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47th Commencement Announced

Events to Begin Wednesday Evening with Chorus

Houghton College has always arranged unusual Commencement programs, and this year's Commencement is no exception. Of the many interesting concerts, programs and lectures given below, perhaps one of the most outstanding is the Commencement address to be given Monday morning, June 13th, by Dr. Albert Russell Mann. Dr. Mann comes to Houghton College very highly recommended. He is provost of Cornell University and is a very important figure in the present-day field of education. We are honored, indeed, to have him address us.

Dr. James of Auburn, New York who is to give the theological address, Thursday evening, is a dynamic speaker of high reputation. The concert Saturday is bound to prove interesting. The best of the year's work in the Departments of Music and Oratory will be presented.

Rev. Sicard of Falconer, the Baccalaureate speaker, needs no introduction to Houghton audiences. It is enough to say that we are very happy to have him with us for this important occasion. So, it is with satisfaction that Houghton College announces the program for its 47th Annual Commencement. The president, the Board of Trustees, and the Faculty of Houghton College and Seminary invite you to be present.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, June 8th, 8:00 p. m., Oratorio, "The Prodigal Son," Sullivan, sung by the College Chorus.

Thursday, 8:00 p. m., Class Day Exercises, School of Theology, the Strong Bible Reading Contest, Address by Rev. E. L. James, Auburn, N. Y.

Friday, 10:00 a. m., Class Day Exercises, High School; 8:00 p. m., Annual Oratorical Contest, Awarding of Athletic Letters, Awarding of Bird Greek Prize, Awarding of Strong Bi-

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Student Organizations Elect Officers

During the past week has occurred the election of the new student body and athletic association officers for the coming year. The new officers are:

Student Body Officers:
President—Albert Albro
Vice-President—Howard Dietrich
Sec. & Treas.—Lena Stevenson.

Athletic Association Officers:
President—Albert Albro
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Boys—William Farnsworth
Girls—Esther Burns

Gold Captain:
Boys—Eddie Dolan
Girls—Edna Stratton

Varsity Captain: Albert Albro



An Early Houghton Faculty. Improvement—or Degeneration?

Annual Music Banquet Held

Friday evening, June 3, the students of the public school music department, together with the music faculty and President and Mrs. Luckey, toured to Glen Iris Inn where a most delightful banquet was held.

The banquet was held at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Velma Thomas acting as hostess. After every one had partaken of a most delicious roast duck dinner the toasts were in order.

Mr. Malcolm Cronk acted as toast master. Clifford Williams and Lyle Donnelly each gave a short toast. These were followed by two very interesting short talks by Miss Hillpot and President Luckey.

Miss Hillpot talked about Houghton's progress in Music in the last few years and especially this year. She wished the seniors success as they go out to teach and told them that she hoped they would very often return to Houghton.

President Luckey's subject was balance. He expressed very clearly how we need balance in life and especially in the life of music. He expressed his appreciation for all that the students have done this year in furthering Houghton's department of music.

Students Conduct Sabbath Service

Ephesians 4:1-16 formed the basis of the Sunday morning sermon, May 29. The thought of the passage as presented by our pastor, the Reverend J. R. Pitt, is that the church is a body composed of men and women in union with Christ as their head and all having communion with Him. The different members are not interchangeable in character and function; the harmony is determined by Christ the Head. The Spirit of Christ which is the spirit of mutual helpfulness, gives the unity. This body presents one complete man, showing in the cooperation of all the members all the qualities of character of Christ himself. Individual Christians do not all look or act alike but they act in perfect cooperation, impelled by one

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Owl's Literary Booklet Appears

Last Friday marked what the Owls would have us believe an epoch-making day in the literary annals of Houghton, for on that day appeared the first issue of Houghton's new literary magazine, published by students of the college under the direction of the Owls. We were introduced to it in a chapel, with the devotional exercises conducted by Harry Gross, and the main talk by Clifford Bristow on the subject of the *Lantern*. At the conclusion of his talk Mr. Bristow very graciously and fittingly presented the first copy of the *Lantern* to President Luckey.

