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MRS. BOWEN GETS LL.D. DEGREE

Rev. Black Gives Farewell Address Is Baccalaureate Speaker Sunday

Preaching his farewell sermon as pastor of the college church before leaving for a charge in the South, the Rev. E. W. Black delivered the annual baccalaureate address last Sunday morning before an overflow crowd, many of whom were visitors and alumni. During his message the retiring pastor publicly thanked God for ever bringing him to Houghton and assured his congregation that although he would be far off, yet his prayers would be with them.

The Rev. C. I. Armstrong, who will take over Rev. Black's duties this coming Sunday, assisted in the service together with three other ministers, all parents of students in the graduating class, Rev. William E. Bisgrove, Rev. John A. Mann, and Rev. Henry F. Bailey, while Dr. Stephen W. Paine presided at the meeting.

The college A Cappella Choir making its final appearance of the year sang three sacred anthems and two choral responses from their repertoire, while Prof. Robert Homan, trumpet soloist, rendered the offertory selection, a prelude by Bach.

Black's Sermon

Selecting the book of Ecclesiastes as the basis for his baccalaureate discourse, Rev. Black described Solomon's search for that mode of living which would produce happiness in his own life. Solomon finally came to the conclusion that putting God first was the only successful way. The pastor's final word was an appeal to any of the departing seniors who had not made a personal commitment of their lives to Christ to do so before it was too late.

Rev. Black left Houghton Monday afternoon immediately after the Commencement exercises with his family for Greensboro, N. C. where he will be pastor of a W. M. Church. He first came to Houghton five years ago at which time he succeeded Rev. J. R. Pitt who had been pastor of the college church for seventeen years. He is the author of several pamphlets, the most familiar of which are "God's Storehouse Plan" and "Where Are the Dead?"

Annual Reunion to Be at Montrose

The fourth annual Houghton reunion-banquet at the Montrose Bible Conference, Montrose, Pa., will be held this year on July 11th, starting at 5:30, at Torrey Lodge with Prof. Claude A. Ries as speaker and the new college quartet furnishing the special music. Jack Haynes, president of the senior class and of the alumni association, is in charge of arrangements for the occasion, while Marge Fox, the secretary, is handling the clerical work. It is expected that a number of prospective Houghton students will be present.

PRESENTATION OF KEYS TO DR. I. F. McLEISTER



Large Crowd Present at Dedication Of Luckey Memorial Last Saturday

Moore, Clark, Victors in Bible Reading Contest

Rev. Glenn Moore, freshman from Canadea, N. Y., and Russell Clark, sophomore from Shelter Island, L. I., were first and second prize winners respectively in the annual Strong Memorial Bible Reading Contest, a feature part of the yearly Theological Class Night held at the local church last Friday. The prizes were ten and five dollars each, the judges being Bob Wheeler of Houghton, the Rev. William Foster of Michigan, and Roy Williams of New Jersey. Other participants in the contest were Bert Hall, and Carl Fulkerson.

In addition to this event there were three short addresses by graduating religious education majors, Norman Mead, Sophie Lupish, and Carl Fulkerson, on the theme, "How the Love of Christ Constrains Me." The college male quartet and Margaret Mann, senior music major, supplied the special music for the service.

Clint. Boone Wins Oratorical Prize

Clint Boone, senior law student from Meshanticut Park, R. I., and Ruth White, freshman from Carthage, N. Y., won first and second prize respectively in the annual Leonard F. Houghton Memorial Oratorical Contest held in the chapel last Thursday evening.

Mr. Boone, who received twelve dollars as a result of his victory, spoke on the subject "Equality of Opportunity" and won the audience's approval through his dramatic presentation of the race prejudice question. Miss White, whose award was eight dollars, had the topic, "I Should Know", in which she considered infantile paralysis.

Other contestants on the program were David Ostrander, Edwin Mehne, Rebecca Brace, and Paul Bicknell. The judges for the occasion were the Rev. Alfred Gross of Arcade, Prof. Howard Andrus of Rushford, and Mrs. Hugh Thomas also of Rushford.

Portrait by Mrs. Shea is Unveiled

As a climax to an intensive five-year drive by the alumni association, the dedication of the Luckey Memorial Building took place last Saturday afternoon before an overflow crowd of alumni, students, and faculty members, the ceremony being held in the library reading room on the second floor. Built as a "symbol of the love of the alumni toward a great leader", president James Seymour Luckey, who piloted Houghton over stormy seas for 29 years, the structure which is on the verge of completion was made possible by the voluntary contributions of members of the association and by a gift of \$25,000 from the Cudworth estate, the donor of which was a daughter of the founder of Houghton College.

Cost of Building

Because of the generosity of labor, the availability of much local building material at very reasonable prices, the purchase of other materials before the present increase in prices, and the excellent services of the builder, Mr. Chester A. York, the memorial was erected for less than \$50,000. It would have cost at least \$75,000 under ordinary building conditions in any other community.

