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COLLEGE SENIORS TAKE SKIP DAY TRIP TO TORONTO, CANADA

About the time the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors were moving up to their new status last Friday the 76 seniors, senior wives or husbands and accompanying faculty members (President and Mrs. Paine, Dean and Mrs. Lynip and Mr. and Mrs. George Wells), were stretching themselves in the Hotel Ford in Toronto in preparation for brunch in the dining room of the Knox Presbyterian Church and/or wandering about the city "anywhere they pleased" to see places of historic, educational, aesthetic, amusement, or shopping interest.

Among the things it pleased them to see were Toronto's show place—Casa Loma Castle—the Royal Ontario Museum, the Art Gallery, the University, Chinatown—and the stores. What impressed visitors at the university were the monastery-like dormitory, the "great hall" for the commoners with its carved wood and inscriptions, the separate rooms for the faculty and for graduate students, and the wearing of suits instead of typically collegiate clothes.

Arriving in Toronto about 10:30 Thursday evening, the excursionists went directly to the Knox Presbyterian Church—known as the Jonathan Goforth Church—where the pastor, Dr. Robert Barr, led them in devotions. They left the city Friday afternoon for Grimsby, near St. Catharines, where they banqueted at Old Village Inn.

Dean Lynip in a cowboy hat and bow tie, and Robert Nuernberger, wearing a loud sport shirt and battered felt hat with front pinned back, "sang" "Moonlight Bay," or appeared to sing it as they mouthed words behind the microphone. The voices of the real Bing Crosby and his son Gary were emanating from a concealed

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Houghton's Investment in Athletics Goes Farther

A survey of this school year leads to the conclusion that we've had more for our money than any other year since the war. Not only has participation in the major organized sports increased from approximately 40% of the study body in 1947-48 to 60% this year, but sportsmanship, leadership, and general caliber have also been steadily improving.

An analysis of the records for the past four years shows that a Purple-Gold touch football game costs about \$18. For a men's basketball game it is \$12, and for a baseball game, \$25. The cost per contestant per game is approximately \$1, and is considerably less for the women. All this is covered by the annual \$5 athletic fee. The 40% of the student body not participating in intramural sports would normally pay at least \$5 for season tickets elsewhere.

The annual Athletic Banquet is the year's climactic event, at which time many important questions of policy arise. One pertains to the basis on which the Sportsmanship Award is made. In recent years a group of faculty and staff members who regularly attend the games help to make the selections. They consider such matters as ability and participation, though varsity membership is not a prerequisite; sportsmanship which involves being a good loser as well as a winner; and Christian leadership and character for which Houghton College firmly stands.

WJSL Receives Gift for Work on Large Studio

Mrs. H. Willard Ortlip has made a gift of \$500 to Station WJSL, as a memorial to her mother, Mrs. Emma Eschner, who spent the last years of her life here and who found the radio a great source of enjoyment and inspiration.

Mrs. Ortlip's gift, plus an equal amount provided by the college, has made it possible for the staff to begin construction of a second studio for the campus station. All the necessary material is on hand to complete this 24' by 30' by 12' room. Preparations have been made for laying the floor immediately.

This studio, when completed, will increase the service made by WJSL to the college and the community, since fairly large groups, such as the orchestra and the a cappella choir, will be able to broadcast and make recordings there.

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Farewell Party Held for Leaving Faculty and Staff

Against the cool green background of the Recreation Hall, newly beautified by student enthusiasm and work, faculty and staff members capered and played Wednesday night, in order to supply a pleasant memory for those not to return next year. The entire evening was given to active games, devotions, and refreshments.

Faculty members who are leaving, some to go into other teaching positions, some to graduate school, and others to varied pursuits are: Stanley Bean (Syracuse U.), Arthur Davis (Middlebury College), Betty Erhard, Frances Hazlett (Warsaw teacher), David Heydenburk (U. of Indiana: assistant, graduate work), Carolyn Krehbiel, Grace Lent, Blanche Moon (Rushford teacher), Robert Noble, Harry Perison (Eastman's), Marjorie Stockin, Russell Wightman, Oliver Williams, Gerald Woughter and Frank H. Wright.

Staff members going elsewhere include: Marion Bernhof (Syracuse U.), Jean Brown, Olson Clark, Amy Castle, Ruth Cowles (Philadelphia Evening Bulletin), Hazel Clattenburg (Willow Grove Christian Day School: Teacher), Geneva Daniels, Thelma Johnston (Cornell library), Labutus Mathews, James Mills, Jr. (Florence, N. J. charge), Esther Northrup, Lawrence Olson, Victoria Piersons, Lucile Pelham, Fred Woltenweber.

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Purple Are Baseball Champs

Purple defeated Gold by the score of 7 to 1 at Fillmore diamond Tuesday thus winning the baseball championship for 1951.

Charles Hunsberger pitched for Purple and Dick Dole pitched for Gold.

Purple collected 10 hits and had only one error, leaving 4 men stranded on base. Gold got 8 hits, had 4 miscues, and left 5 men on base.

The game was highlighted by a long homerun by Charles Flaesch, who was the big gun for Purple. He collected three hits for a perfect day at the plate.

WEEK-END PROGRAM OF COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, May 31

8:00 p.m.—Class Night Exercises of the Division of Theology and Christian Education

Friday, June 1

8:00 p.m.—Class Night Exercises of the College

Saturday, June 2

8:30 a.m.—College Development Committee convenes in the Fine Arts Building

10:00 a.m.—Class Day Exercises of the Houghton Preparatory

12:30 p.m.—Class luncheon

12:45 p.m.—Luncheon, Houghton College Development Committee at Gaoyadeo Hall

3:00 p.m.—Alumni Athletic Event

6:00 p.m.—Alumni Banquet to be held in lounge of new dormitory

Sunday, June 3

10:30 a.m.—Baccalaureate Service.

Address by Rev. Rufus Reisdorph, Sunday School Secretary and Editor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America

3:00 p.m.—Musical Program at the church

7:30 p.m.—Annual Missionary Service.