The *Lantern* contains the prize winning productions of the literary contest of this year, and is supplemented by a rather representative collection of literature produced by the literary-minded students of the college. One might wish that such students should occur in considerably larger number than at present, for the group is small. The artistic work of the magazine consists of very admirable and clever woodcuts done by Walter Alexis, and they add greatly to the appearance and makeup of the book.

The Owls are to be commended for their effort in putting before the attention of the college public such a magazine. The price is nominal; the book is to be commended. We hope that it is the beginning of a new era, particularly since the *Boulder* has practically been forced to discontinue the printing of the prize-winning literary productions, and we highly recommend that students in following years show the same initiative and talent the Owls have shown this year.

MUSIC HALL

The foundation for the new music hall has been practically completed. Work has been progressing rapidly under the direction of Mr. Chester York of Akron, Ohio. With the increased force soon to be added, a number of whom will be students, it looks as if the building would be completed on schedule—about September 15.

Orchestra Presents Final Concert

Lyle Donnelly Featured in Mendelssohn Concerto

The College Orchestra under the combined direction of Professor Alton Cronk and Professor Hans Sorensen made its second appearance of the year in a program of symphonic music last Friday evening in the college chapel. The program was interesting chiefly in the fact that whole works were played instead of a group of short-length numbers. This is distinctly a healthy musical sign for so many conductors of small orchestras are prone to allow smaller and insignificant works to be played instead of those of real musical value.

The program opened with "Egmont" Overture by Beethoven which makes an excellent number with which to open any program of symphonic music.

The next offering was the appearance of the soloist of the evening, Mr. Lyle Donnelly who is a senior in piano. Mr. Donnelly chose to play the Mendelssohn G minor Concerto for piano and orchestra. This concerto which is a favorite with concertgoers and pianists received a good deal of attention from the audience. From the standpoint of the listener this composition was without doubt the most interesting on the program. The concerto is varied in style and color and represents the tunefulness of Mendelssohn to a fine degree. Mr. Donnelly suffered from a stiffness in general piano mechanism which often hindered a clearness in scale and arpeggio passages. However, he showed an intelligent interpretation which was distinctly emotional. The orchestra unfortunately is not provided with a fine dispersion of instruments and some fine effects are lost because of wrong tone color.

The G major symphony by Haydn commonly known as the "Surprise Symphony" brought the program to a close. It is quite appropriate that this work be played this year as it is the two hundredth anniversary of the death of the composer. Haydn, who is known as the "father of the sym-

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Dean Wright Leads Prayer Meeting

The Students Prayer Meeting on Tuesday night was ably led by the Dean of men, Stanley Wright. The song leader, Florence Smith, chose some of the favorite hymns, in which all delighted to join. The Scripture lesson consisted of many precious verses quoted in quick succession by a goodly number of the large group attending. After a season of prayer, many testimonies to the saving, keeping grace of God were given. Several expressed appreciation for the privilege of being in Houghton, for it was here that they learned to know Christ and to walk with Him.

Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Smeltzer, the latter of whom is a sister of Prof. Ries, were out-of-town visitors.

Y.M.W.B. Convention Attracts Crowds

MacMillens Bring Inspiring Messages

No one with a drop of red blood could have failed to be moved by the appeal made at the missionary convention held at the Levant Wesleyan Church from Saturday to Monday, May 28-30. It was powerful because changed in emphasis: not -- this is our duty, but—"a great door and effectual is opened unto me"; not -- we could do much if there were not so many adversaries, but -- "we can triumph, because we have a great God to overcome them. Not -- the heathen will die in their sins if we fail to take them the gospel, but -- we shall lose our own souls if we fail to send them the Word of Life.

The chief convention speakers, Dr. and Mrs. Sim I. MacMillen, themselves filled with the zeal of God, showing the spirit of the cavalry horse, eager for the fray, succeeded in imparting some of their spirit to the large audiences who heard them, who left feeling, "I have no right to anything unnecessary when so many are literally dying for both physical and spiritual food." As a concrete expression of this feeling, the audience pledged \$529 toward Mrs. Stark's support. It is expected that this amount will be somewhat increased.