After two selections by the A Cappella Choir under the direction of Caro M. Carapetyan to open the service, Mr. York, builder of the edifice, officially presented the of the building to Dr. I. F. McLeister, president of the Board of Trustees, who in turn thanked the various officers of the alumni association without whose efforts the memorial could not have been constructed.

A special feature of the dedication was the unveiling of a portrait of Willard J. Houghton by Mrs. Aileen Ortlip Shea, art instructor in Houghton and a Pulitzer prize winner. This portrait is to hang in a niche in the wall on the first floor of the new memorial next to the portrait of James S. Luckey of which it is the companion piece.

Immediately after the unveiling, Mrs. Philinda S. Bowen, principal

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Dr. Frank Pierrepont Graves Gives Commencement Address; 91 Graduate

Mrs. Philinda S. Bowen, principal of Houghton seminary, became the first woman in history to receive an honorary LL. D. degree from the college last Monday morning at the annual Commencement exercises held at the local Wesleyan Methodist Church, at which time ninety-one college seniors also received their baccalaureate awards. Dr. Frank Pierrepont Graves, former commissioner of education of the State of New York, delivered the address on this momentous occasion. The intention to confer the honorary degree to Mrs. Bowen as an expression of the college's appreciation for her faithful service to Houghton for the past thirty-seven years had been kept such a secret that most of the faculty did not even know of it until just prior to the exercises. In the opening part of his address Dr. Graves praised Houghton's "little old lady" for her industry and influence on the campus.

Mrs. Bowen, who celebrated her seventy-fifth birthday last February first came to Houghton in the early nineties to teach in the old seminary. Three years afterward she left and married a minister, but upon his death returned here to teach again. She is the mother of two sons, Ward and Ira, both of whom have doctor's degrees. Ward is a member of the State Education department at Albany, and Ira is an instructor at the California Institute of Technology and has been associated with Robert Milliken, one of America's greatest scientists.

Dr. Graves' Address

Dr. Graves, who is reputed to have more degrees, honorary and earned, than any other person in the country, described in his address what he considered the three basic questions in life — food, sex, and religion — pointing out how each was a prime factor in man's daily life, the first for its maintenance, the second for its preservation, and the last for its meaning. In discussing his third point he declared, "Religion isn't customs and traditions, or good conduct and fine ideals, so much as it is the eternal groping of the human soul to find God." He proceeded to explain that life is vain and a void thing when this element of man's being is ignored.

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Many Sign Up For Summer Session

A rather large attendance is expected this year at the Houghton College Summer Session according to reports from the Registrar's office this week. The summer school will begin on Monday, June 22nd, and last through Saturday, August 14th. Miss Julie Andre will appear in the lone Artist Series number of the session though the faculty will present a number of recitals.

Rev. Miner to Speak at Summer Camp Meeting

Rev. D. N. Miner, the evangelist who held the great winter revivals for the college, a Free Methodist from Jamestown, N. Y., and R. D. Wise, well-known evangelist from Wabash, Indiana, will be the two main speakers at the annual Houghton Holiness Camp Meeting held from August 23 to 30 this summer. Miss Lois Richardson and Miss Carrie Hazzard, who usually have the young people's assignment, will probably not be able to make it this year. As yet no speakers have been definitely secured to take their place.

725 Dollars Pledged at Annual Rally; Dr. Sim I. McMillen Brings Message

Sunday evening, Dr. Sim I. McMillen, returned medical missionary from Sierra Leone, West Africa, brought a thrilling missionary message to a capacity crowd in the local church. By the medium of vivid word pictures, Dr. McMillen presented to his audience the vitality of "the greatest love" and the necessity for a new vision of missionary needs.

Taking his text from John 2:1 he related the experience of Peter and the other disciples when, after Christ's crucifixion, they returned to their fishing profession. After spending a fruitless night at this occupation, they returned in utter discouragement to the shore, only to be met by the Christ whom they did not recognize. Instead of reproving them, Christ made their fishing fruitful, then fed them. Later the question "Lovest thou me more than thou?" was put to Peter. Interpreting this, Dr. McMillen showed the vital need of having a burning love for Christ and His Kingdom and perpetrating that love through the spread of His Kingdom on earth.

The problems with which a medical missionary has to deal were set forth clearly and vividly. Native superstitions, tropical diseases, secret societies are among the most prominent of these. The entire message was delivered in an enthusiastic, cogent, yet convincing manner.

At the close of the message Dr. Paine presented the need for the support of Houghton's missionary program. A total of \$725 was pledged according to an announcement by Ruth Ortlip, new Y.M.W.B. treasurer.