Address by Dr. Byron Lamson, General Missionary Secretary, Free Methodist Church

Monday, June 4

10:00 a.m.—Commencement Exercises of Houghton College and Preparatory. Address by Dr. Herbert Mekeel, Minister of First Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, New York

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May Day Climaxes With Tableau Scenes

Volley ball here, tug of war there, relay races in another corner of the campus, fun and frolic for students and faculty alike—such was the first May Day—or all college-day—which ever name you wish to call it.

But that was not all. A white elephant sale, a cake sale, a box luncheon supper, and an auction added taste and profit and social pleasures to the occasion.

In the evening the Houghton that used to be and the Houghton that is and the Houghton of the future was pictured in vivid tableau scenes told in story from the porch of the Luckey Memorial Building.

Copperhead, the last of the Seneca Indians was the first to appear, looking very realistic seated before a little fire. Canal boatmen playing cards in the Tavern contrasted with "Ed Palmer" praying that Houghton, noted for wickedness, would be "known for its righteousness." Other scenes brought the history up to date and projected it into the future by showing a tableau of graduates in all walks of life.

The large number of students and faculty who took part helped to make the day a success. Particularly to be mentioned are Freida Gillette, Robert Luckey, Gordon Stockin, Arthur Lynip, Mrs. Lynip, Norma Thomas, Marion Bernhof, Ruth Brink, Everett Gilbert, and Max Nichols.

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PURPLE WINS ANNUAL TRACK AND FIELD MEET

Scores:	Men	Wom.	T.
Purple	61	37	98
Gold	60	24	84

Records Broken:

Shot put, 36 ft. 11 7/8 in. by Richard Brown.

Women's 220 yard dash, 31.6 seconds by Carolyn Giles.

PRES. PAINE TO BE SPOKESMAN BEFORE N.Y. BOARD OF REGENTS

Faculty Pay Tribute to Miss Ethel L. Foust

The question, what is the outstanding impression that Miss Foust made upon you, recently asked of staff members, elicited the comments: "others"; "ready to do what was asked of her"; "pleasant smile"; "infectious laugh"; "spiritual face showing the evident presence of God"; "never ending interest in books and ideas"; "desire to learn and willingness to be taught"; "consistent Christ-like attitude"; "love of people"; "generosity as regards both time and money."

Further tribute was paid to her in the memorial chapel service held Thursday. President Paine referred to her life as one that demonstrated how the power of God can work in an individual. Commenting on her death he said that it seems as if the Lord had said to her, "Your labor is done. Come up higher." He alluded to her devoted work for the children of Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties in coordinating the released time teaching with her instruction in Christian education at the College. She gave not only time but also considerable amounts of money, the President disclosed, to "keep the cars moving" and carrying the students to the out-of-town Bible classes.

In her further honor the hymns she chose for her funeral were repeated here by Richard Elmer. They were "Satisfied," by the late Clara Tear-Williams of Houghton, and "I'd Rather Have Jesus." They were sung at the funeral by James Mills and Donald Butterworth and Beatrice Fletcher, whom Taylor University sent to represent them. Miss Foust was Dean of Women at Taylor for ten years.

Professor Claude A. Ries, who had charge of the funeral, which was held in Elida, O., preached on living to the glory of God as it is set forth in Ephesians I and the Christian's everlasting home as presented in Ephesians II. Miss Foust chose the scripture. Since she requested that no flowers be sent, the money that would have been used for them is being set aside as a nucleus for a memorial to her in the new dormitory.

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Choir Takes Last Tour Of Current School Year

In their last week-end tour of the season the College A Cappella Choir sang at Fredonia, Ellington, Great Valley, and Bradford in churches the pastors of which are largely Houghtonians. Rev. Allyn Russell '42 is at Fredonia, Rev. Price Stark, theological '31 at Bradford, Merritt Penner at Great Valley, and Rev. Lance Zavitz, friend of the school, at Ellington. The Bradford concert was given in the auditorium of one of the city grade schools and was jointly sponsored by the Wesleyan and Evangelical Covenant Churches.

Good congregations of appreciative persons were present. The two evening concerts were particularly successful musically.

A Cappella plans for next year include a spring tour in the direction of Chicago and the usual number of week-end concerts. It is requested that suggestions for dates for both spring and week-end concerts be given to Mr. George Wells.

Dr. S. W. Paine will be spokesman for the four year liberal arts colleges at a meeting of the Board of Regents to be held in Buffalo, May 24, when a petition will be presented for a modification of the state requirement of a fifth year of preparation for students entering the secondary teaching field.

Elected head of the drafting committee for the petition at a Syracuse meeting held May 8, Paine has worked in close collaboration with H. J. Arnold of Hartwick College, K. G. Blyley of Keuka College, Lewis Eldred of Elmira College, M. F. Langmuir of Vassar College, and Sister Joseph Mary of Nazareth College.

The petition to the Regents asks that four-year prepared teachers who are recommended by their school and requested by the secondary school seeking to employ them, be allowed to begin teaching this fall and be permitted a five-year interim period for the completion of the thirty hours of graduate work required for full certification.

Many school administrators, both on the secondary and the college level, believe that the required thirty graduate hours are best timed after a teacher has had some experience. Moreover, students who have trained for four years to enter the teaching field but who are now requested to continue study for another year are turning either to other professions or teaching positions in other states. This is meaning hardship especially to the schools in rural and some suburban areas because of their inability to obtain qualified five-year prepared teachers.

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Faculty Members Serve for More Than Twenty Years

In the sixty-six years from 1894 to 1950, 199 teachers served on the Houghton faculty. The average length of service per teacher for this period was 6.1 years. After Houghton was chartered as a college in 1923, the average length of service was 7.2 years.