Alice Hampe MacMillen, the pioneer in spirit, spoke on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon on, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me and there are many adversaries." She said in part: "Not open doors but adversaries, but open doors and adversaries, as if adversaries were part of the challenge. Both stirred Paul. Anything you can do profitably

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Student Group Conducts Conference Session

On Wednesday evening a group of thirty Houghton young people held a most refreshing Education service at the annual Allegheny Conference session which is convening at Falconer, N. Y.

The meeting was opened by a ringing song service led by Fred Ebner. A few short prayers were offered after which several of our students testified of the love of God in their hearts and Mrs. Elsie Doty told of her call into foreign missionary service.

Willard Smith gave an account of the meetings in which our students participate on Sunday. Evangeline Clarke told of the missionary interests of the college and George Osgood pointed out the many prayer services of every week.

A male quartette provided the special music for the evening and after two selections, Mr. Harold Van Wormer brought to us a timely message on "The Wages of Sin is Death." He spoke as though inspired of God and all were touched by his words of truth and life.

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WHAT PRICE LEADERSHIP!

One of the favorite pastimes of certain classes of individuals during these recent times of depression has been the game of "baiting" those who occupy positions of high eminence and authority in our country, in particular our President. The only limit, apparently, to the scope of their extreme and absurd charges is that imposed by a limited, if active, imagination. In calling attention to this tendency someone recently has facetiously remarked, "Well, we've blamed President Hoover for almost everything, but it seems as though we should at least give him credit for giving us an open winter!"

Heartless and groundless attacks of the most scurrilous variety as the lot of great leaders are not, however, a peculiarity alone of times of great crisis, although intensified then, but seem to be a part of the price paid for leadership in all ages. Disappointed self-seekers, egotistical but impractical theorists, and the masses of people, sincere but of limited vision, often all combine to humble the man of ability who would, if allowed, devote his talents to upbuilding their interests. If then, you are determined to go out to exercise a high type of unselfish and constructive leadership, go ahead, and God bless you, but remember that you will probably be labeled, and by many generally accepted to be, exactly the opposite of that which you are striving to be. The rewards of leadership are undoubtedly great, but like all other valuable things in life it exacts its price. "The world kills its prophets and then erects monuments in their honor."—L. J. S.

AFTERWARD

A few more days and the students and faculty of Houghton College will be scattered far and wide. Some, either here or elsewhere, will continue the endless pursuit after knowledge. Some will enter upon the responsibilities of those greatly coveted jobs, in order to secure funds for next year. Others will return to their homes to enrich the lives of father, mother, brothers, sisters, and friends.

Each individual will be surrounded by conditions somewhat different than heretofore met, and adjustments will need to be made. There will be many new acquaintances, some of whom should be won as friends for the school as well as the individual. Every year presents its own peculiar responsibilities, and hand in hand with responsibility comes opportunity for service. Vacation cannot insure freedom from temptation, but temptation, overcome, means a victory. A challenge rightly met spells a more profound faith, a greater sense of confidence.

Loyalty to the Christian ideals of Houghton College should enable each student, each faculty member, to make decisions worthy of the school he represents.—C. L. R.

H. A. A. Holds Annual Track Meet

Eight Records Broken—Gold Is Victorious

Many eager spectators braved the rain and cold Friday and Saturday afternoons to witness the running of the 1932 track events between the rivals, Purple and Gold.

The Gold immediately took the lead with the running of the 220 yd. dash taken by Vogan. At the close of the first day the Gold men were leading 21-13 and the Purple girls were leading 23-13.

The second day's events saw the Purple gaining rapidly and they were at one time 3 points in the lead. But the Gold took the Javelin throw and thus gained a good lead. The final event, the relay, saw the Gold three points behind. The gun sounded the start; the Purple were away to what seemed like a track victory. Their first two men made a 30 ft. lead; then came the turning point: Dolan and Vogan took the stick and passed the Purple men and carried the day for the Gold.

