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## Enthusiastic Audience Hears Oscar Ziegler Piano Recital

Masterful Interpretation of  
Chopin and Liszt Outstanding  
Feature of Numbers

Most Houghtonites awaited with intense anticipation the advent of Oscar Ziegler, noted Swiss pianist in this place. To say that no one was disappointed would be a much-too mild expression. The moment he stepped onto the platform after being introduced by his former student, Professor Alton Cronk, a burst of applause greeted him, the like of which has never greeted any former artist here. Throughout the entire program the audience sat breathless, marvelling at the interpretation of this wizard of the keyboard. The entire program was a "heavy" one which goes to prove that classical music, if given a chance, will hold and interest even a Houghton audience.

Mr. Ziegler's program was very oddly yet evenly arranged, consisting of three groups each of which was composed of three Chopin numbers and one Hungarian Rhapsody by Liszt. The first number, "Fantasy" in f minor was a most delightful and impressive number. It began with a soft pianissimo, gradually working to a tremendous climax, closing quietly as at the beginning. "Valse Brillante" in A flat sparkled with joyousness. It well represents Chopin's brighter moments. "Berceuse" is a lovely cradle song, the left hand maintaining the gentle rocking of the cradle while the right hand produced a sweet melodious lullaby. Liszt's Rhapsodies speak for themselves. Each of these embody two movements the *Lassen*, or slow movement, and *Frisca*, fast or dance movement. The Rhapsody No. 10 is characterized by the glissando effect which thrilled every listener because it was played with such smoothness and clarity.

The second group opened with "Polonaise" in f sharp minor, a Polish dance. The second part of this resembled the Mazurka in tempo. "Grand Valse" A flat, reminded one of harp tones. "Mazurka" was a short light dance time, very pleasing to the hearer. The Hungarian Rhapsody No. 11 was recognized by many. The most impressively interpreted part in this was, no doubt, the cymballic trills or echo effects produced in the *Lassen* or slow movement.

The final group consisted of "Polonaise" in A flat, an intensely rhythmic and climactic number. None but a master hand could have kept up the octave work in the left hand in such a distinct and rapid manner. The "Mazurka", another not too heavy number but a delightful one. "Nocturne" in c minor, was marvelous in the interpretation. Both extremes of intensity were reached from a faint but distinct pianissimo to vociferous fortissimo, with sudden changes between the two. Finally, the Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12 with the them-



OSCAR ZIEGLER

first in the left hand, then in the right.

Mere words fall short of doing justice to Mr. Ziegler's superior understanding and interpretation of piano music. Indeed, it seems that he expresses his very soul through this medium of tone. His whole program sparkled with life and vitality. Every tone bore a message of its own. Never before have we in Houghton been privileged to enjoy such wonderful talent. Every number without exception was superbly played. Especially interesting were the sudden changes from fortissimo to pianissimo and visa versa. Never do I expect to hear any more marvelous pianissimo than Mr. Ziegler played, on Friday evening. They were so low one could scarcely hear them and yet, at the same time they retained their sparkling and brilliant color. It was simply exquisite. It was evident to the audience that we were entirely forgotten by the artist; his whole being was wrapped in music. His interpretations were gripping and powerful. By his masterful use of the pedal he blended some of the most beautiful and weird harmonies imaginable.

That the audience was satisfied could not be doubted. Thunderous plaudits sounded after each number and following the final Rhapsody the applause became so prolonged and intense that Mr. Ziegler was not released until he played his fourth encore. The encores were "A Night in Grandas", Debussy; "Valse in sharp minor", Chopin; "Scherzo", Schubert; "Mazurka", Chopin.

Truly Mr. Ziegler's recital marks a new epoch in the history of Houghton College no longer can we be satisfied with mediocrity. Especially is this true in our Music Department. Mr. Ziegler could easily rank with the very greatest pianists of the day. Faith Vilas, an American poet pays the following tribute to the playing of Thuel Burnham. It should be applied to Mr. Ziegler.

"He drops the seed of music on the land  
In fields of furrowed ebony, ivory—  
cold  
In flowers his fingers free, no stem  
can hold:  
Long after the up-flights of his sentient hand,  
Adrift in air, they linger ... to unfold."

## Orchestra Gives First Concert

Composed of 29 Pieces

The college orchestra, of twenty-nine pieces, under the direction of Professor Cronk will present the following program in the chapel Saturday evening, December 12.

