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CHOIR MAKES THREE-CONCERT TRIP

Large Audience Hears Choir in Jamestown Church

The Houghton College Choir spent a very busy day Sunday the 13th. Concerts were sung in Cattaraugus, Jamestown, and Dunkirk.

The choir left about 8:00 a.m. and after a sixty mile drive arrived in Cattaraugus. The pastor had given up his sermon and the entire service was devoted to invocation and the choir program. A very appreciative and reverent audience attended the singing.

In the afternoon the choir sang a vesper service in the German Lutheran Church in Jamestown. A quiet, prayer-like attitude characterized the listeners here and as a result, it was easier than usual for those singing to sing "as unto Him." This truly was an inspirational service.

A very critical audience attended the evening concert in Dunkirk, several students from Fredonia Normal School being present. While the choir enjoyed singing in Dunkirk, there was a feeling present at first among its members that the audience was not grasping the spirit of the singing. However, when the program was well under way the feeling changed and a very fine atmosphere prevailed. Without a doubt those present came to feel that truly there is a blessing to be gained from hearing, as well as from singing, this fine old church music.

Liddick's Send their Greetings from India

Dear Friends:

Greetings to all of you as we sail over the waters of the Mediterranean. Now that we are off the great Atlantic, we feel that we are getting somewhat on our way. After leaving New York we sailed north to Canada, and then we left for our real destination—India. For eleven days we saw nothing but water. However, we had a really delightful trip with the ocean fairly calm. Toward the last of our voyage on the Atlantic, the sea began to kick up a bit. The great waves seemed to make a toy of our ship. We rolled and pitched and rocked until we wondered how it felt to be still. However, with it all we both remained well and are still unacquainted with the dreaded thing called sea-sickness. Although the food on board is varied, it lacks the taste that makes our meals elsewhere so palatable. I suppose that in the days to come we shall look back upon these meals and appreciate them more than we do now, but at present they are eaten more from habit than because of hunger.

Perhaps I could best explain how we spend our time by outlining the day briefly. Breakfast is served at eight o'clock. That no doubt seems late to you at Houghton, but every night we must turn our clocks ahead at least twenty minutes so you see we are eating breakfast while you folks are still comfortably in bed for several hours to come. I guess that is enough excuse for our late rising. After breakfast we have a very pleasant treat. So far, every day there has been a letter awaiting

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Joseph Knitzer to Give Very Interesting Program

FLOOR OF GYMNASIUM HAS BEEN IMPROVED

BY MARGARET MONEY

As everyone knows, the floor of the Bedford Gymnasium has been in the process of being scraped, relined, and refinished for the past two weeks or more, and now it is complete, our waiting has been rewarded by a beautiful new floor, and it is up to us to take care of it. The floor will look nice just as long as you keep it that way.

We do not want to keep the gym locked any more than is necessary, and thus deprive the students of its use; but we shall be forced to do this if anyone is found on the gym floor with shoes on, which means that many past practices must cease. The school has spent a lot of money in getting the floor refinished, and it has taken several weeks of hard work, so let's show our appreciation by co-operating in every possible way. Each one of us, individually, should take a personal pride in this beautiful new floor and keep it looking new all the time.

If anyone is seen, or reported to have been on the floor wearing rubbers over his shoes, he or she shall be dealt with accordingly and deprived of the privilege of using the gym for a definite length of time. If the offense is reported, more severe measures will be taken. The regulations for the gym are as follows:

1. The names of all persons seen on the floor wearing street shoes shall be taken.
2. All names shall be handed to the Physical Directors.
3. Placards, forbidding the wearing of shoes other than gym shoes, shall be placed on each gym door.
4. The student body shall have an active part in the responsibility of maintaining the regulations.
5. During all games no one shall be allowed on the gym floor except the coaches of each team, timekeepers, scorers, and the referee.

The penalties for violating these regulations are as follows:

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Joseph Knitzer, young violinist, will give a violin recital here on January 29. The phenomenal young musician, only twenty years of age, is presenting a program very similar to the one he gave in New York with tremendous success. Houghton looks forward to hearing this young marvel with his appealing personality.

Sonata in A Major Opus 100

Brahms

Allegro moderato

Andante tranquillo

Allegro grazioso

Concerto in D Major Opus 35

Tschakowsky

Allegro moderato

Cansenetta

Allegro vivacissimo

Beau Soir Debussy-Kramer

Jota de Falle-Kochanski

Flight of the Bumble Bee

Rimsky-Korsakoff

An Alumna Meets Mrs. James Roosevelt

Edna Roberts ('33) is secretary to Rev. Mr. Weigle, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mt. Vernon, New York. In a recent private letter she tells of her pleasure to be present at a tea at the home of Mrs. James Roosevelt.

"Had a big thrill a couple of weeks ago. Went—with the boss—to a very extra-exclusive tea at Mrs. James Roosevelt's N. Y. home—the President's mother, you know. She's chairman of a project to raise money to restore St. Paul's Church, and the guests were all descendants of first families. I was there as secretary, of course, but it so happens that we are descendants of one of the first families, too. What a group it was—included Morgans, Vanderbilts, Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, Mr. Myron C. Taylor (head of U. S. Steel Corp and one of the world's richest men) and they are all perfectly human. Even unusually nice. And—shh! when the Restoration is complete, we think the President himself will come, with his mother, and then I shall meet him."

Varsity Debate Preparing For Intensive Season

NEW COUNCIL PROJECT FAVORED BY VOTE

Two Post-Chapel Sessions Result in Considerable Student Discussion.

Monday morning witnessed another student body session to discuss the pros and cons of the Student Council's project for Student Government to give the Student Council an opportunity to make clear its stand on the subject, and to receive the student body opinion.