Fifteen of these teachers served Houghton for twenty years or more. The individual with the longest term of service was Philinda S. Bowen, teacher and principal in the high school department. There are twelve members of the present college staff who have served for more than twenty years. The length of service at Houghton for these including the school year 1950-51 is as follows: H. LeRoy Fancher, 38 years; Bessie M. Fancher, 32 years; Pierce E. Woolsey, 26 years; Frank H. Wright, 30 years; Claude A. Ries, 26 years; Frieda A. Gillette, 27 years; Crystal L. Rork, 26 years; Dorah L. Burnell, 25 years; Rachel Davison, 25 years; Josephine G. Rickard, 22 years; Alfred D. Kreckman, 21 years.

Houghton's staff is more stable than that of the other Wesleyan schools. The average term of service for teachers at Marion College, Marion, Ind., is 5.8 years; for Wesleyan Methodist College at Central, S. C., 4 years; and at Miltonvale Wesleyan College, Miltonvale, Kan., 4.1 years.

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Beck Speaks at Roberts

Dean Elizabeth Beck addressed the women of the student body and faculty at Roberts Wesleyan College Monday night on the subject "Happiness." The occasion was the annual women's reception.

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From the Editor's Pen . . .

In accepting the invitation for a faculty *Star*, we have no intent of competing with the classes or the regular student staff. Our purpose is to put out an issue that will be representative of the faculty. It should perhaps be "different" but not necessarily an example of superior journalistic principles and practice. In fact, we may inquire, What is news anyway? The weekly is something of an anomaly—really a compromise between the monthly magazine and the daily newspaper. Our theory is that at least once a month there should be a book section or a poetry department—something to act as ballast rather than filler, and to emphasize the importance of good literary writing and that style which is the only preservative of thought. Posterity is not likely to be particularly interested in box scores and obscure local allusions! Incidentally, we wonder how many students keep files of their *Stars*. The student who religiously preserves his papers is to be congratulated for having a permanent record of the best four years of his life.

We are the faculty. We are not omniscient; neither are we infallible. Nor are we invariably witty or uniformly wise. Often we are intolerably dull, even to ourselves. With a reputation for being pedants and bibliophiles, we are notoriously impractical and proverbially absent-minded. Our shoes are not always shined, and our hair (if any) is not always neatly brushed. Frayed cuffs and threadbare suits mutely proclaim that we are blood brothers of St. Francis of Assisi and of Chaucer's clerk.

Yet there are compensations. The shy and sensitive soul who is withered by the basilisk stare of the Philistines and is overawed by the brilliance of his students, has a brief hour of glory when in colorful academic robes he struts to the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance." As individuals we are only average and very human and vulnerable; collectively we are potently pervasive, for we represent "sweetness and light." Plastic minds and immortal souls is the stuff that we work with. With every student generation we renew our youth and replenish our faith. We believe that the small Christian liberal arts college offers the greatest challenge in America today. Otherwise we would not be here.

The function of a faculty—if it has one—should be to create an intellectual and spiritual climate in which good thinkers and great characters will naturally develop. The modern college must prepare its graduates for civilization and citizenship, if it is to justify its existence. Civilized citizens cannot be produced in a vacuum. Ivy-covered walls representing time-honored tradition and ivory towers symbolizing the esthetic attempt to escape from reality no longer belong to the academic atmosphere and architecture. In fact, the traditional liberal arts college with its cloistered halls is rapidly becoming an anachronism.

Mere platitudes perhaps, but what are we doing to strike at an entrenched liquor industry and organized crime? As we hear or see a Kefauver committee in action over the radio or television, do we feel a burning moral indignation and the desire to do something? We might well recapture some of the zeal and zestfulness of a more naive era when the I.P.A.—Intercollegiate Prohibition Association—held torchlight processions and oratorical contests. And if the reorganization of our academic structure and the integration of our curriculum will result in greater impact upon our age, then we must prepare to abandon our ivy-covered walls and ivory towers. We must face life realistically; the world in which we live today is no place for dreamers and dilettantes.

J. Wesley Thomas '37, Professor of German language and literature at the University of Arkansas, spent the summer of 1950 in Germany and had his book, *Amerikanische Dichter und der Deutsche Literatur* published there in German. *Who's Who in American Education*, Volume 13, has a picture and biographical sketch of Dr. Thomas. His wife is the former Lina Petit '37.

Ed Neuhaus '50 writes from the U. S. Naval Hospital at St. Albans, N. Y.: "Somehow I feel that during this trying time Houghton's alumni should rally to the support of their Alma Mater. Never will I be able to evaluate the contribution Houghton has made to my life. Thank God for the Houghton that exists today and, God willing, will continue to be."

Six Houghtonians Have Become School Presidents

H. Clark Bedford, '02, was professor of Greek at Houghton 1900-15, president of Central college 1915-19, president of Marion college 1919-22, president of Penn college, Oskaloosa, Iowa 1922-25. Dr. and Mrs. Bedford live at Middlebury, Vermont, where he teaches math in the high school. He says he is retiring this year. One of his present colleagues has said that the school could afford to pay his salary if he did no work.

C. Floyd Hester, '13, was president of Miltonvale college in the years 1932-46. He is now living in Burr Oak, Kansas, and is devoting his time to temperance work.

Paul Fall (before '25), president of Hiram college, when in attendance at our Homecoming a few years ago said that Houghton's problems are nearly duplicated by those of Hiram.

Clyde Meredith, '27, has been president of Taylor university since 1945. Previous to that time he taught at Marion college.

Charles Moon, '31, has an unusually wide experience in Methodism. After receiving his A.B. at Houghton, he taught in Lima seminary, an M.E. school; Roberts, a Free Methodist college, and is now president of another Free Methodist school, Spring Arbor Junior College.

James Bedford, '36, and his wife, the former Janet Donley, '36, and their two daughters are living in London, Ontario, where Mr. Bedford is president of London Bible college. This is a growing institution which is planning a necessary building program.