The girls relay was equally as interesting but the Gold lacked just one point of tying the score by running the relay. However, the Gold relay team, Harbeck, Hewitt, Swetland, Matthews, established a new relay record. The final scores for the men's events was Gold 62 and Purple 60. The girls' score at the close of the events was Gold 30 and Purple 31.

Records Broken were:

Shot Put, Morrison, Purple—40ft. 6in., former record, 37 ft. 10.8.
Javeline, Dolan, Gold—152ft. former record, 137ft. 6in.
120 High Hurdles, Smith, Purple—19.8sec., former record, 20sec.
Girls' Shot Put, Stratton, Gold—33ft. 3in. former, 32.3ft.
Mile, French, Purple—5:11.9 min. former, 5:13.3min.
Girls' 75yd., Harbeck, Gold—9.9sec. former, 10.4sec.
440yd., Dolan, Gold—54.9sec. former, 56.6sec.
Men's Relay, Dolan, Vogan, Van Ornum, Elliott, Gold—1:54.1, former, 1:54.8.

Commencement Announced

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ble Reading Prizes, Awarding of Leonard F. Houghton Oratory Prizes.

Saturday, Alumni Day, 7:00 a. m., Senior Class Breakfast, College; 10:00 a. m. Class Day Exercises, College; 1:00 p. m., Baseball Game, Alumni vs Varsity; 3:00 p. m., Class Reunions; 5:00 p. m., Alumni Dinner; 8:00 p. m., Concert by the Departments of Music and Oratory.

Sunday, June 12th, 10:30 a. m., Baccalaureate Service; Sermon by Rev. Charles Sicard, Falconer, N. Y.; 7:00 p. m., Vesper Service, led by Mr. Fred Ebner; 8:00 p. m., Annual Missionary Service; Address by Mrs. Alice Hampe McMillen, returned Missionary from Africa.

Monday, 10:00 a. m., Commencement Exercises, High School, School of Music, School of Theology, College; Address by Dr. Albert Russell Mann, Provost of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"But you know, Teacher, I crammed on that for three whole hours last night."

Tell mother I didn't know that sodium and water would explode.

Why Be a Professor?

Dr. Edgar Goodspeed was once approached with the above interrogation and in reply said "One must say frankly that, materially speaking, unless a man hate his wife and children, yea his own life also, he cannot be a professor. He will never be a money-maker. But if he can put this behind him and find his satisfaction in the fine and stimulating fellowship of inquiring minds, students and colleagues, in the capture and statement of truth, in leisure to think and freedom to speak, in the spiritual values of life, he will be glad to be a professor."

In the extremely materialistic age in which we are living, if the dollar cannot loom up large as the reward for energy expended, then the value of that expended energy is diminished in direct proportion to its ability to coin dollars and cents. It is merely the proposition of raising more corn to feed more hogs to buy more land to raise more corn to feed more hogs. But life is more than corn and hogs—more than meat and drink. Man is more than a mere flesh and blood animal. He is a personality to be cultivated, a soul to be nurtured and a mind to be trained. With these factors does the professor work.

Bound up in them lie potentialities far out-reaching the things of time and sense. To be a potent factor in the moulding of the life philosophy of an immortal soul in its quest through time and eternity is a privilege seldom excelled. To be a co-worker with the Creator of the universe in helping to produce true manhood and womanhood in the midst of the superficialities of the modern age calls forth all there is in one seeking to lead youth through those transitional days directly following High School. It is becoming increasingly evident that the most lasting contribution of the professor is not in his "didactics" though this has a large place but rather in what he gives of himself consciously and unconsciously. Many of life's basic principles are instilled unconsciously—principles of absolute honesty, courtesy, reverence, wise toleration, accuracy, patience, hatred of sham and littleness. To project one's own self into other lives wrestling with the momentous personal problems of youth is a coveted privilege. To be invited to enter into the inmost recesses of life where the greatest battles are fought and there to help contend with the failures, temptations, sorrows, hopes, and the thousand perplexities that vex youth is a privilege and blessing that those who seek for mammon alone never know. Why then be a professor? Because it is his rare privilege of living in his students' inner lives.

