africa under the Wesleyan Methodist Board. While there he has supervised the Clarke Memorial Bible School, the vernacular printing of the Scriptures, and numerous out-stations.

"What are we doing to save the world?" Mr. Carter asked. People all over the world are awakening: in Russia, in Africa, in the Far East. This is our opportunity—today.

Briefly Mr. Carter outlined the progress of the Wesleyan Methodist missions in Sierra Leone, showing how God had originally led the early missionaries to settle at Kunsu—now of less importance—where three tribes could be contacted at once. Prior to 1929, said Mr. Carter, there were few native Christians, but in that year God sent a mighty revival and many were brought to Christ. Revival has continued since that time as was evidenced by the souls saved at a recent vernacular conference.

Among the interesting incidents related by Mr. Carter was one concerning a Mohammedan paramount chief who, although not a Christian, testified: "The religion of Jesus is good. It has changed lives. Those converted were among my worst subjects. You have done what my laws failed to do. I believe in your religion because it has changed hearts and lives."

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group conducts various groups of young people through the different countries of Europe via bicycle. Travel groups are divided according to age. The organization also conducts parties of older people by automobile.

Travelling restrictions under this organization are very few. One may remain in the group only as long as he desires, while the steamship ticket is good for two years. Professor Fancher expects to remain with the group only during the Atlantic crossing, and then to travel alone.

Professor Fancher has already collected his equipment for the journey. Much of it was purchased through the Students' International Association and is especially for a trip of this kind. All of his personal effects, and dishes for use in cooking while at Youth Hotels must be carried in a small, light-weight bag fastened on the rear of his bicycle. He will have a special jacket which is both wind and rain proof, and will wear cheap cotton trousers and polo shirts. The most interesting piece of equipment will be a huge light-weight rain covering which not only envelops the rider from head to foot, but covers the bicycle and luggage as well. Friends of Professor Fancher who have traveled in Germany have reported to him that the climate is not so mild as in the United States, and that there are many bad rainy days.

In his leisure moments since March Professor Fancher has been practicing continued on page six

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which Houghton stands still remain the only solution. Edward Willett received the mantle on behalf of the junior class, and in his response desired that the class of '39 follow the example of their predecessors, and that upon graduates and students alike might fall a double portion of the Spirit of God.

Concluding oration of the day was the valedictory given by Wilber Dayton. The trend in modern thought today, he declared, is to attempt to substitute the good of one phase of life for a good life. On behalf of the class, Mr. Dayton also expressed his appreciation to Dr. Paine and to the institution for all the efforts in behalf of the graduating class. His parting challenge was: "Hold high the standards of God."

Howard Andrus, president of the class of '38 opened the program, and later made the presentation of the class gift which was this year divided. A new steel flag-pole will be the second portion of the contribution, which was begun by the installing of the new electric score board in Bedford gymnasium with the compliments of the '38 departees.

Musical features of the program were a violin solo by Miss Jeannette Frost, and a piano solo by Mr. Walter Ferchen. A chorus composed of eighteen senior girls sang three numbers. Processional and recessional were played by Miss Lora Foster.

JULY 5 WILL INITIATE SUMMER SESSION; 7 a. m. CLASSES

Another intellectual, entertaining and spiritual summer session of Houghton college will open with registration on Tuesday, July 5. On the following day, Wednesday, recitations will begin at 7:00 a.m.

The curricula presented this year shows promise of being varied and interesting. Numerous courses will be offered in education, foreign language, music, English, religious education, and the physical and biological sciences. The courses are designed primarily for the following classes of students:

1. Training class graduates who wish to take more advanced work.
2. Teachers having Normal school limited certificates who wish to take more advanced work.
3. College graduates who have not completed the educational requirements for the college graduate provisional certificate.
4. Students who desire work for college credit.

The administrative officers of the summer school will be Dr. Paine, Dr. Douglas, Mrs. Bain, Miss Hillpot, and Miss Moses. New members of the summer session faculty will be Paul Steese, associate professor of education; Winona Ware Cronk, instructor in English; Ellen Mills instructor in history; and Esther Fancher, instructor in German.

Good news for the "would-be-weekendies" there are no classes on Saturday. Bad news for those strenuous weekenders: classes begin every morning at 7:00 a. m. So, you who have early classes will have to set the trusty alarm for the wee hours of the morning.