About Former Teachers

Our veteran missionary, Mary Lane Clarke '92, was a classmate of P. H. Kellogg, whose widow recently willed the college \$1000. Mrs. Clarke says that her class gave as a class gift a case for geological specimens. Mrs. Clarke taught in Houghton 1895-1900, went to the mission field in 1900, and taught again 1902-1904. Her courses were Latin, German, physical geography, English literature, and drawing.

Will Greenberg '47 taught in Houghton for several years. He recently returned to his Dakota home from a trip to Long Beach, Calif. His sister, Hannah Tarrell, says he teaches Sunday school in a Friends church and in a Wesleyan Methodist church.

Tremaine McDowell, Prep '11, professor of English at the University of Minnesota, said when in Houghton last August that in his estimation no village in western New York has shown the growth which Houghton has shown. Incidentally, Tremaine considers "President Steve" and "Business Manager Willard" make an excellent team.

Ella Hillpot, professor of music for 31 years, though retired, is still working for her Lord by teaching a Sunday school class in her home church and preparing scrap books for the Wycliff Translators.

Bertha Rothermel, former speech instructor, who has served in Grenfell's mission to Labrador is an R.N. and an ordained minister. She is now doing private duty nursing, substitute preaching, and lecturing in Schenectady.

Marvin Pryor, professor of physics 1929-1943, teaches physics at Albany State. His demonstrations have attracted considerable attention and he is frequently called to give them on other campuses.

Philip Ashton, former dean of the college and professor of psychology, now has the same titles at Seattle Pacific college.

Rev. Robert N. Lytle '39 and his wife, Louise Dietrich '41, are serving their second term in Colombia, S. A.,

. . . Ars Poetica . . .

The well-worn cliché, "Poets are born," loses some of its significance when we realize that most of us mortals arrived on earth by that same process. It seems probable that most of us have a spark of poetic genius in our make-up, but are reluctant to admit it, lest we be classified with the other lunatics. However, if it is true—and who doubts it?—that "the lover, the poet and the fool are all of one piece," we may take comfort in the abundance of company and need not hesitate to betray our weakness by expressing our thoughts in metrical form.

The sonnet, "I Build a House," by Mr. Hazlett, appeared in 1949 in the Booklet of the Cuba Poetry Society.

I BUILD A HOUSE

Compounded well of timbers, bricks, and dreams,
A house is like a sonnet, built with care.
Memories are mixed with mortar—faith hews beams;
The nesting instinct wingless man must share.
A wigwam points the spiraling human quest.
What matter whether roof is thatched or slate?
A sodded hut has room for sudden guest,
And high above is sky and smiling fate.
In this hard mould I pour the best of me;
With measured stroke I drive each polished nail,
And hear the saw's harsh, vibrant melody.
All parts are joined with skill that must not fail—
For here's a place for laughter and for tears—
The house I build to live in all my years.

It must be admitted that there are not many in the same class with the Latin poet Ovid whose typewriter persistently turned out verses even when the author tried to produce prose. The classical influence is to be seen in this poem by Mr. Stockin which he ascribes to the influence of the urbane Horace.

AUREA MEDIOCRITAS

Happy the prof, who far from many affairs,
The life of balanced mortals shares;
Has time to see with his own eyes his fields,
Thinks not on usury and its yields.
No slacker he, when by officials called,
Nor tyrant, at student acts appalled.
He calmly lives and prudently disdains
All portals of unsavory gains.

His business is to others to impart
By virtuous life and gracious art
A zeal to ponder, weigh, and to discern
The good and bad that men would learn,
To lose himself the way God willed it meet—
So dies and must each grain of wheat—
And show in living patterns, rich and broad,
What is honor to school and God.

For the rest of us poetasters, the recipe for poetic chefs-d'oeuvre seems to be: "Infuse copious perspiration with the hint of a beautiful concept; blend in with care some rules on prosody, thoroughly beating the admixture with several dictionaries and a good eraser. Allow to stand several months, then read with a wry smile and file in the waste basket." (Who couldn't write a poem, if he were young and in love?) At any rate, here's how Arthur Davis wings his thoughts in the springtime:

IF YOU PLANT A FLOWER

If you plant a flower on the edge of your lawn,
On the edge of your lawn for me,
Won't you let me know why you placed it so
And let me come and see?

If I hold a place in the sphere of your heart,
In the sphere of your heart so fair,
Let your eye disclose in the spot you chose
The sunshine of your care.

Then my joy will rise like a bow in a cloud,
Like a bow in a cloud of gold,
When the rain has ceased and the light increased
At least ten thousand fold.

We honestly did solicit contributions for this column from faculty members of the fairer sex, but they were too modest or else they were disappointed that we had no funds wherewith to reward contributors. We were forced therefore to fill out our space with the following lines which *The Wesleyan Methodist* was kind enough to print a few weeks ago:

A MORNING PRAYER

Lord, help me live this present day
In such a self-forgetful way
That everything I'm heard to say
Shall show my love for others.

May every thought be right and true,
Each motive clean and fair to view,
Till all I hope and all I do
Reveals my love for others.

May Thy great sympathy and love
So fill my bosom from above
That every act of mine shall prove
A blessing, Lord, to others.

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where he is the Superintendent of the work of the Wesleyan Methodist church. The Lytles have two boys, Wesley, 6, and Bernard, 3. Mr. Lytle taught in the Bible school in '41 and '42.

Professor Wesley Moon, who was granted a two-year leave of absence as principal of Houghton Preparatory, is working as a "teaching fel-

low" toward his doctorate in education at the University of Buffalo. Among his many duties is the task of supervising practice teachers in five schools. Unlike Houghton practice teachers, they teach several days each week for the entire year. He has not been too busy to participate and speak in the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at the university.

ROGUES' GALLERY



Off the Shelf ...

Christian Education in a Democracy,
by Frank E. Gaebelein

Originally a symposium report by the NAE committee appointed to study "The Christian Philosophy of Education," this book has been ably edited and unified by Dr. Gaebelein, the chairman of this committee.