- I. Overture "Mireille" Gounod
- II. (a) Dance of the Happy Spirits Gluck
- (b) Largo (from "Xerxes") Handel
- (c) Minuet from the F major Concerto Handel
- III. Aria, "Honor and Arms" (from "Samson") Handel
- Theos Cronk, baritone
- IV. (a) Andante—Surprise Symphony Haydn
- (b) Minuet—E flat Symphony Mozart
- V. (a) Sheep and Goats Guion
- (c) Southern Nights Guion
- VI. (a) Ballet Music (from "Rosamunde") Schubert
- (a) March Militaire Schubert
- VII. March—Athalie Mendelssohn

General admission will be fifty cents. All students who purchase tickets before Saturday may secure them for thirty-five cents.

## Rheinverein Program On Christmas Theme

Der Rheinverein held its usual meeting last Monday evening in the Chapel. Lena Stevenson read the Christmas story from the German Bible. After club business had been conducted, Prof. LeRoy Fancher related a Christmas story, *Der Milchbrunnen*.

Next a number of old German songs were sung among them *Tannenbaum*, and *Stille Nacht*.

As the final number on the evening's program, Fred Ebner related Christmas customs of Germany showing in what way they differed from those of our own land.

## Houghton Alumni Gather in Akron

Twenty-two of the Houghton family now resident in Ohio gathered for their annual dinner Saturday evening, December fifth, in the modernly appointed Y. M. C. A. Building in Akron, Ohio. We were glad to welcome as our guest and representative of the College, Professor C. A. Ries. Special thanks are due Mr. J. W. Shea, Miss Esther Ries, and all others who had a part in the arrangements for our entertainment. The table conversation centered about Houghton reminiscences. With Professor Ries, Glenn Molyneux, Whitney Shea, and Oliver Christy present to bring to our remembrances "tales out of school", from the various periods of Houghton's history, it would be difficult to say which one told the

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## Pageant To End Self-denial Drive

To Be Given Wed., Dec. 16

The lights have been strung on the college tower, and the Christmas chorus is ready to make its annual holiday appearance. With the coming of all the events of the fast-approaching Christmas season, comes the annual Christmas Pageant. This year the Oratory and Music Departments, under the direction of Miss Rothermel and her pageantry class, are co-operating to present "Why The Chimes Rang".

This pageant, as a culmination of our Self-Denial Drive is the beautiful story of a little boy whose small but sacrificial gift proves greater than a king's crown. The pantomime based upon this story is artistic and appealing. Splendid music, both vocal and instrumental, under the direction of Prof. Cronk, will accompany the action.

Among those taking leading parts are many Freshmen and new-comers to the school. They have shown a splendid interest and it is remarkable that they so readily accepted the challenge to cooperate in making this year's gift-bringing service even more inspiring than ever before.

## Music Club Presents All Chopin Program

A music club program was held in Prof. Cronk's studio, Monday December 7. The study of the life and works of Chopin formed the basis of the program. A paper on "The Life and Works of Chopin" was read by Marion Taylor followed by a discussion of Chopin Preludes by Alden VanOrnum. After Lorraine Brownell played one of Chopin's Preludes as a piano solo, the small audience heard a recording of two Chopin Etudes, the "Black Keys Etude" and "Butterfly Etude." Edith Stearns gave a report on "Chopin Waltzes" and the Minute Waltz was played on a phonograph record. As the last number on the interesting and instructive program, Helen Baker read a paper on the "Modern Significance of Chopin."

These studio programs are for members of the Music Club only. The dues for this organization are only twenty-five cents per semester and we are hoping that many more will profit by these programs.

## Sophomore Five Defeats Seniors

The fast Soph five won from the Seniors by the score of 31-18. The Soph's guards were very effective and held the two Senior forwards to four points. Frank and Armstrong took the scoring honors for the Seniors, netting seven points each. Farnsworth, McCarty, and Nelson tied for scoring honors for the Sophs with ten points each.

## Juniors Third Time Champs

Defeat Frosh in a Closely  
Fought Contest 41-38

Captain "Pete" Albro has safely piloted his classmates to win the class championship for the third consecutive season by defeating the Frosh in a clean but hard fought contest, held Wednesday afternoon, December 9.

At the beginning both teams were slightly over anxious to take the lead and their shots failed to tally, but soon both aggregations were working like a smooth running machine. During the early part of the game the Juniors obtained quite a margin over their younger competitors and things looked bad for the Frosh, until Captain Rork netted two field goals in double quick time. This spurred the Frosh on, and caused the Juniors to strengthen their defense in such a way that it looked as if from now on the winner was certainly going to work for that honor.