"Come let us reason together," said Mr. Allen as the meeting was opened by the President of the Student Body, Mr. VanOrnum.

Criticism of the plan appears to be primarily because of a misunderstanding on the part of the Student Body, when the plan was introduced before Christmas. Therefore, Mr. Allen proposed to review briefly the plan as based on the Constitution of the Council as founded in Article 54 of the Student Handbook—that the Student Council has power to make recommendations in disciplinary matters to the Faculty or the Disciplinary Committee.

The plan included: (1) A warning by the council. (2) Recommendation to the faculty. "It must be remembered, however," said Mr. Allen, "that this applies only to major rules." The reason for the plan, then, is that the Student Council has come to a stone wall in its power. The Student Council cannot maintain its integrity by asking the faculty for more power while it knows students who are violating rules, and does not do anything about it."

The present Student Council can never under the present system, try to enforce minor rules. The council can be a central body, an intermediary, but it can only handle major rules, and that in only an insufficient way. The Student Council is not a snoop committee.

The question has been asked Why is the plan necessary? Mr. Allen chose to answer the question under three heads.

1. The plan is necessary to play a square game with students and faculty.
2. The student body want students government. The problem of remaking the Constitution for the Student Council will arise this spring, and certain seeds of power must be put into the Constitution. The Student Body cannot incorporate government into the Constitution unless it has the cooperation of the Student Body.

3. A respect for rules must be created in the Student Body. This is not a second Kellogg Peace Pact. "If the Student Body, however, will throw itself decidedly on the side of doing something to enforce rules, it will automatically increase prestige."

"The result of the vote," said Mr. Allen, "is tremendous. This year's Student Council will be governed by the result of the vote. Next year's Council will not. However, it will mean, that we will merely mark time."

The motion before the house, then, was Resolved: That the Student Council body go on record as favoring student council plan.

Discussion was as follows:

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Woman's Team Will Begin Tour on February 7.

The Houghton debaters are preparing intensively for the coming intercollegiate debate season which opens for the Houghton team in the early part of February. Doctor Paine during the past weeks has been working diligently with the squad which has responded with earnest co-operation. Three of last year's team are candidates for this year's team. They are Paul Allen, Doris Lee and Magdalene Murphy. All three showed up very well in several debates last year. Besides these there are several experienced speakers out for the team, among whom is Harold Boon who has already proven his worth in the interclass debates. Malcolm Cronk is the third member, and Merritt Queen will also see service in the dual debates.

On February seventh a three-woman team will open the intercollegiate season for Houghton on the platform of Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania. This debate will be the first of a three debate trip for the girls' team in Pennsylvania. California State Teachers team will oppose the Houghton team on the night of February eighth. The last opponent of this trip will be the well known debate school, Seton Hill on February ninth. Last year's men's team met both California and Seton Hill in non-decision debates. As a result of these engagements the girls' team have a great deal of respect for these two opponents.

A week intervenes before the team again debates. On February eighteenth the Houghton team will meet the debaters of Elmira if present plans are carried out. On the following day, February nineteenth, the team will meet the Hobart team before an appreciative audience, the Geneva Kiwanis Club at 1:00 p. m. Both of these debates will be handled by the men's team.

Perhaps the most thrilling debate of the season will be on the first of March when the Houghton debaters meet our rival Genesee College, Alfred. Many of the student body remember with pleasure the two defeats handed Alfred by Houghton last year in the dual debate. But the Alfred debaters are not to be treated lightly this year. They have a good coach in Mrs. Cortelyou and we can rest assured Alfred will be out to average last year's showing. This year the encounter will again be a dual debate with a team debating at Alfred while another team remains home to meet another of their's in our own chapel.

Following the Alfred debate the men's team will start their New York conference tour which will include six debates with well-known colleges. They will meet Niagara University, March 4, University of Buffalo, March 5, and the University of Rochester, March 6. Then after a day of rest in Houghton the team will journey to Keuka Park to meet a girls' team of Keuka College on March eight. They will spend the week end in eastern New York and then will meet Hartwick Col-

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Editorial

Houghton is already well surfeited with clubs but even so there is a group of students making up at least twenty per cent of the student body who take part in very few of the organization activities. Not that entrance to clubs is denied but being commuters, this group is unable to attend the meetings and social functions. More than this, there is a lack of a close relationship with college and college life, as is enjoyed by boarding students. An organization with the aim of fostering a closer relation between commuting students and the Alma Mater seems to us to be very appropriate.

Besides this common aim, there are a number of projects which could be undertaken to the mutual benefit of the college and the club. Among them are plans for a lunch room. Professors Fancher and Woolsey as well as some of the students in afternoon classes would welcome such a plan. In fact such a project was suggested two years ago at the Faculty-Senior-Junior Banquet but nothing was done about it since there was no organization interested enough to back it. It is quite pertinent to note that the Student Council made up of fourteen boarding students have worked diligently on a Recreation room which does twenty per cent of the students no good whatsoever. We are not deriding the council or their work but this might serve to answer a question put forth Thursday in the student body meeting. A Commuters Club even if not represented on the council might have influence enough to get something done to improve student-college relations to a higher percentage of efficiency. By this we mean, particularly, commuters-college relations. Other quite feasible projects include a parking space which would not only do away with the mud-spattered system now used, but would improve the looks of the campus.

Thus far the idea of a Commuter's Club is little more than embryonic but it is hoped that after exams there will be active agitation for such an organization.

K. J. B.

Owls Club Meeting

Thursday evening January 10, the Owls Club had an interesting and educational meeting. After the usual course of business, the main feature took the form of a study of the short, short story. Miss Pinkney explained what should be the content of the short-short story, giving its characteristic form, length, plot and setting. Following this Mr. Burr, Chairman of the program committee, read a story, "The Unanswered Call," by Thomas Hoyne. The criticism of the story concerned the question as to whether it was a short-short story according to the criteria before mentioned.