It is the evangelical reply to the secular approach to education as voiced, for example, by the Harvard Report, *General Education in a Free Society*. Whereas the Harvard Report frankly acknowledges the confusion which exists in the aims and methods of education today, and grants that in an earlier day almost all of the colleges had as their unifying principle "the conviction that Christianity gives meaning and ultimate unity to all parts of the curriculum, indeed to the whole life of the college," it then rejects this as a valid principle today saying, "yet this solution is out of the question in publicly supported colleges and is practically if not legally impossible in most others."

This evangelical report on the contrary is not content to accept such a conclusion. It picks up the discarded starting point and shows that in a civilization which strangely combines despair and pessimism with self reliance, in a civilization where godless secularism has already begun to produce its harvest of sin and frustration, there is desperate need for an educational concept which takes as its basic starting point the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and possesses the authoritative word of God, the Bible.

The report gives a six-fold definition of a Christian school. It considers the problem of religion in the Public Schools of a democratic state, then provides a careful appraisal of the Christian day school, the Christian college, the Bible institute and Bible college, and the Christian teacher. Next comes a discussion of the function of the church and the home in the process of Christian education. Then the report gives a portrait of the desired end-result, the Christian youth, and closes with a consideration of the application of Christian education to the specific needs of our time. This new volume will undoubtedly become the standard reference for the Christian philosophy of education.

—Stephen W. Paine.

Peace and Pestilence by Theodore Rosebury

The sudden interruption of the televising of a baseball game with the announcement that an epidemic of a strange disease causing death to thousands in a few days in mid-western cities may be the introduction we shall have to B W (biological warfare) says the author of this challenging book, who is Associate Professor of Bacteriology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University and chief of the Air-Borne Infection Project during World War II.

Obviously research in BW does not require the tremendous outlay of equipment and material and the building of expensive laboratories as does atomic research. A small room with the usual incubators and sterilizers, and using the methods known generally to bacteriologists are sufficient

in any country "working under the guise of legitimate medical and bacteriological research."

Byproducts of BW research are of fundamental scientific value, and there is no doubt that the world will profit from it far more in peace than in war, as it would also from atomic research. Naturally, the specific nature of the research must be guarded with secrecy, for knowledge of the type of organism being worked with might result in an enemy's developing immunization against it and thus thwarting its useful purpose.

Horrible as it may sound, if World War III should come, biologists and physicians will be called to serve with physicists and other scientists as instruments of human destruction. What efforts, then, should be expended for world peace?

—George Moreland.

Christmas Without Johnny by Gladys Carroll

All that Johnny needed was a little understanding. His busy mother and father, although they loved him dearly, were so distracted by the problems of their day-to-day living that Johnny's needs were crowded out. His teacher, Miss Besse, was devoted to her charges, but she was overworked and burdened with routine. She, too, did not give him the special personal attention he needed—at least not until something happened.

Johnny, an imaginative youngster of nine, is tragically alone. He suffers deeply, cruelly, and needlessly at the hands of adults who are, like most of us, neither villains nor ogres, but guilty of the sins of blindness and omission. Sharing the fantasies which Johnny spins in his lonely imagination, the reader actually enters into the mind of a small boy, and in so doing gains valuable new understanding of the world of a child.

The book is invaluable for a children's worker. All Sunday school

"A Few Dropped Distichs"

Now look just here if you would see
What creatures form our faculty.
Each rhyme fits a name, a last or a first;
The names are the best, the numbers the worst.
Athlete, debater, speaker plain,
Leader, joker, thinker sane.
Frank, seasoned pastor, witty, bright,
His frugal lantern jabs the night.
Keen mind, smooth tongue, with look not fierce;
To learn his language use your ears.
That Houghton's cause may not be trailing,
He trims the ship for better sailing.
With diction rare he doth display
Profoundest thoughts in the obscurest way.
The lip of dollars and daughters ith
The type of forge he labors with.
Look to the past and don't forget;
Blue-stockinged, keen, she's single yet.
Some like men low; I like mine up;
With his ideas you should sign up.
It is not music if it's tinny;
Sing serious hymns, or sing not any.
To make the grade and on the floor stand,
Dissect the cat, or out the door land.
With classic skill he leads a word on;
Toga and laurel are the guerdon.
His heart is pure, his vision broad;
Teaches the gospel and hates a fraud.
How will a rose in Denmark smell?
She knows her stuff like a Machiavel.
For skill in sports, it's training tells;
In aquatic fields this lad excels.
To get in print, you must write just so;
Forthright and firm, she lives with gusto.
If knowing my name will give you joy,
You have three guesses, for I'm not coy.

teachers of young boys should profit from it, and it should be a "must" on the reading list of any parent.

—Mrs. A. Lynip.

Monk in Armour by Gladys H. Barr

The recent revival of interest in Martin Luther has resulted in several new books in dealing with the Wittenburg reformer. One of those in the lighter vein is a biographical novel by Mrs. Barr. The author has well succeeded in weaving historical events and fictional dialogues around the life of Luther from his boyhood days until his marriage to Catherine von Bora. These are indeed the crucial years of his life.

For the non-historian, the book captures much of the spirit of Luther's life leading to his excommunication and ban. But, even the non-critical reader will not lay down the book without being a bit skeptical concerning the numerous attempts on Luther's life which the author weaves into the pages. If these are fictional arts needed to capture interest, they are certainly unnecessary, as Luther's driving goal and purpose lead the reader on to the very end.

One of the highly dramatic sections of the book is the picture of Luther before the Diet of Worms. His closing words before the Diet, "Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. So help me, God," ring out a martyr's challenge. Here then, is a book to make live the few facts of history most of us know about Luther.

—Bert H. Hall.

High Schoolers Skip

Not to be outdone by the college the high school seniors went sight-seeing Friday. It was skip day for them, too, and they with Principal and Mrs. Green and Miss Vera Barker, "did" Fort Niagara, Lewiston, and Niagara Falls. They ate dinner on the scenic tenth floor of the General Brock Hotel on the Canadian side.