The half time saw the Juniors out in front by a ten point margin which was quite a lead for a contest of this calibre. The Frosh changed their lineup and came back stronger than ever, but were not able to overcome the remarkable ability of their opponents. The score varied in such a way that intense interest and enthusiasm ruled until the final whistle.

Rork was high scorer for the contest by netting seventeen points. Flint was a close second with thirteen to his credit.

	Juniors			
	field	free	fouls	
Ayer, RF	0	0	1	
Mein, RF	5	0	2	
Dolan, LF	2	1	3	
Miller, C	0	4	3	
Flint, RG	5	3	1	
Albro, LG	4	2	4	
Freshmen				
Peckam, RF	2	2	2	
Miller, RF	2	1	3	
Rork, LF	7	3	1	
Parry, C	0	1	4	
Dodson, C	0	0	1	
Smith, RG	3	1	2	
Hayes, LG	0	2	0	

Referee—Miles.

Scores—Driver.

Timer—Joslyn.

## Latin Club Chooses Name

A new club has been added recently to the curriculum of Houghton College. The members of the Latin Department have organized under the name of "Palaeolinguists" for the purpose of developing a better understanding and appreciation of Latin literature and its background.

The group have chosen to devote their attention during the greater part of this year to the study of Roman daily life. The theme of the next "congressus" concerns the character of the ancient Romans.

The following fill capacities as designated:

Consul—V. Harbeck  
Tribune—E. Carpenter.  
Quaestor—E. Clarke.



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## Collegiate Sam Says:

Use your noodle and you won't get in the soup.

## HOUGHTON AND THE HONOR SYSTEM

Henry C. Morrison, noted University of Chicago educator, describes the college or university as "a period beyond secondary school during which the student has become capable of pursuing self-dependent study and in which he utilizes the instructor in the same sense in which he utilizes the library." If this be an accurate definition of the method of college work, and the function of student-teacher relationships, then there are few courses in our catalog of true college grade. Little or no opportunity is afforded the student for individually independent work. It is here that the Honor System which has been successfully tried at Rollins College and Buffalo University could prove its value.

Recent discussions prove that the subject is one in which the student body is definitely interested. Why could not the experiment be tried in Houghton, perhaps in such a manner as it was conducted last year in several of Dr. Lauren A. King's classes?

The success of the system in other schools should present a challenge to us. There is no object in clinging to a traditional method if a new one proves itself capable of producing better results.—H. C. B.

## WHAT OF THE SMALL COLLEGE?

To some modern universities which count their students by the tens of thousands, the small college may seem almost a negligible quantity. However, recently, none other than President Hoover took the time to express his appreciation of the service rendered by the small struggling institutions of our country. He stressed the value of the "emphasis upon personal contacts of teacher and student," and recognized such schools as "seed beds of leadership."

A summation of the prime aim of education, provocative of considerable thought, lies in the following sentence. "A primary purpose of education is a product of high character and noble ideals, which regard moral and spiritual qualities superior to mere material things, without which any purely economic system would collapse."

We believe that our President has summed up the things toward which Houghton has been working. May our school continue to put first things first.—H. C. B.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Due to the approaching vacation there will be no issue of the STAR until after our return. We take this opportunity to wish our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Alumni

### Michigan Chapter Organized

Friday, December 4, 1931, saw a number of former Houghton students and alumni to the number of twenty-two, gather together from all parts of the state of Michigan at the Wesleyan Methodist parsonage, Williamston, Michigan, for the first Houghton "Get-together". Others had stated their intention to be present, but stormy weather interfered. However, it was a group made happy by again meeting friends and schoolmates of former days, that sat down to a banquet served at five o'clock. Houghton songs and Houghton reminiscences composed the most of the program. Professor Claude A. Ries represented our school in a most excellent manner.

It was voted to organize the group into the Michigan Chapter of Houghton Alumni and E. L. Crocker was elected as president and Mrs. Edna Sellman, secretary-treasurer, and to leave the arrangements of the next meeting with the officers.