The members of the club plan to study the short-short story for the next few meetings. More short stories will be read and criticized as to their literary value. The club hopes by emphasizing intensive literary discussions to make its meetings more interesting and beneficial.

Tuesday Prayer Meeting

"Being a Christian is a serious affair," declared Willard Smith in his message on "Striving" at the Students' Prayer-meeting last Tuesday. Defining striving as earnestly endeavoring to accomplish something, he declared that Christians must strive to stand in His strength, strive to grow spiritually and to walk in the Light. "Let us strive that we may find the plan of God." What could not be accomplished by really striving in prayer, he asked.

Malcolm Cronk led the singing of the hymns assisted by Gwendolyn Blauvelt.

MATHER-WILLIAMS

Bertha Williams ('27) was united in marriage to Wm. G. Mather Jr. on December 24, at Rushford.

No "Star" on January 25. Exams, that's all.

ALUMNI NEWS

Dr. Raub Is Physics Professor in South

Editor, Houghton Star,
Houghton College,
Houghton, New York.

Dear Friend,
A little less than a year ago a letter came from the then Editor asking me to write a letter that could possibly be published in the Star or would at least give the paper some news concerning me. Unfortunately it came just before my son, Keith, was taken critically ill with pneumonia and, in the stress of those anxious days and nights the letter became lost, just how I do not know for I usually manage to keep track of such things. However the memory of the letter has persisted and my conscience has rather bothered me at times.

This is my sixth year as Professor of Physics at New River State College. It is located about twenty-seven miles East of Charleston on the Kanawha River. It is a small College but from the scientific side it should develop and fill an important place in the industrial growth of the valley. This is the work that the State Board of Education, under whom we operate, wishes us to develop and which we are working to do.

The Kanawha River is formed about twelve miles East of Montgomery by the junction of the New and Gauley rivers. The river itself has been developed by dams to give a nine foot stage to Kanawha Falls about ten miles East of Montgomery; so that the River is navigable nearly its entire length. At the Falls the Union Carbide Co. has an electro-metallurgical plant where they have been manufacturing high grade steel for many years. This plant is not in operation at present as within the past year they have put into operation a much larger and more modern plant which is located nearer Montgomery.

The Kanawha Valley is very rich in natural resources, particularly coal gas and oil. The coal is a good quality for coke and by-products and there are many old type coke ovens near here which are no longer being used. Today most of the coke is made in modern ovens and the by-products saved and used, an impossibility in the old type of oven.

Beside the Union Carbide plant mentioned there are two other Union Carbide plants west of Montgomery along the river and a large Dupont plant. Besides these are a number of smaller industrial plants located near us.

One of the most interesting developments to me during the past three years is a project carried out by the Union Carbide Co. in which they have built a small dam in the New River about nineteen miles above Montgomery, following the river. From this dam a tunnel about three miles long has been constructed through the mountain and the water diverted. This shortens the flow of the river approximately four miles and gives a fall from the dam to their hydroelectric plant of approximately one hundred and sixty feet. The electricity generated at this plant will be used at the various plants of the Union Carbide Co.

The diameter of the tunnel varies from thirty to forty feet and a very high grade of silicon was taken from the tunnel. This silicon will be used in the manufacture of silicon steel alloy at the plant East of Montgomery where a large percentage of the electric power generated

at the hydro-electric plant will be used.

The scenery in West Virginia is beautiful. The mountains and valleys give views and vistas which are comparable with those to be found anywhere. The New River Gorge has a beauty which one never tires. Some writers have been kind enough to say that its natural beauty is greater than that of the Colorado River Canyon. That I cannot verify since I have never seen the Colorado.

In spite of all these riches and beauties there is one serious drawback to living in this valley and that is its climate. While the temperatures are not as extreme as are found in many places it is very damp and many people have nasal and throat trouble.

Keith was bothered so much with bronchitis that the doctor finally told us he must be taken out of this section to a place where there was more sunshine, of which we have considerable lack during the winter months. Therefore Mrs. Raub, probably better known to Houghton people as Aurilla Jones, is in Florida with our two boys. I plan to spend my Christmas vacation with them there.

I shall always have a warm place in my heart for Houghton College and the members of its Faculty whom I knew either as Faculty or fellow Students. I shall always remember President Luckey with respect and admiration for what he did for me as a teacher and a man. If I am able to do as much for some of my students then I shall feel that my life has not been lived in vain. He was one of the best teachers I ever had.

If you can use this letter in whole or in part do so. If it is not satisfactory for your use just drop it into the waste paper basket which every editor must keep close to his desk.

With all good wishes for the continued success of Houghton College and its paper, the Star,

Sincerely yours,
Leo G. Raub

LIDDICKS

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us from our many friends of Houghton and elsewhere. This connects us in an amazing way with those whom we have left behind. It seems to make them not so far away after all! Then in good weather we go up on top deck and spend several hours. When we were in the northern waters we saw a number of whales; now and again we see the friendly porpoises that follow the ships. We have a pair of field glasses which we use when we sight a distant ship, and then, too we pass a lot of time just watching the waves; they are really fascinating. Lunch is served at twelve-thirty. Here we behave like real Houghtonites. After lunch anything is in order. Reading, games, writing, napping, or resting and talking, up on our steamer chairs are all pleasant pastimes. Now as we near Port Said and are going to be able to mail some letters, writing occupies the greater part of our time. After dinner at night we spend a long or short evening leisurely.