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"OUR TIMES ARE IN HIS HAND"

Another year in Houghton history has come to a close—a year packed with spiritual blessing, intellectual advancement, cultural progress, and social delight, one that we shall never forget. Going home has seemed so hard, as it always does, but more so this year than ever, meaning for some of us a final farewell to the scene of some of the grandest experiences of our lives and for others at least a temporary one. Yes, this past year is one happy, glorious memory. Probably no college year at Houghton has ever equalled it, marked as it was by tremendous spiritual revival. Many will be the occasions this summer when we shall fondly reminisce over the incidents of the '41-'42 year.

In time though we will cease looking backward and will return to the reality of that with which we are immediately confronted. Upon returning to college in the fall we shall perceive that the months ahead have a none too auspicious aspect. Many familiar faces will be missing, the war effort taking up more and more of our number. And then, sooner or later next fall or winter, the *Star* will announce the shocking news some Thursday morning: "First Houghtonite to Die in War." The news will startle us all. Perhaps he'll have been a star athlete or a popular class officer, or maybe just "another" student, one of the boys on the campus who was simply taken for granted. Whoever he turns out to be, the report will set us thinking... wondering... questioning... trying to make up our minds what the previous year with all its richness of joy and blessing and all similar experiences are worth in the light of such grim facts.

Later on, perhaps, news of others who have lost their lives in the nation's armed forces will come filtering in, or of those who have been permanently injured. We'll say to one another with a note of despair, "Remember when Jim... and now this—how tragic." We'll read words like those of Browning

Grow old along with me!

The best is yet to be,

The last of life for which the first was made.

and reflect that no such optimistic philosophy as that is adequate for times like ours. We'll be forced to reject their validity, at least for those at the front who fall in battle, knowing that for such as they there is no "last of life for which the first was made."

But still, after the first shock has worn off and we have adjusted ourselves to new conditions and a changed environment the same thought that Browning expressed immediately after the lines quoted above will, by power Divine, find its way into our consciousness—

Our times are in his hand

Who saith, "A whole I planned;

Youth shows but half. Trust God; see all, nor be afraid."

—and we shall know that it is true, completely so, that we can see all, and still not be afraid. Moreover we shall know that not simply for those who are removed from the scene of conflict are these lines meaningful, but for all men everywhere who choose to live by faith and walk with Him. The calm deep-abiding assurance will possess our souls more fully than ever—"Our times are in His hand."

—R. J. O.

NEW DEAL FOR SPORTS...

Next fall, in accordance with the governmental request arising from the war situation, Houghton will have a greatly revamped athletic program, a program requiring five hours of exercise from every fellow each week. With this policy we are in complete agreement. After all, too many students spend entirely too much time in the library without getting out and doing their "daily dozen". There is another change, however, that we would also much like to see effected,—not of such great proportions as the one mentioned above, it is true, but still necessary—the playing of competitive contests in baseball and tennis in the fall instead of the spring.

New College Quartet Scheduled for Heavy Summer in Pa., N.Y., and N.J.

Morris, Williams,
Recent additions

The 1942-43 version of the Houghton College male quartet, two of whose members will be singing with the group for the first time, is scheduled for the usual heavy summer program this year, there being twelve separate engagements varying from four days to two weeks in length. The two new members are Clarence "Bud" Morris, sophomore from Greenport, L. I. and newly elected business manager of the '43 *Boulder*, who sings bass, and Robert Williams, a new student from Delamo, N. J., the quartet's first tenor. Wilbur Waaser, second tenor from Williams-ville, N. Y., and Harland Hill, baritone, from Schenectady, will again be in the group.

First on their schedule is an engagement at either Oil City, Pa. with Dr. Paine or one in Michigan with Prof. Claude Ries. On the evening of June 25 they will start their services at Chambers Camp Meeting in Beavers Dam, N. Y., continuing there until the end of the month. From July 1 to 5 the group will sing at the Champlain Camp Meeting in West Chazy, N. Y. from which they will rush to Montrose Bible Conference in Pennsylvania for the longest stay of the whole schedule, a two week's engagement closing on July 19. Wesley Grove Camp Meeting at Grovesville, N. J. will be the site for their next booking.

Mid-Summer Program

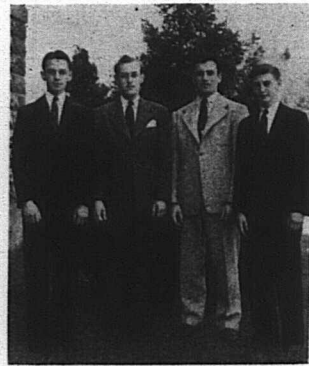
On July 27 the quartet will start a seven day engagement at Odosagih Bible Conference (Lime Lake) at Machias, N. Y., hurrying back to the coast for the Stony Brook General Assembly where the boys will be from the third to the seventh of August. Nearby Atlantic City will be the place for their next booking—at the Broadwalk Bible Conference conducted by the Rev. Clarence Mason, August 8 to 11. From the 13 to 18 the group will furnish the music at the Niagara Bible Conference, from which they will proceed to the Mansfield Bible Conference in Mainesburg, Pa. for a five day program closing on the 25th. The Buffalo Bible Conference held at Ebenezer, N. Y., will have them until the end of August. The quartet's summer program ends at the North Mountain Bible Conference at Red Rock, Pa. on September 7.