Why be a professor? Because it is his prerogative to become the moulder of the thinking of the next generation. The closeness of contact between student and teacher gives him the advantage over the editor who has thousands of readers or the public lecturer whose auditors bulk large in number. It has been said that "when Metternich wished to style the revolutionary aspirations of Austria and Germany he centered much of his attention upon repressing liberalism in the lecture halls of the universities." The near and constant contact of college men and women graduating from college with the life of the people of the communities which they enter permits these young men and women to become factors in shaping the thought and tendencies of that community. Hence the professor who to a great extent helped to mould the thinking of those under him will thus indirectly be the moulder of the thinking of the next generation.

Why be a professor—not just because of the great privilege of direct and indirect opportunities of service but because he becomes his saviour (not religiously speaking). What real professor can grow old among the exuberant spirits of youth! What professor can become static in his profession who really loves his students and desires to give them his best! He himself must ever grow bigger in mind and soul. He becomes thus his own saviour.

Few callings offer greater opportunity for service and a greater incentive to be at one's best in serving his fellowmen and his God than does the noble calling of a college professor in a Christian institution.—C. A. R.

Personal Items

Stephanie Kluzit's mother is her guest for the commencement season.

Pres. and Mrs. Luckey have been attending the Allegheny Conference at Falconer Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Rev. Harold VanWormer preached in the Fillmore Wesleyan Methodist church morning and evening last Sunday.

Prof. and Mrs. Bain spent the week-end at Falconer, guests of Prof. Bain's parents.

A large delegation of Houghton people attended the Y. M. W. B. Convention at Levant over the week-end.

Warren Thurber was called home recently on account of the death of an aunt.

What Will You Do in Your Home Church This Summer?

Last Tuesday evening Prof. Stanley Wright suggested that the pastors of the home churches will be expecting something of their returned Houghton students through the summer months. As conference secretary of Sunday Schools, I too am interested in knowing what contribution you are going to make. Possibly a few questions will be suggestive.

Will you

1. Be a regular attendant at church and Sunday School, and prayer meeting?
2. Conduct a choir?
3. Teach a Sunday School Class?
4. Lead W. Y. P. S. meetings (or whatever corresponds to that in your church)?
5. Conduct a daily vacation Bible school?
6. Assist in Y. M. W. B. (or any other missionary work)?
7. Through prayer, effort, influence, aggressively push the work of the church in general and that of young people in particular?

Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. "A great door and effectual is opened unto me (you) and there are many adversaries."

Josephine G. Rickard
Conference S. S. Secretary.

The Logic of Rules

The author of the *Rubaiyat* expresses the opinion of many in respect of things in general, and restrictions in particular, when he says:

"Ah Love, could you and I with Him conspire

To grasp this sorry Scheme of Things entire,

Would we not shatter it to bits—and then

Re-mould it nearer to the Heart's Desire!"

To such this article is directed, not because such a feeling is wrong, but because the logic underlying things as they are must be considered:

The people of a church, holding to certain tenets of faith and practice, purchase by their personal sacrifice a training for their children in those tenets.

Through their tradition of training and their personal experience as followers of Jesus Christ, they have come tenaciously to believe that certain amusements and other practices are a positive detriment, if not a prohibition, to the inception and development of Christian life. Hence, why should they allow them in the school they have founded? Has it not been their ideal to purchase for their children the possibility of training where spiritual life will not be thwarted by these things? To tolerate them, therefore, would be like hiring a children's specialist nurse to care for a child that he might grow strong and healthy, and then give him at his insistence, with a positive conviction of its harmful results, sufficient candy to make impossible healthy physical development.

This church opens the doors of its institutions so founded, so purchased, to any other young people who wish to place themselves under the conditions there provided. It offers its opportunities to all, believing that those opportunities are constituted of educational advantages, and comparative freedom from temptations to harmful things. (A parallel example would be becoming a member of a football team, and receiving one's share of the benefits accruing to that team by accepting the restrictions imposed by the coach, restrictions which he believes are themselves benefits.)