Two Wrights Can't Be Wrong -- I Remember

Thirty-seven years in our Seminary and College. What has been most outstanding in those years? A question not easily answered. Memory reminds me of a multitude of pleasant experiences and a few not so pleasant.

Just memories. But I am thinking also of two great experiences from the spiritual aspect. It was in the Church in the Valley (our present Rec Hall). It was an evening service. God was talking to the heart of a young woman of whom President Luckey once said: "She is the most brilliant student to whom I have ever handed a diploma." Miriam Day was at an altar of consecration. Upon that altar she placed a career, a lover, and a life. She gave them all. After she served for a brief period on African soil, her missionary companions buried her in the sands of Kunso, West Africa. In the hall at the base of the chapel steps on the bronze tablet is the record of her class gift: "She gave her life."

The Student Prayer Meeting is a Houghton Tradition. This meeting dates back to the founding of the Seminary in 1883. The underlying purpose of this student service was to give to the student a time and place, free from any interruptions, for the development of the spiritual life. An appreciation of the sacredness of this particular hour, Tuesday evening, 7-8 p.m., is attested by the fact that all college activities cease for that period of time. When 400 students can spend an hour in prayer and praise, when twenty prayers and fifty testimonies can be given in that hour, when more spiritual adjustments can be made, in so short a time, than ever will be known in time, God must be pleased to grace such an assembly. Coming down from the nearly 1500 such services I have attended, I still hear the fervent prayers and glowing praises from the hearts of fellow students and student friends. We shall, by God's good Grace, keep this "Home Fire Burning."

—F. H. Wright.

Maybe you know that back in 1908-09 I was the first Business Manager. (Capitals are intentional!) The next year I was the editor. What changes across the years! Then the "STAR Office" was anywhere in those parts that you could corner someone and make him listen, for sixty-five cents meant a lot more than the present \$2.00. The editorial staff was anyone whom the editor could lasso or who could lasso the editor. Assignments always came in behind the dearest of dead-lines. The editor had to be equally good with pen and on foot. Allison Edgar was that. Of course there was no efficiently staffed Houghton College Press. That meant that once a month the editor grabbed up her more or less legible manuscripts; I grabbed up the editor, and away we went for Rushford. Will Benjamin, of the Rushford Spectator, did our printing.

But aside from the above-mentioned lack of progress, the faculty of that day was as progressive, devoted, self-sacrificing a group as ever united their efforts in a holy cause. At this distance comparisons may not be too explosive. —Hannah Greenberg (Mrs.

Contribution of the College To the Sunday School

The Sunday School class of the sophomore girls undertook last fall a most interesting project to assist girls in Haiti. Having learned of the desires of the Wesleyan Methodist missionaries on the island to have a six-weeks Bible course for girls on a boarding-school plan, they agreed to raise \$80 to pay the expenses of ten girls for the six week period. In the first three offerings for this purpose in their Sunday School class they were able to contribute the required amount; so they decided to be responsible for the support of 10 more Haitian girls, and the Lord is blessing their efforts. Miss Helen Hubbard and Miss Viola Donelson are reminding them to keep praying even with their giving.

Mr. Stockin's class of freshman boys are planning a Retreat in Allegany State Park for May 18th. Many of the boys are engaged in Sunday morning extension work in other places, but the average attendance of their class is 30.

Dr. McMillen will drop anything but an emergency case to talk about the activities and study of the M and M class. Under his guidance the Married and Marriageables started studying the book of Genesis in 1946. They have progressed through all the books of the Old Testament in these five years, and through the first gospel of the New, but it may be two or more years before they finish Revelation.

Teachers of the college Sunday School classes meet in the faculty lounge of Science Hall on Sunday mornings at 9:00 to pray for God's blessing on the lessons of the day. The college makes a real investment in the Sunday School; almost half of the officers, teachers, assistants and associates of the School are college staff and faculty members.

Tarrell) was likely the most popular teacher. H. Clark Bedford may have been the most efficient one. He is at it to this day. President Silas W. Bond was the born optimist. Howard W. McDowell made the deepest impression on my life. I recall that he coached me and took me to Colgate to participate in Houghton's first contact with intercollegiate frays. It was the oratorical contest sponsored by the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association. In 1908 came James S. Luckey. Then began a sacred friendship which lasted to the end of that great man's life. Literally so, for I was with him throughout the last night of his earthly life among us.

I served in the house of S. Bedford for board and room and lady for five years, like Jacob in the house of Laban. There being no unmarried older daughter, there were no complications when at last Edna, like Horace Greeley, decided that she "Would rather be Wright than Bedford." Alice, who graduated in '48, is the youngest of our five. As student, faculty member, or otherwise connected with the institution, the seven of us have been in Houghton Seminary and Houghton College seventy-one man-years. Need I say we love it?

Stanley W. Wright

College Closes Year With Current Deficit

Houghton College closed its fiscal year on April 30, 1951, with a net loss in its operating funds of \$23,856.11. The principal contributing factor to this loss is the increase of costs without a proportionate increase in income from student fees and gifts.

The gross expenditures for the year 1950-51 were \$660,310.41. This was an increase in gross expenditures over the previous year of \$31,554.69. This increase was divided almost equally between educational expense and enterprise expense.

The per student cost during this year increased 17.2% over the cost of last year. Because student fees were not increased and miscellaneous gifts for current expenses actually declined by almost \$1,000, the inevitable result was the deficit in current funds.

The New Dormitory Fund on April 30, 1951, was \$6,679.28 in the red. This deficit is incurred because the building operations have proceeded more rapidly than the gifts. Up to the present time general contributions to the fund have totaled \$149,096.38. In addition to this there is \$6,300 raised by annuities and \$55,800 by borrowed money.

It is imperative that the college operate within its income. To accomplish this, certain reductions in staff have been projected for next year. A careful review of services in enterprise operations is being made in an effort to accomplish substantial savings. The increase in tuition charge for next year will furnish some relief. The situation calls for a combination of careful planning, strict economy, and fervent prayer.