Music Seniors Give Concert

The singing of college songs inaugurated the fiftieth annual commencement concert on Saturday evening, June 4, when alumni, students, and friends of the school assembled in the college chapel at 8:15. A skit, a reading, and a program of instrumental and vocal music as presented by nine seniors in the music department, were featured.

Miss Eurica Heidel's reading was entitled "Peter Prays for a Wife." The short skit, "Sauce for the Goss-lings" was staged by the Expression Club.

Vocal soloists to merit audience attention were Miss June Powell, Miss Marian Brown, Miss Doris Bain and Miss Emma Rae Bechtel. Presenting solo work on the piano were Miss Eunice Kidder, Miss Lora Foster, and Walter Ferchen, while violin and clarinet solos were rendered by Miss Jeanette Frost and Mr. Bufan.

Popularity with the audience clearly went to Miss Bain and Mr. Bufan, but an unusually finished and mature quality was noticeable in all the performances.

Members of the Expression Club in recreating a former club program outdid themselves in character representation. Parts were played by George Higeman, Hilda Giles, Rowena Peterson, Elton Kahler, Mabel Hess and Miles Weaver. Star performer appeared to be Miss Peterson in her role of Grandmother.

Master of ceremonies for the evening's entertainment was Prof. Stanley Wright. The invocation was by the Rev. Harry Bullock.

Two Wrights Graduated From Syracuse in June

Miss Florence E. Wright, and Kenneth W. Wright, daughter and son of Prof. and Mrs. Stanley W. Wright of Houghton are two of 1032 Syracuse university seniors who were candidates for degrees at the 67th annual commencement exercises Monday, June 6.

Gov. Herbert H. Lehman was the principal speaker, and Chancellor William P. Graham led the traditional cap and gown procession. The baccalaureate sermon was given Sunday morning by Bishop Wallace E. Brown of the Methodist Episcopal church, Chattanooga, Tenn., 1898 graduate of Syracuse university.

Miss Wright received her degree from the School of Library Science, while Wright graduated from the college of Medicine.

There was a capacity attendance at the colorful outdoor exercises in Arch bold stadium.

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Graves chose to speak on the subject "Essentials of Character."

In first paying tribute to Houghton and to her first president, James S. Luckey, Dr. Graves forcefully brought out the place played by the small Christian college in the United States. His plea was: *Back Houghton to the limit.*

Having reduced character to a question of habits, or repeated action, Dr. Graves went on to illustrate that habits not exercised no longer can be classed as habit. The invalid who has lain long upon a bed of pain finds that the first step taken during convalescence is hard and that the process of walking must seemingly be learned again. The same thing is true, Dr. Graves continued, with regard to character. It must be built, but what has been achieved must al-

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Rev. Swauger Brings Message to Theolog Division Graduates

The Rev. J. R. Swauger, president of the Allegheny conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church delivered the main address at the annual Theological Class exercises held in the church Friday evening, June 3. As his subject Mr. Swauger chose "Fruit Bearing Christians."

Taking as his text Matthew 21:19, Mr. Swauger in his message to the graduating class, stated that just as Christ condemned the barren fig tree so He will condemn all who fail to bear fruit for Him. The Master has made provision for each one to grow and bear fruit, and He expects a harvest. The challenge, concluded Mr. Swauger, is for each one to examine himself to see if he is bearing fruit for Christ.

Preceding the address was the Strong Memorial Bible Reading contest held each year to determine proficiency in the pulpit reading of the Word. First place went to Willis Elliott for his rendering of Isaiah 64. Lester Paul was second. Other participants were Edwin Holley, Gordon Wolfe and Fenton Bennett.

Music for the program was furnished by the college quartet with the rendering of "Behold I Show You a Mystery," and "Blessed Is He That Readeth."

TOURS HAVE TAKEN CHOIR 8000 MILES; 70 CONCERTS SUNG

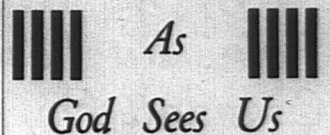
With a season just passed of achievement and accomplishment, choir members, present and potential, are looking forward with anticipation to the coming 1938-39 concert schedule.