What, then, should be the attitude of one entering such an institution? "I will accept what you offer exactly as you offer it," or "I will accept your offer trying to avoid all the imposed conditions (or move you to change those conditions)," or "I cannot accept the offer with the imposed conditions. Hence I will accept a different one—at the hand of some institution whose restrictions, or lack of them, are more nearly to my taste."

The first is logical. If I am a guest. I conform to the desires of my hostess. If I purchase a meal in a restaurant, I perforce limit my dinner to their bill of fare, and I conduct myself according to their expectations.

The second is not logical. To avoid the imposed conditions is unfair, unjust; to attempt to change them is to attempt to break down for personal pleasure the profound convictions of thousands of people. Further, for the school to accede to those desires thereby cutting loose from the church which gave it existence and nourished it up, would give the church the feeling that its forty-four years of sacrifice had been wasted, that it had given its child violin lessons under a Mozart and had seen him become a jazz orchestra player, that it had

sold its business out to its enemy without compensation.

The third is logical. If you can't get a Stradavarius at Steinway's, try Denton, Cottier and Daniels, or some other good music house.

This is the logic of the church, and of the faculty of Houghton College:

Certain practices subtly hinder arriving at God's eternal truth.

We want our young people to know the truth.

Hence, we will keep them from doing what will hinder its discovery and retention.

To this end we have given ourselves and our money to provide a life-training where those things are eliminated.

—J. G. R.

Church Service

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spirit, which spirit comes from Christ himself.

Although many of the students and faculty were absent because of the convention at Levant, the evening service was well attended and profitable throughout. The prayer and praise service was in charge of Miss Aura Matott. The theme of the testimonies was the great value of the Word of God in the life of the believer.

Mr. Redstone, one of the theological seniors, gave the evening message. His subject was, "Dealing with the Living God." He used two texts in contrast, one from the Old Testament I Chronicles 21:13 and one from the New Testament, Hebrews 10:31.

The thoughts were grouped around the following points: The necessity of falling into the hands of the living God either through choice in this life or in defiance in the next life. The reasons were all in favor of falling into God's hands through our own choice. There are blessed results of falling into God's hands and accepting his plan in this life and disastrous results if we fall into God's hands in defiance. The final plea was that we know what we should do and therefore we are without excuse for not accepting God's plan for us.

Throughout the service there was evident the blessing and presence of God. We are thankful for our consecrated young people and pray that as they go to other fields to work, they may have constantly the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit to guide and direct their lives.

Orchestra Concert

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phony" and commonly referred to as "Papa Haydn" has achieved a unity of idea in the second movement of this symphony which delights all who hear it. There is a lovely bit of melody which has not been duplicated since the days of contrapuntal composers. Houghton appreciates music of this type and the writer sincerely hopes that more of it may be played as the concert seasons come and go. The conductor is to be commended on the fine choice of material. His audiences join with him in a sincere hope for a real Houghton College Symphony.

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Ah me, what shall I scribble? Well, not about the Faculty, for this is a Faculty Star, and we might be indicted for blowing our own horns. Not about Spring, either, for as I stroll hither and yon, I notice that the young co-eds are being told about Spring far more eloquently than I could ever hope to do it. No more can I scribble about the new Music Building, for alas! our pledges are due, and what shall we do? Unfortunately, I cannot scribble about chapel, for that is nearly a thing of the past, for this year at least. Far better were it that my scribbling and I should part, but 'tis not to be, for the editor has decreed otherwise!

The old Romans, we are told, bade farewell to their friends by the simple word "Vale". We have a survival of this custom at Commencement time in the valedictory, which is a "Saying farewell". It is a treasured privilege to be awarded the Valedictory in our school and we all covet the honor. It has, too, a certain amount of sadness connected with it, for it means the hour of parting is near.

We are about to greet the Senior class with the parting salute of "Vale". We cannot help feeling a pulsing sadness steal over us as we watch them go. I wonder if they feel the same about us? I well remember a little ditty we used to shout when we were in grade school that goes like this:

"No more pencils, no more books,
No more teachers' sassy looks!"