We are very thankful indeed to be traveling on this boat rather than a large passenger steamship where most of the day and night is spent hilariously and without a thought of God. Our fellow passengers are mostly all missionaries. One couple is of the Pentecostal Church, another family of five, of the Lutheran Church. Then we have an English woman and her son, an aviator and last but not least in interest, a Mo-

hammedan man who says he is in the monkey-business. He is, too, for he has already made many trips across to U. S. with his hundreds of monkeys which he sells to hospitals. Altogether we have a fine little family on board. We sit at the Captain's table and he is a very pleasant chap. The conversation never lags as it does sometimes down in the dining room of the dormitory.

Every Sunday we have a service; this Sunday it is Alton's turn to have charge. It is a great delight to be able to unite ourselves so easily with others of our large family in the Lord and join in singing the praises of Zion. I am sure there is no greater bond of union than that which exists between the children of the King of Kings.

Wednesday noon we sighted land which gave us our first view of Africa. In the Strait of Gibraltar we could see Africa on the one side and the mountains of Spain on the other. The first city of the old world that we saw was Tangier, Spanish Morocco. Above its many buildings we could see plainly, the white marble tower of a mosque. Just before sunset we came to the Rock of Gibraltar, but due to the heavy clouds and rain we were unable to get any pictures. And now we are looking forward to seeing Malta where Paul landed after his shipwreck. After so long a time without seeing but one ship on the Atlantic, it is fine to see so many boats and to get a peep at some distant mountains as we sail just about ten miles off the coast of Africa. The sea-gulls are with us all the time. We like to watch them as they sail along gracefully and apparently without effort following the ship and waiting for the waste food that is thrown overboard.

You are well into your school work by this time and perhaps facing the ten-week exams already. We miss being back with you, for it is a real privilege to be able to mix with so many young people as well as to be able to be at school. We hope to continue our school work on our return, if the Lord wills for we feel the need of it to better fit ourselves for our high calling.

In closing we would like to leave our testimony assuring you all that the Lord abides in our hearts and in Him we find the peace that passes understanding. We are enjoying the delightful sense of being in His will and with such knowledge, we feel safe. We are praying for our school and for you all that you may have God's best in your lives and we covet your prayers as well. May God richly bless you all as you hold the ropes at home, laboring for Him and for us.

In closing we beg of you to take to heart the verse found in Proverbs 25:25. With our very best wishes to you all, we invite your action upon the verse we have suggested.

Your friends in Christ,
Ruth and Alton Liddicks

GYM FLOOR

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1. For first offense, the person shall be deprived of all use of the gym floor, except for necessary class work, for one week.

2. If offense is repeated, more severe measures will be used.

These regulations and penalties shall be enforced by any member of the Faculty, or any official of the Athletic Association, or anyone in charge of the floor, or any one in charge of groups using the floor. These persons shall have authority to request anyone not wearing gym shoes to leave the floor at once.

Will you do your part and cooperate with us by reporting anyone whom you see abusing the floor in any way? We need your help. Will you give it to us whole-heartily?

Approved by Athletic Committee
Student Council

Changes

A good friend of Houghton is quoted as saying "If a man gets his feet wet in Houghton he will surely come back." There is no place like Houghton, especially to one who has spent a year or more in school here.

Someone has said that time remains stationary but we are constantly moving on. To come back to Houghton after more than twenty years and look around a bit; there are changes enough to prove that Houghton has not been standing still. On the old campus the buildings have increased in number, size and adequacy. On newly acquired land, buildings have been erected, and her arms have been reaching out embracing one house after another to accommodate the activities of our ever-growing school. Students have become part of the faculty; children of alumni are no insignificant part of the present student body. Things do change, and it does seem good to get back again and meet some of the old friends once more.

"Prayer changes things" is an expression we know all too well but possibly practice all too little. Things which change in answer to prayer must be changing for the better, and good is the reward which shall be received by the person who has helped to change things by his prayers. Changes have also come in other parts of the world in answer to the prayers of students and alumni of Houghton Seminary and Houghton College. Japan comes in for her share of victories and changes. There will be souls in Heaven to rejoice forever with those who have prayed for them. Churches have been established; church buildings and parsonages have been built, preachers have been called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ; souls have been turned from the ways of darkness and eternal sorrow to the ways of light and everlasting joy. This has helped to make Japan even a better member of the family of nations, and a better neighbor.

We are certainly grateful to all who have helped to bring about all these and many other beautiful changes which we have seen in the work which the Lord gave us to do. Let the good work of praying continue.

Sincerely,
Maurice A. Gibbs

COUNCIL VOTE

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Mr. Gere: What is the position of the student council on the way in which members are elected?

Answer: Members of the student council should be nominated and elected by the student body.

Miss Hunt: What are considered major and minor rules?

Answer: A hard question to answer. Drinking and smoking are usually considered the two major rules. Such an ordinary thing as language can become of major importance. Betting is minor but gambling is major. It is hard to draw a line but other rules are not considered of major importance until violations of them become detrimental to the student body or student government.

Mr. York: How soon can the plan be made for a more representative government?

Answer: Probably not until next year. It would be impossible to change before the next elections, since it would not affect this student council.

Mr. Houghton: Are all violators taken before the council before their case is brought before the faculty?

Answer: We have no experience to base the answer on. There would probably be a consultation during which the person would have a chance to defend himself before representation.

Mr. Gere: I believe that this motion gives the council power to enforce major rules. But we do not yet have true re-

presentation. I believe that you are putting the cart before the horse. Should we not have representation and then give the power to enforce rules?

Answer: Last year's council was much more representative than this year's. But that council had this same plan in mind. We admit that the present council is not entirely representative, but the faculty or the Student Council is not to blame for that, since 48 names were submitted to the student body. Over 90% of the student body last year wanted major rules enforced. At least two-thirds of this year's body voted in favor of student government. Therefore somewhere between two thirds and 100 per cent of the Student Body want enforcement of major rules. The Student Council desires to do the wish of the student body. But how can the council do any more than enforce major rules? Is there any possibility of the Student Council doing anything opposed to enforcing rules, if this Student Body wants the major rules enforced? The meeting was adjourned to convene Thursday morning following chapel.