Bits of News From Alumni

Ralph B. Long, Ph.D. '29 has been teaching English language in the University of Texas at Austin for almost twenty years. For short periods of time on leave of absence, he has taught English in various Spanish-speaking countries and in the opinion of many of his Spanish-speaking students has been the outstanding professor of English among all those sent them from the United States.

Of the class of fifty-four of the year '34, there are three M.D.'s, namely: Harold Elliott of Africa, Kenneth Wright of Ithaca, and Beverly Wagner of Buffalo. Nice going, fellows!

Clair Carey '26, is teaching mathematics in Greenville college and acting as Director of Student Admissions.

Ione Driscoll '27 recently attended a government refresher course for teachers at Freetown, West Africa. Ione says, "We are getting government assistance again, for which we thank the Lord."

Vergil Hussey '28 is a district superintendent of schools in Steuben county. He is a member of the Houghton College Development Committee.

J. Arthur France '32 continues as principal of Cassadaga Valley Central School. Under his supervision is a school in a Free Methodist Orphanage and a school in a T. B. Sanatorium. His wife is the former Varena Wiles '34.

Royal Woodhead '34, pastor of the College church at Marion, Ind., says in the article "Are Our Colleges Spiritual?" in the *Wesleyan Methodist* of September 20, 1950, "During the three years we have served as pastor of the Marion College Church, we have seen more than three truly great revivals. As alumni of Houghton College, we are glad to note that the same is true of Houghton."

L. Roscoe Fancher '35 principal of Pavilion Central school, lives on his farm four miles from Pavilion with his wife Elizabeth Coe '34 and four children. He considers the new dorm

Men's Club -- a Myth?

By F. GORDON STOCKIN

Perhaps faculty men's clubs "never die—they just fade away." Whatever your reflections may be on the relevant quality of this statement to the Faculty Men's Club on the Houghton campus, it is nevertheless a pertinent question whenever anyone casually enquires, "Do the faculty men have an organization? If not, why not?" The obviously well-organized and active Anna Houghton Daughters invites, and justly so, some gently ironic comment, if not disparaging innuendo.

In the early 40's the Men's Club was in a high tide of existence, with such men as Professors Ray Hazlett and Whitney Shea activating destinies. Panels were held on significant books like Machiavelli's *Prince* and Orwell's *Animal Farm*. One evening was devoted to dreams—readings by nearby Cuba poet Renwick, another evening to the trials of a college business manager, Alfred University furnishing the speaker of the evening. A rich supplement to the meetings were the regular contributions of our own men in the music division. These and other programs of the past decade remind us that the Faculty Men's Club did and still can provide a channel for the integration of social and cultural values pertinent to a more balanced outlook on the part of men too often over-burdened with routine administrative and academic agenda.

No, the Houghton Faculty Men's Club has not "faded" away; it merely enjoys at the moment a latent, quiescent state. Several times this past semester there have been voiced expressions, which augur like the Phoenix of old, that out of the present ashes there shall rise in due season new life again.

to be not a \$225,000 but a \$500,000 building.

Rev. Robert Ferm '39 and his wife Lois Roughan Ferm '39 live in Siloam Springs, Ark., where Bob is on the faculty of John Brown university. Four young Fermes should be enrolling in Houghton college in a few years. Mr. Ferm taught in Houghton in 1943-44.

Warren and Ella Phelps Woolsey '43 tell of going through a particularly hard day sometime in March. Miss Ethel Foust had written to friends here that on that day she had been impressed to pray for them.

Mary Dukeshire '46 of New Jersey College for Women recently lost all college and university notes as a result of a fire. She plans to study for some form of Christian service at Winona Lake next year.

James Harr '48 will assume the duties of dean of men at Nyack in September, 1951.

Beth Goodrich '48 says of her oral master's examination in botany at the University of Illinois, May 1, "For one of the few occasions of my life I felt calm. And this calmness came from the Lord, I'm sure."

Arthur Anderson '50 of Jeffersonville, N. Y., says, "Teaching is no task or job. It is work, but is of such a satisfying nature that I never on Monday wish for Friday to roll around."

Miss Anna Fillmore '39 is the efficient secretary of the National Holiness Association. She lives in Cleveland since the offices of the N.H.A. are located there. Miss Fillmore taught in the Bible school for several years, ending her work at Houghton in 1944.

Janice Walton, '50, has been engaged as a cataloguer in the library next year. Mary Carey will work in cataloguing and part-time in the periodical room, to replace Mrs. Johnston, who leaves at the end of the current year. Elva Jean Barr will be in charge of the loan desk.

Time to Start Class!

Mexico City

Dr. Soto saunters into the classroom at five minutes of six, looking like a Spanish count. Everybody assembles from the upper balconies, and from the lower patio, where they have been drinking *limonadas* and Pepsi-Colas. "Well, I'd better be getting started," the professor opines and continues, "Tell Bob I'm sorry not to have seen him this time." He starts lecturing. The class was scheduled for 5 o'clock.

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"The class bell hasn't rung yet, but we'll have to start now in order to cover all the high points. Check the attendance, Tony, and if anyone comes in late, find out his motive."

Activities of the Anna Houghton Daughters

By ALICE J. McMILLEN

The Anna Houghton Daughters is one of the established clubs of the college. It dates its beginning to an afternoon meeting in February, 1924, when a few faculty members, faculty wives, and student wives met at the home of Mrs. Zola Fancher to effect an organization. About ten of the charter members are still active in the society.

The purpose of the club is stated in its constitution to be "the social, mental, and religious development of its members and those whom they may reach." The society was named for the wife of Leonard Houghton, the son of the founder of the college, who made his summer home in the village at that time. Mrs. J. S. Luckey was the first president.

Originally student wives were members of the group, but, since the college has grown, the members are now from the faculty and staff only. However, an annual tea is given to student wives for the purpose of establishing and maintaining contact with them.

It is the custom for the A.H.D. not to exchange Christmas cards with each other, but rather to collect an offering to buy gifts for missionaries. Also, during the war letters and greetings were sent to the boys in service.