But college means more than that—and so does College Commencement. College is a time of friendship, of adventure, and a highroad that meets the greatest highroad of them all—life. It is really Commencement in its fullest and deepest sense—a beginning of better things. It is the beginning of an ever-broadening field of service to the small group for or with whom we work; to the larger group, the community in which we live; and finally to the nation and to the world, of which we are equally citizens. Yes, dear Seniors, "Vale" is only a dismissal, reluctant at best, so that you may find your place in the world.

But there is also another meaning to this word, "Vale", and it is that of which I wish to speak now. It happens to have an original meaning, which is: "Be thou strong". Strong? Yes, certainly, that is what it meant originally. But what has that to do with me. Let me explain. We have in practically every community about us doctors who are trained to take care of our physical ailments, and we rely upon them for guidance in things medical. Unfortunately, however, we have no doctor of ideals, except as that profession is within ourselves. We must be our own doctor of ideals very largely. Because you Seniors have been for the greater part of four years sheltered and protected by the kindly walls of your Alma Mater, you have not had to struggle to hold on to your ideals. Beware lest you lose them when you take sheepskin and march boldly out into the cold world, prepared to conquer everything and everybody. The world is cold, but not freezing. It only freezes those who have not approached it rightly and who lose ideals and have nothing to live for. Perhaps in the course of your college career in Houghton things have not all been sweet and

lovely and smooth and to your fancy as you would have liked to have them. That is probably true; but remember that Houghton has certain ideals and standards that she has tried to meet and to instill into the hearts and lives of those who come to her for education. And it is up to you, who have profited by the advantages she has had to offer you, not to play her false when you leave her hallowed walls, or lose hold of the ideals she has tried to bestow upon you. Remember (and here I quote from a beloved professor of mine in thought) that when you make a success of your life and bring honor to yourself, you are bringing honor to your Alma Mater. You have a double responsibility as you leave—yourself and your school Mater.

And so, as a result of my scribbling, I want to leave this parting thought with my readers—not only the Seniors, but also other students: Vale!—E. N. A.

The Library

"The library", said Dr. Cooper, of the State Department of Education on his recent visit of inspection, "is the center from which all school activities should radiate." He continued to say that no department can properly function, unless it has a large reserve of collateral reading in the library for emphasizing and expanding the lectures and text book.

The student who stops when he has mastered all that his text book has to say on a given topic, be it history, mathematics, science or whatever the subject chances to be, is comparable to a man who, having laid a good foundation and built his house, rests from his labors before he has added such details as windows, doors, porches etc. without which the savage lived very comfortably, but which have become essential to the comfort of civilized man.

In order that the student may read along every line which interests him, the library aims to have within easy access, if not actually on the shelves, all of the material needed to an exhaustive research. The time has gone by when either student or teacher may say that he is hampered by the lack of material, providing that he has given the librarian due notice of his needs.

When the college applied for admission to the association of colleges and universities, our attention naturally turned to the question of standards, and we began to study our shelves critically to see wherein we lacked. The answer was definite—reference material. We found our library contained much that is valuable for a study of the past, but that practically all of the standard sets were published before 1900, and so, useless for reference in matters of history, science etc. since that time.

Acting upon the advice of Dr. Tolman, the state director of libraries, the librarian took an extension course in reference books from the University of Minnesota, and spent a week in Grosvenor reference library at Buffalo, studying the reference material there; with a view to ascertaining what standard sets are available to meet our particular needs and especially our financial handicaps. Unless some unforeseen difficulty should arise we expect to have made notable additions to our reference shelves before school opens next year.

The vertical file has in the past been the hiding place of whatever pamphlets chance provided, and many

an emergency has been met by them. but this year a new service has been added by the editors of the familiar Readers' Guide. It is an index to pamphlets, put out, not only by the government, but by numerous other corporations, arranged by subject so that the librarian can see at once what material can be secured for but a few cents, or in many cases free. This service will be of especial value to students of science and economics and other subjects in which current articles are needed. We may rely upon the subjunctive mode to remain fairly constant, but no one knows what to expect of the atom, hence a book in physics may be inaccurate in some detail before it is a year old and up-to-the-minute material the only kind that has value.