Thursday morning discussion opened again, with Mr. Allen's re-reading of the motion.

"We are trying to understand why there is such opposition to the plan" said Mr. Allen. "We do not believe that it is a result of a few people who do not wish to obey rules. We believe that 95 per cent of the Student Body want to obey rules. But it seems that the opposition is to student government itself, instead of the plan. However, since the straw vote favored student government we cannot understand the opposition."

Now is a dangerous time to make a halt with student government as far as the faculty is concerned.

1. Students want student government
2. We have gone as far as we can to enforce rules.
3. Ninety-five per cent of the student body want major rules enforced.
4. It is logical to have some plan but the Student Council is up against a blank wall."

Continuing the answer to Mr. Gere's question Mr. Allen said,

1. Last years council was more representative, and yet wanted the same plan.
2. The faculty names forty-eight individuals,
3. Since students do want rules enforced, the only logical thing is the plan.

If the plan is adopted now, and the Student Council is more representative next year, it must be more strict next year.

Closing his speech, Mr. Allen asked the Student Body one question "Is it possible for the Student Council to do anything opposed to the Student Body if the Student Body wishes the major rules enforced?"

Prof. Stanley Wright: The chief problem seems to me, to be that the Student Council is not representative. What deals or principles or students are denied representation on the student council, or in the personell of the present student council? There has been no attempt made to choose representatives from the different groupings, of clubs, of major and minor interests, or luring conditions, etc. Is that the reason for the Kick against non-representation? Personally, I favor student government, in spite of the many apparent follies of definition. The weakness seems to be that the Student Council and student body say they will enforce the major rules, but who will enforce the minor ones? The Faculty is here, it seems, put at a disadvantage. The Student Body says "Certain rules are major and we are in favor of their enforcement. It is taken for granted that minor rules are not to be enforced, another discrepancy. Again, no responsibility or task has been made simpler by the plan, for the final action must be left with the faculty; and in the long run, the Faculty will be responsible for any final deciding. The Student Council plan has discrepancy but I am in favor of it because it is a step toward student government."

Mr. Fancher: That is not what we are concerned with. Representation has been dealt with, but apparently, the Student Body wants nominations from the

Evangelical Student

"Let us lay aside every weight—"
Hebrews.

One of the real rewards of every visit to the Capital is the first glimpse of the Washington Monument.

But yesterday I found the monument entirely covered by scaffolding, erected for the cleaning of the marble; and the spectacle is utterly unlovely.

That sight made me think of our overlaid lives, their simplicity covered by sophistication, their beauty hidden by craftsmanship. The genius of the Washington Monument, the one thing which makes it the world's most impressive memorial, is its sheer simplicity and strength. All of its symbolism is contained in its aspiring plainness, and the beauty imparted thereto by the day's changing lights.

Ah, for simpler, plainer, ruder, stronger lives!

—Dr. W. T. Ellis, in *Christian Herald*

Albert Payson Terhune on the Son of God

There is an odd phase which I have noticed countless times in the attitude of those who deny Christ and His teachings and, above all, His divinity. The denial and its arguments are couched in a vehemence that has puzzled me.

One does not find such vehemence of denial among people who speak of the claims of the Koran, or of the Book of Mormon, or of Talmud, or of the Zend Avesta. They show tolerant indifference in discussing the teachings and the characters of Mohammed, Buhda, Confucius, Joseph Smith, and like creedsters.

It is only when the divinity of Christ or the sublime truth of the Christian faith is touched on that this tolerance shifts to fiercely contemptuous opposition. Why? Such vehemence does not crop out in the arguing of any other form of belief.

I have wondered if it is not due to the arguers' need of convincing themselves, rather than of convincing their opponents. It is human nature to throw much more eloquent emotion into a lie than into a solid statement of fact. "The lady doth protest too much."

If the average non-believer is calmly certain that Christ was not the Son of God, then why should he throw such zest into combating the tenets of Christianity? He would use no such warmth in denying that the earth is square or that there are twenty-nine hours in a day; or in contradiction to any other known fallacy. If he is equally certain of Christ's non-divinity, why should he take as much seeming pride in denying Jesus as a small boy takes in chalking on a fence the first filthy word he learns?

True Christianity—what is known as "the old-time religion"—is fifty-fold more prevalent than you may realize. The believer seldom goes around shouting his beliefs. He is too quietly assured of their truths, to bolster up his faith by vociferating them.

—Albert Payson Terhune, in *The Son of God*

student body. Therefore the Student Council is also in favor of that.

Mr. Paine: The attitude of the student body is not at all in contradiction or vaunting ourselves against the Faculty. If the plan goes through, it should be considered as a dovetailing, or attitude of cooperation.

Mr. Boon: I call for the previous question. The final motion was voted upon by ballot and the affirmative carried the day in favor of the Student Council plan of rule enforcement. The vote was 57 to 165.

Alumni Betrothed

At the January party of the Arcade High School Faculty Club, announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Erma Anderson, Bradford, to Mr. Hugh Thomas, Rushford.

Miss Anderson and Mr. Thomas are alumni of Houghton College and have taken their postgraduate work at Cornell University. Miss Anderson has taught in Livonia and Arcade High Schools, having been head of the English Department here for the past four years. Mr. Thomas has taught science in Lyndonville and Victor High Schools, and is now principal of Cuyler High School.

The wedding will take place shortly after the close of school in June.