An annual reception is always given to seniors in all departments. This year it will take the form of a tea for he graduates and their visiting friends on the Saturday before commencement.

Featured in this year's program was the travelogue on the S. S. *Anna Houghton* to which all members were invited and to whom passports were issued for ports of call. The voyage began at the banquet in October held at the R. G. and E. cabin in Wiscoy. Countries visited throughout the year were England, Scotland, Germany, Spain, Ireland, and Japan. Another feature this year was the mother-daughter banquet held at Gaoyadeo.

Perhaps the highlight each year is the Christmas party when all faculty and staff families meet at the recreation hall for dinner with a Christmas tree and gifts for young and old. At Thanksgiving baskets were sent to ministers and their families on two pioneer charges, followed by gifts at Christmas. Mending for the infirm and similar tasks are carried forward in the afternoon meetings.

During the recent transformation of the recreation hall the A.H.D. undertook the task of equipping the kitchen. They will also make available light refreshments on Saturday evenings when the building is in use.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Grant Sension of Winona Lake, Ind., announce the engagement of their daughter Virginia to Mr. Walter Smetana, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smetana of Clifton, N. J.

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cowboys to Indians by donning feathered headgear, they presented:

"In the Gorham's sterling forest, on the shores of Pepsi-Cola. Dwelt the Kleenex in their wigwams, old Sapolio the chieftain . . ."

and so on through some two hundred much-advertised products. Another bit of humor was supplied by the pantomime of six diverse persons attending a classical concert and listening with varying degrees of understanding to works of such famous composers as Beethoven.

The main feature of the entertainment was the readings given by Rev. J. H. Hunter, editor of *The Evangelical Christian* and winner of the \$4,000 Zondervan prize for the best international Christian fiction. He read Scottish dialect poems, "The Highwayman," "Mr. Brown Hears Rubenstein Play," and the speech of Wolsey to Thomas Cromwell in Henry VIII in which he bemoans his life lived for power instead of for God.

Copies of *The Boulder* were presented to Mr. Hunter and to Frank J. Whilsmith, who designed a recent brochure for the College.

The mayor of Grimsby came to the Inn at the invitation of the proprietress to welcome the group to the "little town nestled in the side of a little hill."

Arriving home about 2:30 a.m., the seniors were served with ice cream cookies, and pop at the Recreation Hall.

Missionary Pictures Shown

Pictures of mission work being done in Kenya Colony, Tanganyika, and the Congo, presented by Rev. Ralph Davis, the general secretary of the Africa Inland Mission May 9, showed 2500 young people being trained in East and Central Africa in Christian schools. It is upon these, Mr. Davis said, that future propagation of the gospel in Africa depends. He asked prayer for them and for missionaries to be sent out to train them and others to become the foundation of the Christian church in Africa.

Fancher's Barn Burns

A barn belonging to the Fancher family, located on the height above the village, was burned to the ground Wednesday night about 10:30 o'clock. Fire fighting equipment was unable to reach it in time to save either the building or the contents.

Ars Poetica . . .

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The following selection by Mr. Hazlett is chosen for this column partly because of its seasonableness.

VILLANELLE ON THE VIOLET

("The outworn poeticism *modest violet* . . . and dozens of other hackneyed expressions are seldom used by representative poets, and the young poet does well to avoid them.")—Louis Untermeyer

A modest flower's the violet;
Shy, quaint, and chaste, a model for man,
It charms and cheers wherever met.

I'm made to feel quite in its debt.
Peeping on crooked neck for Pan,
A modest flower's the violet.

When April skies drip inky wet,
It stares at me, cold Caliban.
It charms and cheers wherever met!

Blue introvert, so smug I'll bet,
Your legions push in Spring's proud van—
A modest flower's the violet.

Some prudes, I fear, will be upset—
But answer why, if any can,
It charms and cheers wherever met.

Alas, such violence!—and yet—
Villainy oft ends as it began.
A modest flower's the violet;
It charms and cheers wherever met.

Seifert and Elmer Present Their Junior Recital

Frances Seifert, pianist, and Richard Elmer, baritone, presented their junior recital Friday.

Miss Seifert caught the spirit of exuberant almost hysterical, happiness in the opening cadenza of "The Return." Her second group—Schumann—was the popular, soaring, Eusebias-like "In the Evening," and the "Whims" of Florestan mood. She opened her recital with Beethoven's Opus 81a, his only "program" sonata and closed it with Copland's "The Cat and the Mouse."

Mr. Elmer opened his part of the program with the less frequently sung ascension aria from *The Messiah*, "Thou Art Gone Up on High." Among the second group was the sympathetically sung story of Joseph and Mary, by Wolf and Vidal's elegant "Ariette," sung in the merry spirit of the text. Such poems as "On Death," by David Diamond, and "Dover Beach," by Matthew Arnold (Samuel Barber, composer) are difficult for a Christian believer to interpret. Mr. Elmer showed a maturity of style, not often found in student performances.

Dr. Ries Active in Editing Of the Church Bulletin

For a period of almost twenty years Dr. Claude Ries has edited the church bulletin except for a few years when Willard Smith carried the responsibility. Dr. Ries in his seminary course in Christian journalism made an extensive survey of church bulletins, including a critical analysis of those issued by many churches from all parts of the United States. His aim in Houghton is a printed sheet of both temporary and permanent value, as may be seen in the news items and announcements and in the development of great spiritual truths in the messages.

Some years ago members and friends were invited to suggest church mottoes. The words chosen, "Where Men Meet God," always printed on the bulletin under the picture of the church building, were offered by Mr. Marshall Cronk, one of the five members of the building committee for the present edifice. Although it was in 1934 that the church was dedicated, Dr. Ries is the only member of the committee still living.

Few church bulletins are edited as well and printed as attractively as Houghton's, and few have such a worldwide circulation. Americans in Canada, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, Germany, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, India, Indo-China and Japan read copies of the bulletin a few weeks after it is published.