Under the present set-up, a small amount of time, which is made still shorter because of Houghton's freaky spring weather, makes it impossible for our athletes to get into shape and play the brand of ball of which they are capable. In addition, the rushed schedule (due to an early Commencement) with several games a week deprives the players of much needed time for term papers and preparation for exams.

Were such sports as baseball and tennis to be played in the fall the following advantages would obtain: (1) players would be in the pink of condition and in practice because of a whole summer of competition—the calibre of the games being thereby improved; (2) players would not sacrifice so many precious study hours inasmuch as the beginning of a school year is far less of a grind than the end; (3) the football and basketball seasons could be started a few weeks later, resulting in a shortening of that long period during the winter when all a fellow can do on a Friday night is take his (or someone else's) girl over to the Bedford gym to see the sophs or frosh get slaughtered by superior teams representing the upperclasses (apologies given on request); (4) the orientation of incoming classes to Houghton life would be quickened, and the real leaders of the class, at least in the realm of athletics, determined before it was too late to make a difference in the election for class officers.

We realize that such a plan as this one has been proposed, verbally at least, many times. Rumor has it that there is more than a remote possibility that such a change will be carried out. In the interest of better athletic at Houghton we trust that such shall be the case.

—R. J. O.



NEW COLLEGE QUARTET

Dr. Paine to Go on Two Summer Speaking Tours

On behalf of the Life Support Union campaign, Dr. Paine will make two speaking tours this summer covering the various churches of the Allegheny Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, the college's second quartet probably accompanying him upon the second trip. June 8 to 17 will find the president speaking in Western Pennsylvania, while from June 25 to July he will continue his engagements in Pennsylvania and extend the itinerary into eastern Ohio. With the L.S.U. campaign well launched among the students of the college, the president hopes to interest the entire connection in becoming part of Houghton's "living endowment."

Two engagements of special interest are scheduled aside from the above tours. On May 31 Dr. Paine will deliver the baccalaureate address at the Nyack Missionary Training Institute, Nyack, N. Y., and from July 27 to August 2 will speak at the Maranatha Bible Conference, Maranatha, Michigan, during a special educational rally. Other speakers at this assembly will be Dr. R. V. Edmann of Wheaton College, Dr. Bob Jones of Bob Jones College, and Dr. Savage, head of the conference.

—HC—

Eight Houghton students passed their mental and physical tests for the Air Corps Reserve this past week. They were Ken Kouwe, Harold Landin, Fred Hill, Jim Hughes, Burt Swales, Wallace Clements, Dave Ostrander, and Dave Robbins.

YOUTH'S



TOMORROW

By ED MEHNE

"Yeh, I was going to be a career-child, but not now. Defense jobs wide open, good chances in the armed forces,—college is all right when there's nothing else to do, but I'm a man of action. Work-a-day world—here I come." Such are the thoughts of American youth today; youth with ambition, youth that never takes "no" for an answer. It is just such youth that America needs to make her wheels turn around, but America needs another kind of youth. America needs level-headed, intellectually mature, and far-seeing youth; but above all, youth willing to be wholly within the will of God no matter what the immediate environment and circumstances may be.

The great debater in Ecclesiastes knew what he was talking about when he said, "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth." A Christian is not his own, he is the Creator's. While it is a fact that in youth all of the powers are more active and vigorous, what a challenge it is to realize that therefore faith, hope and love will be in their best tenor, their greatest vigour and least encumbered state. To miss the opportunity of serving God in youth, is to miss God's best for life.

True enough, things look exciting and intriguing now, but today is only a drop in the ocean of time. Youth must learn to look beyond, to see beyond the thrilling episode of the immediate, a realistic future. In order to accomplish such an ultimate, emotions and intense vitality must be restrained. Restrain the vigor and ambition of youth? But shouldn't youth, with all of his inherent dynamic power, exercise the same to its limit? Ah, no. I refer you to the words of a wise and godly man, Jeremiah. "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth," Lam. 3:27. Yes, until youth learns to bear the yoke of restraint, he can never learn to successfully begin or complete a task.