With their appearance Sunday closing the year's activities, "successful" may be placed to its glory beside the 1937-38 concert season of the Houghton College A Cappella Choir. Singing between 60 and 70 concerts, travelling some 8,000 miles by chartered bus and making 3 radio appearances, one of which was a national hook-up, the choir has presented the cause of classic ecclesiastic music and Christian education to uncounted thousands of persons. Two extensive tours were made by the choir this season. High spots of the two included Ottawa, Canada, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Brookline and Watertown, and, of course, Westminster Choir School.

Indicative of the growing importance of the choir in the choral world is the fact that Noble Cain, conductor of the famed Chicago A Cappella Choir and composer of some of the best contemporary choral literature, has recently dedicated a composition to the Houghton A Cappella Choir, an honor of which we may be justly proud. Another well-known choral composer, Frances McCollin, blind woman musician of Philadelphia, has recently composed and dedicated several selections to the A Cappella Choir.

Soloists in this year's organization were the Misses Bain, Herr, Bechtel, Fiske and Kincaid and the Messrs. Homan and Bedford. Miss Lenoir Mastellar and Mr. Willis Elliott presented inspiring testimonies. Seniors who will no longer be among our ranks are Doris Bain, Emma Rae Bechtel, June Powell, June Miller, Mary Madwid, Walter Ferchen and John Hopkins.

Ourselves



By ROBERT LYTLE

A PRAYER

"Lord, we pray that each of us may be, in this last day of school, closer to Thee than we were last September." With this plea a local professor began the last recitation period of the year in one of his classes.

WHAT OF THE FEW?

To many of us, and might we not say most of us, this prayer has been answered. But what of the few, the minority who have not progressed spiritually? Have they lacked opportunity for advancement? Not at all.

YEAR OF BLESSING

Houghton has had a year of spiritual blessing. She has not been sedentary in her relation to God. Both collectively as a college, and individually as students, has Houghton grown toward God. The two series of special meetings conducted by our own pastor, the Rev. E. W. Black, and by the nationally known evangelist, Dr. John Paul, were instrumental in leading many nearer "the secret place of the Most High."

Can anything but eternity reveal the untold spiritual ardor and strength that the weekly students' prayer meetings have given? What blessing has been gleaned from the daily chapel services—Dr. Paine's studies in the Psalms, the messages of visiting speakers, the fervent missionary talks, the student programs!

RESULTS UNKNOWN

Only God can measure the results of the uncounted messages our pastor has given us each Lord's Day. And were the great Youth Rally in May, and the special day of prayer in January in vain?

IS THERE EXCUSE

Those few who have remained spiritually stagnant—can they give any other excuse than that *this year* they failed to avail themselves of offered opportunity?

Senior YMWB of 1938-39 Elects Elliott as President

Along with the other elections of the close of the semester was the selection of a new group of officers for the Senior YWMB, college missionary organization.

Everett Elliott is the president for 1938-39. Mr. Elliott has been active in religious work and has been president of the Student Ministerial Association, as well as engaging in variety debate.

Other officers are: vice-president, Mildred Looman; secretary-treasurer, Leon Wise. More than a thousand dollars passes through the books of the treasurer each year.

The YMWB is a subsidiary organization of the college WYPS, and is represented on the cabinet by its president.

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duced to a minimum.

David Paine spoke upon "The Future of Aviation," giving a brief history of the development of air transportation and showing recent developments which seem to indicate the possibility of the airplane's taking the place of the automobile as the vehicle for family travel. Following his oration, Mr. Paine gave the valedictory and the Rev. Charles Fulton pronounced the benediction.

ALUMNI LOSE TO VARSITY IN ANNUAL GAME BY 11-4 SCORE

Paine Pitches for Alumni; Crandall Hurls for Varsity

With the invasion of numerous alumni on the campus during commencement week-end came a revival of the annual alumni-varsity baseball game Saturday, June 4, when Coach McNeese's well-organized ball handlers downed an alumni aggregation 11-4.