To secure this service the student or teacher has only to indicate to the librarian the topic on which he wishes more current literature than he can find in the magazines and if there is anything else published in pamphlet form it will be procured in a few days' time.

To assist libraries to meet the needs of their reader's at a minimum of expense the government sends a weekly list of bulletins on a great variety of subjects. These bulletins represent the research of experts and are sources of the best material available.

Our state library at Albany has recently sent out a list of several hundred subjects upon which they are prepared to furnish pamphlets and clippings to students writing papers or preparing orations or debates.

With more than nine thousand books, fifty-three magazines and the new pamphlet service we face the coming year with confidence that we shall be able to meet every demand that can reasonably be made.

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at home, you can do more profitably in Africa, -- teaching, preaching, healing. A doctor may perform his first major operation thirty minutes after landing, whereas at home he may wait a year for his first patient. I have seen a native evangelist designate which of the entire audience moving altar-ward would be permitted to come, he allowed only such as he thought had enough light to seek effectively.) "The adversaries -- wretched lives of white traders, workmen, and officials, the church's lack of faith -- can be overcome by a return to Pentecost. Do you say there is no way, when we serve the God who rolled back the waters of the sea, the God who fed a whole nation forty years? Like Peter we are looking at the waves about us."

On Sunday morning Rev. McCarty presented the need: interest on the part of men; better knowledge of the needs and opportunities; prayer; better financial support; increased loyalty and sense of responsibility; clearer conception of God's missionary program; mighty revival of spiritual life. On Monday morning, Rev. Royal Woodhead gave a short Memorial Day patriotic address, and Rev. McCarty a Memorial Day missionary address, both at the Levant cemetery. On Monday, also, Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke most effectively presented the

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challenge to us, using as her text: "Lovest thou me more than these?" One was made to feel that nothing mattered but Christ and His cause.

Perhaps the most unusual address of the convention was that of Dr. MacMillen on Sunday evening, when he diagnosed the case of "Miss Church", suffering from *paralysis agitans*. He gave her life history, symptoms, prognosis, treatment. Born in 33 A. D., she became the Bride of Christ (as the Scripture states). Soon after His death, she developed a fever (to see her Lord's will, the great commission, accomplished), but has at present developed chilliness, nervous tremors, slowness of movement, overweight, double vision. Further her sight is such that she can see some things and not others -- not a pencil, but a dime, not "Go ye into all the world" but "Charity begins at home". She has strong jaw muscles; and a large abdomen because she eats too much. She is much overweight, but refuses to reduce, because fasting makes her so nervous. The only reason she will reduce is to please her worldly admirers. The X-ray shows a stony condition of the heart. Her prognosis is very poor unless proper treatment can be found. The treatment is a change of scenery -- a view of the foreign missionary field. When Miss Church sees the patients full of sores and with nothing to eat for days, little boys begging to "learn book", women asking for a little rice to keep from starvation, she will repent in tears; and her disease will be healed.

On Monday afternoon, Dr. MacMillen appealed to his audience to make the same sacrifice Helen Stark has made. She has accepted a salary of six hundred dollars when she might have secured more than twice that amount if she had remained in

the home land. "Will you be willing to live on \$600 and give God the rest?"

The part taken by Houghton students was appreciated: Mr. Malcolm Cronk led singing, Mr. Ebner conducted the W. Y. P. S. on Sunday evening, Mr. Anderson played the piano, Mr. Willard Smith, Mr. Elliott, Miss Carnahan and Miss Brownell played instruments, Mr. Hess sang, as did also Mr. and Mrs. Ebner; and Mrs. Doty conducted the Volunteer hour.

The people of Levant gave a hearty welcome to the convention, and entertained them most hospitably. Eleven charges in this conference were represented, and two in other conferences. Houghton. The audiences were so large that extra chairs were used in About forty were present from almost all services, and at times it was necessary for some to stand. At Sunday School 252 were present.

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