—Arcade Herald

HOUGHTON CHOIR IS ONE OF RARE MUSIC ABILITY

If Jamestown is to have first rate choral singing every Sunday, why not have Sunday seven days of the week? Unless something unforeseen occurs, Sunday, January 27th, will be the only musically empty Sunday of the month. Such an eventful beginning points to a year of musical enthusiasm in Jamestown.

Yesterday's event was the second local appearance of the Houghton College A Cappella Choir, in a program of ecclesiastical music at the First Lutheran Church. This group of forty-odd student singers is under leadership of Professor Wilfred C. Bain. Professor Bain gained his knowledge of choral methods and theory as a member of the Westminster School at Princeton, N. J. Yesterday's concert, for that reason, may be taken as a form of what Jamestown is to hear next Sunday, when the Westminster Choir comes here, under auspices of the Wiwanis Club.

The Houghton Choir, although it has been organized a comparatively short time, this being its fourth year, is a finished students' singing organization. When it is considered that it is gathered together out of a student body of fewer than 3000, this fact is all the more remarkable. The director does not have his singers do the hackneyed numbers, not infrequently sung by so many choral societies whose predilections may run to sacred music. He has exercised initiative in finding a new arrangement here, an obscure composition there. Despite this originality, whatever the interpretation he has given his singers, it must have been the one to fit these songs.

Professor Bain's dignified presence and the choir's ritualistic discipline are extraordinary. The picture is almost mechanical, in fact would be were it not for the warmth of the singing. For youthful voices, the choir has an exceptionally strong and steady attack, a keen conception of phrasing and a fairly consistent oneness of tone. The bass and alto sections possess an even power in every turn and break.

TRIBUTE TO SOLOIST.

Leaving the ensemble work, this writer hastens to mention Miss Eileen Hawn. Miss Hawn, in a clear and sweet, if not yet a strong voice, sang the soprano solo in Franz's "Song of Mary." It was observed, during those few moments, that the audience moved forward as one. Such crystalline quality is seldom heard in a non-professional voice.

With this organization, sing Lawrence Anderson of Falconer, Miss Doris Bain, formerly of Falconer, and Miss Doris Lee of Frewsburg. The choir begins an extensive tour in the near future. If, during its fifth season, the choir does not make its annual visit to Jamestown, it will be the city's loss.

—From the *Jamestown Post*.

SOME GLIMPSES OF RECREATION ROOM

From all observation it appears that the new recreation room has assumed the order of a baseball diamond, and there seems to be a slow game going on all the time. However, the game isn't so slow that it is not interesting. In fact it is most delightful to the onlookers.

Perhaps it is a mixture of figures and a stretch of imagination, but from all appearances the romances start around the green piano—music is such a stirring art! First base, the Karen Korner is a rendezvous for those that have been (Blauvelt usually sits on the ledge overlooking the board), are deciding, have quarreled but are becoming reconciled, and then the blooming, altogether new, affairs which would be home-runs or at any rate "three-baggers" if it weren't for the Reieree.

We observe that the old maids have settled on second base and have little, if any competition. Dominoes, according to general rule, as not so popular as checkers or carroms. When our young folk reach third base, the checker board, we notice they take the board and checkers away off in one corner and prepare for a dash to the home-plate. Ask "Dixie" and "Sonney" about the latest technique of checker-playing.

Very few players reach home-plate—too much competition. Readers, have you realized that Ho'ton has a 4-H club organized?—"on the green", too. The two shorter H's, who with enthusiasm formerly engaged in playing dominoes, have settled down now on the home-plate, following the example of the example of the older H's to talk over matters of greatest "importance" with each other. All four are rejoicing in the fact that they have made all the bases without any interruption. We would advise all perplexed masculine readers to inquire at the book store, (when Boone is off duty), or at the gymnasium during working hours to find out "How to Make All Bases Without Interference". Casually and well-meaningly, we warn Stevenson and Watson, Eyer and Bush, and Kingsbury and Donley to keep off the davenport from now on or the spectators will have a right to believe they have settled down to unite with the 4-H club.

Other observations are these. Cole, Shardon, Shaffer, and White still hang around the music corner. Keogh is still making dizzy circles around the post. Since the removal of the Ping-Pong table, "Vic" Murphy has directed his skill toward carroms and is a close rival of Lynip.

Zook dreamily hangs over the green piano while "Pop" is subdominating and augmenting thirds on the instrument.

We have learned that Kay's theme song is "Home" (—tho' Fortune should forsake me....)

The diplomacy of Pritchard Douglass deserves comment. It is remarkable to watch him step up smiling sweetly and ask a loiterer-after-seven "What time have you, Buddy?"

The workers after dinner deserve considerable admiration for their dexterity in dodging and in keeping their eyes straight ahead.

We are convinced that the recreation room is a place to cultivate all the beautiful "Arts". It is admirable to see "Gusto" Lynip play his game. Watch him slide halfway down in his chair, rest his elbow on the seat of the chair, tilt his head on a 45 degree angle, squint his left eye, and pick off a half-dozen green carroms. Physical education, indeed is cultivated. Ask "Scottie", "Dutch", and "Dick" about the benefits of "Leap-Frog".

Yes, the recreation room is an educational center, and we can not imagine Houghton College without it.

R. P.



Food for Thought

Some great sage has said: "All mortal men must pass" (whether out or on, we know not). We would enjoin our toiling brethren and sistern (?) to take hope since everything must come to an end—even this column.

Greetings, all. First and foremost, we wish to present what, in our humble opinion appears to be the best last line in last week's limerick. The author, bashful as tenors come, prefers to remain anonymous. Here y' are:

There once was a guy surnamed Allen,
Whose insistence on form was appalling;
In a snappy debate
He would constantly state:
"As a Sailor, Gwen misses her callin'."