On the mound the alumni were represented by Dr. Paine, a veteran of Wheaton teams, who did a fine bit of ball hurling for an unseasoned player. For the first three out of the six innings of pitching "Doc" held nonplussed varsity stick handlers to only two hits and one run; due to inaccurate fielding, and a two-base hit by Dick Farnsworth in the third, the visitors forged into a one-point lead. Settling into his characteristic steady, speed-ball pitching, Jack Crandall, gold shirted mound envoy, clamped down on the veterans to allow only three safe hits in the remaining four innings and to total 12 strike-outs during the game.

It was in the fourth and fifth that "Doc" Paine appeared to tire, and by taking advantage of this the McNeese men, starting with a double by Dick Wright, went on a merry-go-round spree totalling for them the 10 points which shot them far into the lead. The only rally made by the alumni were the doubles made by Walt Schogoleff and Bill Farnsworth in the seventh which accounted for an additional run to give the alumni a total of four. This left them behind Captain Briggs' team by seven runs as the game closed in the seventh inning.

Fielding was of a high caliber at all times with no more than 2 errors made by either team, thus making a safe hit almost an imperative for base running.

The home team boys appreciate the opportunity of pitting their skill against those who have gone forth, and are looking forward to future chances to vie with veterans for notices in their belts.

Below is the box score:

ALUMNI				
	AB	H	R	E
S. Paine p.	4	0	1	1
R. Farnsworth c.	4	1	1	1
L. Vogel lb.	4	1	0	0
B. Joslyn 2b.	3	0	0	0
W. Schogoleff 3b.	4	1	1	0
P. Paine lf.	4	1	0	0
W. Farnsworth ss.	4	2	1	0
A. Paine cf.	2	0	0	0
C. McCarty cf.	1	0	0	0
R. Richardson rf.	2	0	0	0
K. Burr rf.	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	33	6	4	
VARSITY				
	AB	H	R	E
C. Crandall p.	4	0	0	0
R. Burns c.	4	2	2	2
J. Prutsman lb.	4	0	0	0
C. Blauvelt 2b.	2	0	1	1
R. Wright 3b.	4	2	2	2
S. Rollman ss.	4	1	1	1
W. Whybrew lf.	3	0	1	1
H. Briggs cf.	4	2	2	2
V. Murphy rf.	4	4	2	2
J. Evans 2b.	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	35	11	11	

Cupid Is Still Busy

Alice Davis (h.s. '23) will marry Robert Schuknecht at Hornell on June 25. They will make their home in Rochester, where both are now employed.

Prudence Sheffer ('37) will marry Andrew J. West ('39) on June 17 at Miss Sheffer's home in Youngsville, Pa. They will be in Houghton next year where Mr. West will complete his college work.

'37 CELEBRATES REUNION WITH LETCHWORTH JAUNT

The class of '37 found, somewhat to their surprise, that with the coming of another commencement, they were really "old grads." They celebrated the occasion by way of a reunion with a weiner and marshmallow roast at Letchworth Park on Saturday noon. About twenty of last year's graduates, with Miss Rork, their advisor throughout the four years, attended. They were made to feel somewhat aged by the presence of a member of a very new generation—David Lynn Einfeldt.

Most of the time was spent in discussing the varied experiences of the short year in which so many of the class has "tried their own wings" for the first time. Everyone was proud to know that the college has seen fit to recall two of the '37 graduates for service on the next year, and that two more will teach in summer school. These four are: Gordon Stockin, Latin; Florence Wright, Librarian; Ellen Mills, history; and Esther Fancher, German.

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so be maintained through steady exercise of the spiritual powers. Houghton has been building for young people character which must be used.

The colorful procession formed in the basement of the church and proceeded out of doors and through the main entrance. Faculty hoods and doctors' robes blended richly with the plain black gowns of the college graduates, and the grey of academy and Bible school seniors, as the dignified left-right, left-right tread of the marchers followed the rhythm of the big pipe organ under the capable playing of Professor Kreckman of the music faculty. Following the invocation by the Rev. E. F. McCarty Jeannette Frost of the graduating class rendered a beautiful violin solo, *Andante Religioso*, by Thome, and at the conclusion of the address by Dr. Graves Miss Doris Bain, senior in the voice department of the music division, sang "With Verdure Clad" (The Creation) by Haydn.

Candidates for academy diplomas were presented by Mrs. Philinda Bowen, revered principal of the high school. Those graduating from the Bible School and the division of religious education were introduced to President Paine by the Rev. F. H. Wright, B.D., chairman of the division.