The following were present at this first meeting:

Rev. Milo H. Kingsbury (1911-12) Brighton, Mich.  
Mrs. M. H. Kingsbury, Brighton, Mich.  
Rev. G. L. Densmore, (1899-1903) Owosso, Mich.  
Mrs. Bessie Densmore, (1900-03) Owosso, Mich.  
Ben O. Trafford, (1915-18) Augusta, Mich.  
Mrs. Ben Trafford, Augusta, Mich.  
Rev. G. Visser, (1915-19) Coldwater, Mich.  
Mrs. Rossa C. Visser (1904-18) Coldwater, Mich.  
Rosetta Visser, Coldwater, Mich.  
Rev. E. F. McCarty, (1899-1900) 222 S. Clements St., Lansing Mich.  
Mrs. Susan McCarty, 222 S. Clements St., Lansing, Mich.  
Rev. Eddie Zuber, (1927-1931) Otawa Lake, Mich.  
Orville Cram, (1922-23) Owosso Mich.  
Mrs. Orville Cram, Owosso, Mich.  
Mrs. Edna Sellman, (1911-14) Brighton, Mich.  
Mrs. Blanche DePriester, (1917-19) Dowling, Mich.  
Miss Bessie Crocker, (1927-31) Pittsford, Mich.  
Guy E. Miller, (1913-17) 123 S. Francis Street, Lansing, Mich.  
Rev. E. L. Crocker, (1922-28) Williamston, Mich.  
Mrs. Dorothy Crocker (1922-28) Williamston, Mich.  
Professor Claude A. Ries, (1914-18) (Houghton representative).  
Mrs. E. L. Crocker, "Star" Reporter.

### Elmira Chapter

Wednesday evening December 2nd at the Bon Ton Tea Room, Elmira N. Y. the Elmira District of the Houghton College Alumni and former students held the annual banquet and had as guest of honor and speaker, Prof. Stanley W. Wright, Dear of Men at Houghton College.

The following attended:

Mr. C. M. Grimes  
Mrs. Florence Wilcox (Florence Sawyer)  
Mrs. Gladys Little (Gladys Jelliff)  
Miss Dorothy Byam  
Rev. David Rees  
Mrs. Mabel Rees (Mabel Benton)  
Mr. Chas. M. Hawkins

## Everett Dyer Marries

Falconer, Nov. 29—Everett Dyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Dyer, Youngsville, Pa., former residents of Falconer, and Miss Bernice Spangler, daughter of Mrs. Anna Kenyon, Friendship, were married at the home of the bride's mother Wednesday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Clifford Scrimshaw, pastor of the Friendship Methodist Episcopal Church.

Miss Bernice Minard, Rochester, and Ellsworth Brown, Great Valley, were the attendants.

Mrs. Dyer is a graduate of Friendship High School, Class of 1924, and Westbrook Commercial Academy, Olean. She has been stenographer and bookkeeper in the Friendship Union National Bank for several years.

Mr. Dyer is a graduate of Falconer High School and of Houghton College, Houghton. He has been instructor of mathematics in Friendship High School for the past three years.

Following a trip to Canada, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer will be at home in Friendship. Mr. Dyer has many friends in Falconer.

Miss Gladys Fawcett  
Mrs. Mary Kellogg (Mary Warburton)

Mr. Walter S. Frost  
(in addition, four guests, friends or relatives of students present attended.)

After a very enjoyable dinner during the courses of which school songs were sung and vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. Gladys Little, a business session was conducted by the Chapter President, Rev. David Rees and recorded by the secretary, Mrs. Mabel Rees. Rev. and Mrs. Rees were re-elected to their respective offices and Mr. Chas. M. Hawkins Vice President. On the suggestion of Prof. Wright a new office, Chapter News Correspondent to the Houghton Star was created and W. S. Frost elected to the same.

Following the business session Mr. C. M. Grimes described Houghton to us as it was forty-one years ago when he was a student there, after which Prof. Wright gave a talk in which he described the activities, the progress and growth of the school from his student days to the present time, all of which was enjoyed by those present, and brought to a close by singing the Alma Mater.

Editor's Note: In the letter accompanying his report Mr. Frost wrote: "I would like to take this occasion through the 'Houghton Star', to greet all of my student-friends, and especially those who served in the World War."

### Syracuse Alumni Meet

Marcellus High School entered shortly and we reminisced briefly preceding the arrival of Reverend J. S. Willett, connectional publisher of the Wesleyan Publications and pastor of the Eastwood Wesleyan Methodist Church, accompanied by Mrs. Willett, son Edward and a friend. Mr. E. G. Dietrich official on the Wesleyan Connectional Governing Board. Mrs. Dietrich and Mrs. Gertrude Dietrich Wheeler next entered; and they were followed closely by Misses. Alice and Esther Presley; Robert Albright and his sister; Charles Mason; Mrs. Lula Benning Dotter; Mr. and Mrs. Dean; Miss Eliza Goodchild; and Professor Stanley Wright of



Misses Eileen Hawn and Isabelle Hawn helped in the services in Friendship Sunday.