Youth must once again learn to dream—not the dream of an idler or procrastinator, but the dream of a practical visionary. Napoleon did dream of worlds to conquer, and a greater empire than his had never before been seen. Orville Wright did dream of men with wings, and today the airplane has become commonplace. The boy Joseph dreamed of power and leadership, and he finally saved a nation from famine. The child Jesus dreamed of a day when he would save his people from their sins, and today we have life through the power of his resurrection. Right now, you are dreaming of a day when you will be an executive, a surgeon, a college professor, a great minister missionary, or a God-blest social worker. Will your dream come true, or will the beautiful, shining bubbles dancing before your eyes detract from the beyond.

If God has given a calling to a life, nothing short of the fulfillment of that calling will satisfy. Let us cling firmly to our youthful visions and dreams, let us shun the transitory fancies of today. If this we do, we shall have a happier, more fruitful Christian tomorrow.

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Houghton Barracks
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Mr. R. Jacob Oehrig
Editor, Houghton Star
Houghton, New York
Dear Jake,

Comes time for l'envoi. Our enlistments are at an end. Once more we face Life as civilians, these two years gone by, honorably discharged, and on our own. Farewell! We quit forever these guarded grounds. Adieu! We are leaving our haven, this asylum, reservation, where have passed so many months. All in peaceful seclusion and sheltered solitude, far from the noise, strife, and iniquity of the outer World we have lived.

But not without reminding you, sir, of some choice items which doubtless have evaded even your famed reportorial staff, do we take our final leave. We know the confusion that is examination week, even as well as do others, and we sympathize with you and your assistants in probable failure to cover the happenings which we will mention. Those were crowded days, dear Jacob! E'en the very hills echoed the turmoil of the times! Truly we rejoice that now it is all in the past.

The Dirt Comes Out

Confidentially, it is rumored around the barracks that one of the new CAT tanks was lately lured away, purloined by foreign agents. These scoundrels drove the valued ordnance up Rie's Hill, but were interrupted in *flagrante delicto* by Colonel R. This gallant officer (rising from his bed upon the alarm) accosted the predators and single-handedly and with the greatest coolness dispersed them. Units in Woolsey, Bowen, Douglas, and other cantonments were rudely awakened but not mustered. Major Smith, however, had meanwhile marched up with his company. It immediately spread out, searching the fields and woods for the fugitives. Jeeps and half-tracks whipped to and fro, searchlights playing about. Only that the saboteurs were outside reservation limits could save them from immediate capture, so eager were their pursuers. Since then, though, General Stanley, with help of his G-2 boys, has taken the villains into custody. One of them declared, "Surely, the roar of the mighty engine, the cannon-like explosions of those great cylinders, the flaring of flames shooting skyward were well worth this grief and ignominy." We say, let them be shot!

Also, from Fort Goyoyo comes mention of a modern Mata Hari. A hitherto reliable (and expensive) source says, and we quote: "She (the spy) had succeeded in ingratiating herself with most of the superior officers in the fort. Her daring and ingenuity gained for her unparalleled success in escaping detection. Baffling the Secret Service (H. B. I.) with rapier-like thrusts in the dark, she had devised a means of penetrating the outer defenses on the very night that fortune delivered her into

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Number of Houghtonites to Be Married in the Summer

Cupid will be busy this summer tying up some final knots. His first appointment is down in North Jackson, Pa. on May 30, where he will see that Evelyn Bryant and Gordon Stone say the final yes. Mr. Stone is a student of the college and Miss Bryant a former student.

He'll then have ten days vacation before he has to hurry back into New York State for two weddings. Lockport will be the first to feel his presence. Here on June 11, Leona Strickland of the class of '38 and Charles Foster of the class of '41, will be united in marriage. Forest Gearhart will be the best man and Mary Agnes Strickland, maid of honor. The match-fixer will then hop over to Rochester where on June 13, Margaret Fowler and James Smith, former students of Houghton College, will also take their matrimonial vows.

On June 20, Cupid is scheduled to be present at the wedding of Hayes Minnick and Jean Livingstone in Tamaqua, Pa. Mr. Minnick graduated from Houghton College last year and is now attending Faith Theological Seminary in Wilmington, Delaware. Miss Livingstone is a nurse.

July doesn't hold any definite prospects for Cupid, but on August 18, he has a very definite appointment in

East Pennington, N. Y. at the marriage of Jane Cummings and Ronald Bowerman. Both are graduates of the class of '41. Mr. Bowerman at present is attending Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, N. J.

Some authentic rumors have been heard to the effect that Margaret Smith of the class of '39 and Park Tucker of the class of '40 will be married sometime this summer in Chester, N. Y. It is also quite likely that next fall will find our athlete friend Marvin Eyer married to Katherine Parks of the class of '39. Even freshmen are thinking of marriage, and by next fall, one of our freshmen, Mildred Peck may be Mrs. George Huey of Rochester, N. Y.

We discovered that Cupid has also been working on some semi-final knots. On May 21, 1942, or thereabout, Thomas Groome, sophomore, and Eleanor Jean Tanner, freshman, announced their engagement in Jackson Heights, N. Y. Martha Huber, senior of the class of '42 and Frank Marsh of the class of '41, proudly displayed a diamond on April 20 (that is, — Martha did). Faber Tscudy and Jayne Burt, sophomores, expect to formally announce their engagement in the near future.