Biggest task of the morning was that falling to the lot of Professor Ray Hazlitt, M.A., college dean, who presented the seventy-nine candidates for degrees in the field of liberal arts. Seven of these latter were graduated with the honor of *magna cum laude*. Valedictorian of the class was announced at the class day exercises as Wilber Dayton; salutatorian was Alice Rose.

Completion of the program and the writing of a formal *finis* upon the events of the past year came with the benediction by the Rev. R. J. Foster of Newark, N. J. and the recessional march.

Among other dignitaries present was Dr. Russell Carter, N. Y. State Supervisor of Music, and friend of the college.

PAINE SISTERS STARS IN WOMEN'S TENNIS OF '38 AS PURPLE WINS 3 TO 0

The 1938 edition of the tennis tournament in the women's division played during examination week found Purple winning all the games, taking the series by a score of 3-0.

The most closely contested of the games was that between Gerry Paine and Letitia Higgins. With well placed drives, Gerry broke through the consistency of the game of last years champion in two sets of 9-6 and 6-3 respectively. In the other singles match Billie Paine walked away with the honors with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Lois Morehouse, her Gold opponent.

Both being victorious in their singles encounters, the two sisters, Gerry and Billie, proved themselves equally able to work together as a doubles team. Winning three sets straight over fast weakening opponents they topped off the series with scores of 6-3, 6-2, 6-0 in the final matches with Higgins and Morehouse.

The brand of tennis played this year was superior to that of many previous years, and next year holds in store even keener competition with all players returning determined to put a notch in their belt within another season.

Mrs. Cronk Hostess For Alumni of 1934

Among other reunions on June 5 was that of the class of '34 held at the home of Mrs. Alton Cronk. Luncheon was served by the hostess to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Arlin and son, Miss Mabel Farwell, Howard Pasel, Kenneth Wright, Beverly Wagner, Clair McCarty, Barbara Sanford, and Thelma Pratt.

New Smith Home Scene For 1935 Get-together

The beautiful new home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Smith was the scene of the class reunion for the thirty-fivers, held Saturday noon, June 4. Twenty-four persons partook of the sumptuous luncheon prepared.

From this luncheon come a few bits of alumni news. Lorraine Brownell is reported to be moving from Belmont to Wyoming, where she will be in charge of the vocal music. Doris Lee goes from Stockton to Randolph. Four members of the class have announced their engagements, the marriages to be consummated in June or July: Malcolm Cronk who will be married to Edna Bartleson (ex '40), Janet Donley to be married to James Bedford ('36), and Pritchard Douglass to wed Beth Harmon, both of the class of '35.

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ing bicycling, and estimates that he has ridden some 175 miles this spring. While in Germany he hopes to average some 200 to 300 miles per week. Sundays will be his only days of rest.

Concerning the safety of traveling in Europe at the present time, Professor Fancher says, "Some people ask if I'm not afraid because of the war conditions, but I feel it is a subject of prayer and I feel that I will not be in danger."

Purple Climax Season's Final Ball Game 9-5

Playing the finest baseball seen in Houghton this year, the Purple and Gold hardball handlers climaxed a closely contested baseball season Friday, May 27 in an extra inning game closing with the Purple in the lead 9-5.

The game turned out to be a nip-and-tuck affair during the first eight innings with neither team making more than one hit to an inning. This fact bespeaks of the fine performances turned in by Captains and Wright representing their respective Purple and Gold teams on the mound during the day's encounter. Crandall's speedball dazzled the boys in the first two innings and he fanned five men in a row, interrupted first by Dick Wright with a home-run on errors. Dick played one of the outstanding games of the day with dizzy curves keeping Purple batsman guessing, and at bat laying out a hit each time up to account for three of the five runs made by the Gold.

With the end of the eighth finding the teams tied 3-3, the two points brought in by Jim Prutsman and Klotzbach caused some worry in the Gold ranks as they came to bat. Wright and Wolfgruber threatened to turn the tide by bringing in runs enough to tie the score 5-5 with only one out, but shifty fielding by McKinley and Martin stopped an encroaching defeat.