We wish to congratulate Si on his literary ability (Oh, that's right, we weren't going to tell who wrote it. Sorry Silas, it just slipped out) This is a proof that there is talent dormant within these walls—question: Which walls? (What, no alarm clock?)

Since Prof. Cronk (otherwise known as Pop) has finally allowed himself to be domesticated, we venture to suggest that he follow the footsteps of his elders and acquire unto himself a family cow (a la Profs. F. H. and S. W.) and further, that he gets up at five-thirty every morning to milk it. (The personal touch, y' know)

Not, so long ago, a stude came rushing up the stairs, tore into the office, and demanded of Miss Gillette: "Can you tell me when President Luckey will be vacant to-day?"

Introducing: Prof Whitney Shea—Professor of Sociology—which meets at 9 o'clock (T.T.S.). The class had been violently in session for some time, when Alton, own brother to said Professor, barged in, very palpably late. He was met with a sweet (?) smile—"Had your breakfast, Alton?" (Much fraternal love, no less)

Eileen: (To Pop Willet, who has just been plastered up at the hospital) Everytime I see you, you have a patch on your face.
Pop: Yeah—I go to blow-outs and then they have to patch me up.

Suggestion of a drive for better English in English Methods class inspired us to burst into poetry (?) not unknown to most of us:

Her has went—her has gone—
Her has left I all alone.
Shall her never come to I,
Or must I always go to she?
It could never have been.

Definition of a committee of the whole (kindness of Doc. Paine): "a committe to investigate the digging of tunnels, wells and such like."

Presenting also—Professor Bain—who varied his choir program with remarks about deacons in both robes. Funny part about it is, the audience always laughs. (Now we expect to be called something more than a sick pigeon—his latest epithet (?))

Heard in Wednesday's chapel: "It is conceded (yes, Mr. Lynip, we know you tried to say conceded) that we elected Mr. Paul McIntire president of the Freshman class—" (and so on) anyway, that's all we heard—but why be conceded?

Hocum Quire

Presenting the A Capital Choir choral organization. "Be there at 7:45, ready to leave at 8:00 sharp"—only, this time the buses were late Tony York had a touching farewell scene with his dog; we still don't see why the dog couldn't go along instead of Tony.... our first destination: Cattaraugus, where we sang a lovely, lovely concert, people—maybe anyway, it's the offering that tells and this one told plenty.... Si liked the One in Green and Prof. Sicard took bites out of his coffee cup and started to inhale the biscuits, no less.... (we forgot to tell you that Mr. Paine was along, as well as a slip from the office).... all aboard for Jamestown, where we find a full house awaiting us.... various and sundry errors as to the girl's dressing room.... we parade majestically and solemnly up the center aisle—" and after a successful concert—enlightening remarks.... Gibbins: "Boy, I had a hard time getting rid of all those fans of mine!".... Steve: "How

many autographs did you have to give? Mine'll be on sale here to-morrow at ten bucks per.".... Queen: "Well, I guess I went over pretty big—" Dunkirk, and an hour early at that great stuff.... choir member commenting on wealth of time: "First time I haven't had to put my robe on with one foot and comb my hair with the other".... Concert started yodeling solos by Tony.... first tenors got lost, whereat the men were greatly amused.... felt a terrible desire to make faces at certain of the audience, but restrained ourselves.... there developed grand rush for the buses—which began to assume propensities not unlike Noah's Ark.... 'I'll Silas amused himself by playing with the lights.... came a grand fight over the back seat.... we ploughed through snow drifts.... ordinarily Paul and his co-driver could find the road between the telephone poles.... we stop at Canadea to let out a lady, a man and the Hale and Hearty brothers.... yes, they looked good in there.... an' so on to Hocum.... an' a dive for beds with one accord.... 1:00 A. M. and all is well....

Sunday Services

"Truth and Freedom" was the topic of the Sunday morning sermon brought by the Houghton Tabernacle pastor, the Rev. Mr. Pitt. Mr. Pitt spoke from the verse of Scripture found in John 8:32.

The thinking man has always been challenged by the question "What is Truth?" Life and truth are observed through the life of Christ. What philosophy cannot say about truth, God has said in the life of Christ. The character of truth can be learned in Jesus Christ in whom it lived and moved and became experience, power and a worthy objective to those who believed.

When one professes to be Christ's, he is professing that he has accepted the truth as it is in Christ and this truth will set him free. The man who knows Jesus Christ has no barrier between him and truth.

Many still do not know that the freedom for which they pray is wrapped up in truth that they know. Man in his spiritual seeking, is like a man with eyes closed asking for a vision. When one has a clear path in which to walk, it is treachery to seek another way.

If the truth that is in Christ could be the objective of every prayer, sermon, song and testimony and could get into the hearts of the Christian body great things could be accomplished.

The evening prayer and praise service was conducted by Cecil Elliott. William Foster played a trumpet solo "Oh Jesus, Thou Art Standing" and a mixed quartet composed of Magdalene Murphy, Elizabeth Harmon, William Foster and Alton Shea sang "Have You Forgotten God".

The evening sermon was based on the subject "Sin Exceedingly Sinful". Rev. Mr. Pitt said "Israel pledged obedience to the law without realizing the dire nature of sin and the height of the law and its requirements. Israel was like a man promising to build a building and having only the blueprints of the basement. As a people she found that there was no escaping the condemnation of the law.

The law says that sin is an act, a thing man can bargain with; God says it is a lie. God's truth is shown in the life of Jesus Christ who came on earth and lived it. When sin came in contact with Jesus, it showed its true character.

DEBATE

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lege debaters on the eleventh of March. On the following day they will, if plans are favorably carried out, meet Ithaca College on their platform.

To close the varsity season the men's team will meet another Houghton rival, St. Bonaventure. Last year the Houghton team defeated the representation from the Catholic College. Again we look for a hard battle with a well balanced team under the direction of Father Mills who has been very friendly to the Houghton debaters.