Well, we give our best wishes to Cupid and hope he carries a lot of happiness with him and distributes it unstintingly.

Lucky Memorial . . .

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of Houghton Seminary, gave a short talk on Willard Houghton's efforts in founding the institution while Virgil Hussey of the class of '28 carefully traced the late president Luckey's labors for 29 years as head of the college, in whose memory the building was erected.

The Rev. J. R. Pitt, pastor of the East Aurora Wesleyan Methodist Church and former pastor of the Houghton Church for 17 years, concluded the service with the dedicatory prayer in which he particularly requested that President Luckey's dying wish for Houghton, "to see God's will and to keep the place spiritual", might be fulfilled.

New Athletic Program To be Enforced in Fall

Because of the present war emergency, a program of compulsory athletics will be instituted here starting next fall in order that the fellows of the student body might be physically fit for service in the armed forces of the nation. This program which corresponds to the one adopted by colleges and universities throughout the country requires that all fellows have at least five hours of exercise a week. Coach Harold McNeese will be in charge of these supervised athletic activities.

Senior Reflections One Thing Over?

Another year is over, and the seniors are gone for good. Of course their thoughts were largely taken up with the plans and uncertainties of the immediate future, but occasionally one or another of them, as they passed through the last week or so before Commencement, gave some thought to his years at Houghton. Some remembered regrettable times; others, happy occasions — football games . . . parties . . . service for others . . . work . . . play. — We have recorded what some of them said when they were asked the question,

If you could do over again any one thing that you did while here at Houghton, what would it be?

Clinton Boone, a law student from Meshanticut Park, R. I., who plans to continue his education next year: "I'd like to live my first semester here over again. Two years ago, when I first came here I was very antagonistic to the school and the kids. I was a recluse — didn't do anything but keep to myself. I'd take a different attitude altogether and enter right into things if I had it to do over again."

Kenneth Lord from Central Square, N. Y., a preacher in the Northern New York Conference of the Methodist Church: "What I'd like to do

would be to play the final game of the '41 football season over again."

Harrison Brownlee, a general science major from Pierremont Manor, N. Y., who wants to get into "med school before his draft number comes up: "I have enjoyed my three years in Houghton, and I can't help but feel a little sad that it will soon be past. It is sort of a problem to put what I'd like to say into the category of the one thing, but I believe that if I could like them over, I would endeavor to live a better life for my Lord than I have in my past three years here at school, for all the rest of the things, though important, are going to be secondary some day."

Arthur Meneely, a science major from Valier, Pa., who thinks that Uncle Sam may have plans for him next year: "If I had these years to relive, I would more than ever participate in Christian service as an extension worker and in the revival services here."

Sheburne Ray, a theolog from W. Rumney, N. H., who may enter defense work soon: "One thing that I would like to do over again would be to go on skip-day and live over again the events of that memorable occasion."

Carl F. Fulkeerson, student pastor

Rev. Armstrong to Start As Local Pastor Sunday



REV. C. I. ARMSTRONG

Commencement . . .

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Dean Ray W. Hazlett presented the candidates for the baccalaureate degrees to Dr. Paine while Prof. Frank H. Wright and Mrs. Philinda S. Bowen presented those of the Bible school and high school respectively for their diplomas. Assisting in the service were two fathers of graduates, Rev. A. A. Lawrence and Rev. Earl H. Robertson, who gave the opening and closing prayers. In the opening part of the exercises, Prof. John M. Andrews played the violin concerto, "Canzonetta", by Tchaikowsky, and immediately after Dr. Graves' message Miss Edith Stearns, contralto, sang "May God Bless You" by Carroll Ely.

On May 23, Alice Goodemote ('33) was married to Ralph Seaman (Bible School, '42) of Long Lake, New York. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. E. W. Black, took place at the home of her uncle, Mr. Lynn Chase of Houghton, New York.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Donald Greene and Ruth Seaman, sister of the groom. Chester Seaman and David Goodemote were Mr. Seaman's ushers.

Leader of National Holiness Association

The Rev. C. I. Armstrong, newly elected president of the National Holiness Association and General Superintendent of the W.Y.P.S., will commence his duties this Sunday morning as the new pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Church. He succeeds Rev. Black, pastor for five years, who preached his farewell address at last Sunday's baccalaureate service. Rev. Armstrong comes to Houghton with a varied career in the Christian ministry. He has been a song-write and song-leader, missionary, pastor, and for the past nine years an evangelist.