In the extra inning Wright, pitching a ball wet from drizzling rain, allowed five hits to slip through, which netted four runs to shove the Purple ahead—a lead too secure for the approaches of the Gold men. Crandall tightened down to hold them to one hit and no runs in the final half-inning.

With the Purple claiming the glory shared in part by the Gold who allowed them to eke out their victory with such a narrow margin, the boys left the diamond to ring down the curtain on what can be acclaimed as a season with baseball in Houghton at its best.

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class for two years, W. Y. P. S. president for four years, a member of the first choir, and active in several clubs.

Following graduation, Mr. Smith continued his work in the printing department, and as head of the Public Relations Bureau of the college for two years. In the fall of 1937 he began a year's leave of absence to work on his advanced degree. Mr. Smith returns as an active member of the faculty next semester.

Donley Forced to Labor For Gifts at Shower Held At Miss Fancher's

Janet Donley ('35) had to work for the gifts she received at the variety shower, given for her at the home of Miss Bess Fancher last Saturday afternoon, June 4. She had to guess the present after it had been described to her in rhyme or charade.

Thirty-two persons were present, being largely members of her own class who had lived in Gaoyadeo hall. Mrs. Dean Bedford of Rochester was one of the guests. Miss Moses had charge of the program, assisted by Ellen Donley and Rowena Peterson. Decorations were in pink and white.

Miss Donley will be married to James Bedford ('36) sometime in July.

LECTURE COURSE IS NOT ALONE SOURCE OF GOOD SPEAKERS

Brilliant reds slowly became soft, subdued purples and violets as light rays searched a common stone for its potential grandeur. It was the first lecture course number of the year and Herbert Thompson Strong, the world's greatest color magician, working with ultra-violet rays and polarized light, introduced Houghtonites to a world of glorious colors, including a composite of a desert sunset, the cave of Aladdin, and the Grand canyon.

The second presentation of the lecture course found us engulfed in a Shakespearean atmosphere as we watched marionettes cleverly depict the "Tempest." The members of the Rufus Rose Marionette players are to be commended for knowing when to pull the "right lines."

"What do you think about the European situation?" Typical American girl Helen Hiatt, now working for her Doctor's degree in the University of England, satisfactorily answered this general question by giving first-hand information of affairs gleaned from her travels and studies, with an unprejudiced, international outlook.

"Artists are old people and have strange interests"—but interest was not limited to would-be artists in the audience when H. Irving Olds, under the auspices of the American association of colleges, demonstrated the making of Japanese wood prints. Delicacy of color and absence of shadows or background comprises the beauty of this ancient Oriental art.

Slides and motion pictures have done their share in varying the usual chapel services. Dr. Cress of the Buffalo Gratiwick hospital helped dispel the fear of cancer by means of slides which showed that cancer, a lawless growth of cells, is curable by surgery, X-ray and radium.

Dr. Ward Bowen, head of the Visual Instruction and Radio department at Albany, showed motion pictures of "Flowers at Work," "Volcanoes in Action," and "Sound Waves and their Sources."

Picturesque scenes of beautiful travel country Germany were shown in chapel by Der Rheinverein.

Hobbies are always fascinating; one which has been conscientiously followed for 65 years is necessarily worth while. The Rev. Mr. M. Elliott, of North Carolina, displayed in a recent chapel a part of his neatly arranged collection of Indian arrow heads and curios, valued at \$4000. At the end of the service, this versatile old gentleman presented Houghton college with a portrait he had made of Jonathan Blanchard, first president of Wheaton college and great-grandfather of our own college president, Dr. Paine.

"Whistle while you work" seemed to be the motto of the majority of Houghton students after being inspired by bird-student Philip E. Howard, Jr., assistant editor of *The Sunday School Times*. He entertained the audience with colored slides of many birds of the locality and imitated their individual calls.

Some of the other outstanding chapel programs of the year included the Myers Evangelistic party of Alabama; the Rev. Ralph Davis, deputation secretary for the African Inland mission; the Slack family, converted Russians and talented musicians; Miss Martha C. Polivert, missionary to Alaska; Dr. E. J. Pace, returned missionary and cartoonist of *The Sunday School Times*; Dr. Isaac Page, district secretary of the China Inland Mission; Rev. Robert Hess, missionary to the Philippines; Dr. John Paul, and our own pastor, Rev. Black.