Three questions are being worked out by the squad. The Pennsylvania Colleges are very much in favor of the question: Resolved that the nations should agree to prevent the international shipment of arms and munitions. In the New York Conference the debaters will be on either of two questions. They are: Resolved that a system of socialized medicine should be established by the Federal (State) Government.

In addition to the varsity schedule the manager is endeavoring to arrange for several junior varsity debates perhaps with Chesbrough Seminary and Buffalo State Teachers

Committee Conducting a Cultural Drive

Is culture what you are seeking? Then, boys, don your tuxedos! Girls, put on your evening dresses!—

But wait a moment before believing that. Is that what Pres. Luckey said? Is that Emily Post's recipe? No, and it decidedly is not true. That is why a drive for culture is being undertaken in Houghton College. Culture is not a thing that can be put on or off as the case may be. Either it is a part of one's being or it is apart from him.

This drive came about as a result of a meeting of the Social Usage Committee. It first manifested itself in the chapel speech delivered by Pres. Luckey on January 8, in which he stirred the student body to a realization of the need. "Only by habitual usage can we develop manners that will make us successful or unsuccessful in life, that will show in us distinction or the lack of distinction," he said.

The plan that is being executed is as follows. Every Wednesday night for several weeks, a different speaker is to give a short talk at dinner. The introductory speech was given last week by the President. Then every Friday night is guest night. At this time, dinner music is played, a special opportunity for practicing is given.

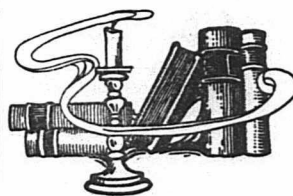
A marked improvement was shown last Friday night both in appearance and in manners. This surely seems the right move; therefore, further progress is all that is necessary. Culture can be acquired only by living it every day, and the time to begin is early in college life.

Chapel Meditations

Chapel speaker for Thursday was Miss Bess Fancher. The thought of the morning centered around Three Questions of the Bible. The first was that which God asked Adam when He sought him in the evening that first day he had partaken of the forbidden fruit: "Where art thou?" The second, that which God asked of Cain when he had killed his brother: "Where is thy brother?" The third was the question which Pilate asked the howling mob who were determined to slay Christ: "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called the Christ?"

All these questions were shown to be applicable to the Christian of today; rather to the individual of today, Christian or unsaved. When applied to a person these questions inquire of him as to his whereabouts with respect to Christ and to his salvation. Secondly, as to the whereabouts of one's brothers in the flesh with respect to Christ, and in relation to the individual. Thirdly, what shall a person do with the Christ?

Illustration was employed in connection with the supposed incident of a written letter which the receiver might lay aside and consider as of slight import, and this attitude was shown to be demonstrated toward the sender rather than simply with reference to the particular letter in question. This illustration was applied to the Letter of letters, the Word of God, and it was easy to see that if one allowed the Letter of God's to the Letter of letters, the Word of God, and it was easy to see that if one allowed the Letter of God's Word to lie around unread, collecting dust, and that, if he took the attitude that "by and by we might read it to learn what He has to say to us", this attitude was not so much toward the Book as against the Author of that Book.



VARIORIUM

What sort of stories do College people choose to read for pleasure those based on problems of society, on detective work, travel experiences, biography, or those with collegiate backgrounds? Granting that there are a variety of tastes, I think these reviews, chosen from *Wings*, a publication of the Literary Guild, ought to suggest some of the trends of the very recent best sellers—for instance—read *The World Outside* by Hans Fallada.

"This novel has even greater depth and beauty than the author's success of two year's ago, *Little Man, What Now?* It relates the story of Willie Kufalt, another little man, who is released from prison after serving a term for a petty misdemeanor he did not commit. The "liberty" he finds in the hostile social and economic world outside is infinitely less than the liberty he knew in prison. Everywhere he is beset and bewildered by the frightful struggle of others to survive in a crumbling civilization. The daily terrors of the competitive life in an economically and spiritually bankrupt country are intensified in the timid mind of this unheroic and pathetic little average figure of a man. Fallada in the quiet understanding of his manner has made Willie's tragic story appealingly pathetic; but he has relieved the somberness of the theme with passages of earthly humor, and the satire, if biting and indicting, gleams with authentic wit. This is a more robust and more ambitious novel than *Little Man, What Now?* and whereas it satirizes a whole society, directly and by implication, it is satire in the grand manner like that of Gogol or Dickens."

Of a very different type is Helen Hull's novel, *Morning Shows the Day*.

"The seven main characters of *Morning Shows the Day* are all members of the same class in the school of a small mid-western town in the days just preceding the advent of the automobile. Suggesting, in their adolescent beginnings, the shape which their lives will take, the story proceeds to round out and fill in, adding color and weight and confirming the first vague outlines. There is Allen Collins, son of the town drunkard, whose grim ambition to get on will not allow him to make a wrong answer in class; there is Shirley Thomas, who later marries him, although the dark scornful eagerness of Robert Swift, sensitive, weak, demanding the warm protection of approval, is an appeal to her imagination; there is Eugenia Murray, daughter of the town midas, who loves luxury and surfaces and as the wife of Tom Ellsworth, sower of wild oats and son of the owner of Ellsworth's Emporium, is forced to look beneath them; there is Ruby Cutter, born to the role of drudge; and Elida Hawthorne, born to the role of gold-digger. All of them are average, unremarkable Americans and become, in Miss Hull's hands, the more actual for their very lack of distinction. Miss Hull's novel is not sensational or exciting; it is true, alive, convincing."

If these are not the exact thing, look for the list of this year's best sellers, to be printed in this column soon.