His Conversion

As a boy of fourteen, Mr. Armstrong heard the Rev. John Scobie, a Canadian ex-pugilist turned preacher. The rugged evangelistic appeal of the ex-prize fighter struck home, and Mr. Armstrong was converted. His first pastor was the Rev. Dean S. Bedford, who was once pastor of the Houghton church. Early in his Christian life he met Dr. J. S. Willett of Syracuse, first graduate of Houghton's college department who influenced him to begin his ministry as a missionary to the Onondaga Indians, a tribe of the Iroquois. Because of his familiarity with their language, history, and customs, he acted as an advisor to the U. S. Board of Indian Commissioners at Washington during president Wilson's administration.

Pastor at Bradford

Rev. Armstrong was pastor of the Wesleyan church at Bradford, Pa., for eleven years, previous to his evangelistic work. While at Bradford, he became interested in bringing the gospel to prisoners, and for over a decade he has served in this field as a member of the directory board of the Inter-church Prison Evangelistic Association.

The past nine years Rev. Armstrong has spent in field evangelism. This work has carried him into much of the United States and Canada, where he has spoken to the evangelical churches of eleven denominations, and a number of Christian colleges and seminaries. He has been active in young people's work for many years. Since 1939 he has been the General Superintendent of the W. Y. P. S., the youth's organization of the Wesleyan denomination. In his extensive contacts with young people Rev. Armstrong has come to appreciate keenly their problems and needs, and has been concerned to help them arrive at their proper solution.

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DIAMOND DRIVEL

BY MEL LEWELLEN

BANG... The gun has just barked, and I'm off to a start on a marathon that will take a year to complete. Right now on the first lap I feel very much inferior to the previous pencil wielder that turned out this column for the last year, a guy who certainly did a swell job of sports slinging. Yes, dear readers and athletic enthusiasts, it's about time we took our hats off to the one and only, the scooper of all sports scoops, Dave Paine. Thanks, Davie.

Well, the baseball season is all over, but we have no winner, no one to pin the roses on, except maybe Jupiter Pluvius. He was the only true victor since he was the one that came off with the decision in the fifth and deciding contest of the current Purple-Gold Series. The series stood even-Stephen, the Purple Pharoahs having taken the first game 6-4, with Captain Walker uncovering a starting pitcher in "Vitalis" Hallstead. Before the season started the Purple pitching situation had been the big question mark, since Markell, last year's flinger, failed to come back to school.

Second Game

In the second game, not to be outdone, "Short-stride" Russell decided to uncover a new moundsman for himself also. So off came "String" Miller from the initial sack into the pitching box, and proceeded to pitch a 7 to 1, 4-hit ball game, holding the Purple scoreless until the seventh and final frame when a double by "Material" Lord, his only hit of the year, and a single by Jim Strong ruined his shut-out effort. That tied the series at one apiece.

For the third game Russell decided to bank on Miller again while "Big Hare" chose Barney for the starting assignment. Hallstead in a streak of wildness hit three Gold batsmen in the first inning. This, combined with some faulty fielding and one hit meant four runs for the Gladiators. The Purple came right back in their half of the first and nicked Miller for five hits including a triple by "Equipment" Eyler. Score at the end of the first inning, 4-4. The game settled down from there on, the final score showing the Gold as winners, 9-6.

In the fourth contest Walker started on the mound for the Purple, String again doing the heaving for the Russellmen. From every standpoint this was the best game of the year. At the beginning of the fifth the score stood at 3-2 in favor of the Gold. The Purple batters then came to life and hammered out five runs before the Gold knew what had happened. The Gold retaliated with two runs in their half of the fifth, but there the scoring ended as relief pitcher Hallstead hurled hitless ball for the rest of the afternoon. The final score showed the Purple on top, 7-5.

Last Monday, coach told the boys to be ready, but something happened — a Purple outfielder was in N. Y. — therefore, no game. Tuesday, the outfielder was here, but it rained. Wednesday everybody was ready, but it rained again. Thursday the boys got tired of waiting around and went home. The result is no 1942 baseball champs.

Big John Sheffer of the Purple took this year's batting crown in the

color series by belting out six hits in ten trips to the plate for the very respectable average of .600. Johnny was closely followed by another Purple player, Eyler, whose hits, though less solid, gave him an average of .545. Gearhart of the Gold was next with .428.

Extra base hits were few and far between this year, as Strong and Vincent got the only homeruns — the latter blow moreover would have been caught in an ordinary park, barbed wire keeping Stebbins from making the catch. This year there were five triples, 6 doubles, and 43 singles. Seven men hit above .300, four Gold and three Purple. The Gold team had the higher batting average, .276, to the Purple's .257.

For the pitchers, Walker had the best average with one victory and no losses while Miller was second with two wins and one defeat. Hallstead's record was one and two, and Mullin's zero and one. Twenty eight of the Gold batters went down via the strike-out route against fifteen Purple men.

Coach McNeese didn't have too much trouble in picking a varsity this year, selecting six Gold players and three from the Purple squad. His star team consisted of Miller on the mound with Russell behind the plate, Vincent at first base, Mullin at second, Sheffer at short, and Polley on third. For the outfield he chose Gearhart, Stebbins, and Eyler.

Some of the boys were lucky that freshmen are ineligible for varsity letters inasmuch as Strong, Waaser, Walker, and Hallstead would have pushed them hard for positions.

In closing your columnist would like to mention a few things that he and others are wondering about. First of all, who received the baseball varsity captain's letter this year? Secondly, why was Gordon Stone, the spark plug of the Gold infield, not put on the varsity squad this year?

Letter to Sports Editor

Dear Sports Editor,

After reading your several queries in the sports column as to who received the captain's letter in baseball and why Stone's playing wasn't meritorious of a letter, I feel led to ask about a few things that have been puzzling me. Even as you are perplexed about two questions, I am confused over several other incidents. While upon the subject of baseball, I might say that the procedure involved in prohibiting Waaser from receiving a letter appears rather paradoxical since Barnett received a track letter — yet their cases are most similar in respect to credit hours as to whether they were to be ranked as freshman or sophomores. Even though the method of how Waaser became minus a baseball letter is vague; perhaps why he is, is a bit more obvious than some people wish to admit.

The issues arising from only one track meet this spring were surprisingly numerous. Why did coach display so much more interest in the Purple relay team than the Gold quarter? (For answer, see Beeps' column in junior class edition); why were the Purple nearly forced to use the slowest time of eight tryants for their relay team? Why was the rule

MRS. P. S. BOWEN



Mrs. Bowen, principal of Houghton Seminary, was the first woman to receive an honorary degree from Houghton College at the Commencement exercises on Monday.

Army (?) Life

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our hands. When brought before the fort's commanding officer, she reportedly spat in that person's face and would say but nothing. Her colleague, known in some circles as 'Col. Frank's right-hand man', is as yet loose from the noose. Both are from the enemy forces of the World Without. From this enemy the two had procured subversive literature and disseminated it, including the fake, ill-fated sophomore *Star* issue of two fortnights past, Jacob, what more can we say?

We trust you saw the impressive ceremonies and review of last Monday. Did you notice Corp. "Hanzo" with The Redhead? Doubtless, too, you knew that that mentor of masculine men, our athletic director, has joined the thinning ranks of the Gold, where he will remain for the coming season. They should appreciate his aid full as much as has the Purple. Sgt. E. of the Purple troops, now being investigated and questioned as to the recent disappearance of the varsity baseball captain's letter, is also reputed to possess a number of other such trophies, some of which have been obtained under false pretense. Now, with this news and hearsay, we, your roving foreign correspondents, do close until our report of September next.

Sincerely yours,
Big Wal
Rabbit
G-Boy (in proxy)

Al Russell's Class Oration, Feature of Annual Class Day Exercises, Saturday

Miss Lois Bailey Gives Valedictory

Highlighted by a fine class oration by Allyn Russell, the senior class-day exercises were held before a large audience last Saturday evening in the chapel. A special feature of the program was the singing of the new class song, a sparkling melody, the words and music of which were written by Mark Armstrong. Marie Fearing second highest in scholarship among the graduates, delivered the Salutatory address to start off the program. Norman Mead, former student body body president, officially handed the mantle of leadership over to the junior class representative, Warren Woolsey, who will be president of the student council next year. Lois Bailey, class valedictorian, presented the farewell message of the class of '42 in which she promised that the seniors would do their best to make good.

In an expression of gratitude to their adviser, Prof. Willard G. Smith, the class, represented by Jack Haynes, their president, presented him with a Houghton jacket and two albums of symphonic recordings. During the program a seniors chorus under the direction of June Spaulding sang Dvorak's "Going Home" from the *New World Symphony*, while Frances Wightman rendered "The Disappointed Lover" by Brahms.

Mr. Russell pressed home three points to his hearers in his oration — sober optimism, independent thinking, and a firm faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, or as he also expressed it — "Keep your chin up," "Be your own boss," and "Don't let the background obscure the picture."

Mr. John Merzig, business manager of the '42 *Boulder* announced this past week that his accounts show a balance in the publication of the yearbook. He added, however, that a complete financial statement would not be available until the fall, at which time all outstanding accounts shall have been settled.

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Dr. Bowman will return to his former position at Marion College, Indiana. Miss Frieda Gillette, who has been working on her doctor's degree at Cornell University, will replace Doctor Bowman in the History Department. Miss Crystal Rork will also resume her position in the zoology department, replacing Professor Ayers. Mr. Robert Homan, instructor in music, will leave his position to serve in the armed forces of the United States.

In addition it is expected that two more professors having Ph. D.'s will be added to the faculty, one in mathematics and the other in psychology and education.

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