Elsie Chind, Miss Rickard, Orver Hess and Alvin Barker went to North Tonawanda Sunday.

Marian Updyke accompanied Francis Hall to her home in Farmersville over the week-end.

Edith Stearns entertained Bernice Davie and Elizabeth MacFarlane over the week-end at her home in Ashville N. Y.

Rena Potter and Aura Matott spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Kate Cole at her home in Friendship.

Mrs. Lee attended the First Regional Conference of the National W. C. T. U. at Washington, D. C., December 4-7.

Miss Ethel Bedford, daughter of Prof. Clark Bedford of Penn College, Iowa, visited at the home of Prof. Stanley Wright over Sunday.

Mr. Stanley Orner, an alumnus of the college, has been a visitor on the campus for several days. Mr. Orner, whose home is in Jersey City, is a travelling salesman.

Gladys Taylor and Kenneth Wright have been chosen as delegates to the Eleventh Quadrennial Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement of the United States and Canada to be held in Buffalo December 30 - January 3.

Houghton, the official speaker of the evening.

After a fine three course dinner arranged by Reverend Willett, and some concert singing, we listened to Professor Wright's excellent talk which did much toward bringing our conception of Houghton up to date.

A brief business meeting concluded the program of the evening. Max Molyneux was reelected president of the association, Miss Alice Presley was elected secretary and treasurer. Miss Dorothy Long was chosen as reporter, and the writer was also delegated as a correspondent.

Here's wishing fair weather and one hundred per cent attendance for Syracuse District Houghton Alumni Association's 1932 reunion.

Yours for Houghton,  
Bond Fero.

## Special Speaker in Afternoon Service

The Light Bearer's Service was a very inspirational one and a goodly number were present. After the preliminary service of song and praise the Rev. Wheelock, pastor of the Free Methodist Church at Rushford spoke. His subject was "Personal Religion" with scripture taken from the 116 Psalm and Romans 12. One of the natures of true religion is a complete surrender to God. First because in Romans we find it is our reasonable right and second because Christ has redeemed us. Another characteristic is the fact that it is personal and voluntary. The importance of this true religion is two-fold—first to self, then to others.

Next Sunday is to be a special service. Everyone is cordially invited especially those visiting the community.

## Know Your Campus

Let us turn back the pages of Houghton's school history to the time when the old Seminary on Tucker's hill became inadequate for the needs of a growing institution. The campus of today was then a quiet pasture, dotted here and there with stately chestnut trees. Near the center of this area was marked out the foundation lines of the main building of the College. A short distance northwest of this were great piles of bricks, a brick kiln, and a machine for moulding the clay into bricks. For from the soil of this same quiet field were the walls of the new building made. The tennis court is now a mute reminder of the great quantity of clay that was transformed into the College walls. A quarter of a century ago, on commencement day, the College halls first echoed with the sound of marching feet. The chapel was the only room completed when the Seminary class of 1906 received their diplomas. In the fall of that same year began the first session of school in the College Building.

Now let us turn the pages of our history to a time sixteen years later when the plans for a chartered college made necessary the building of a Science Hall. From the "Allegany County Observer," September 29, 1922, we read the following:

"In the northern part of Allegany County there is now in the process of erection a splendid modern building, which, when completed, will be the fourth of a fine group of buildings located on a beautiful campus overlooking the famous Genesee Valley. The purpose of this building is to make possible the final realization of ideals cherished for many years by the founder of Houghton Seminary."

At the opening of the school year 1923-24, the arrangement of the departments of high school and college was very different from that of preceding years. No longer were students of both departments crowded in the reading room of the library for study periods. No longer did the problem of class room space puzzle the heads of departments. The new building gave to the high school students a commodious study hall and recitation rooms for their classes alone, and to the science department of the College it gave ample space for equipment and class rooms.

These two buildings that shelter the activities of our school speak to us of the God-given vision of its founders and of the self-denial of those who, many of them from limited resources, gave money to erect and to equip an institution that offers to youth a Christian education.

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Pastmaster General W. F. Brown if he has his way, will have us paying three cents to send our letter home each week. That is for a year or so. Then we may be able to get two stamps for a nickel. According to Mr. Brown's report, there was about fifty million dollars less mail sent during 1931 than in 1930. And this helped a long way toward making the postal deficit \$146,066,189.66. That is no small item.

Then, Mr. Hoover in his annual message to the new congress said that one way to aid Mr. and Mrs. Public's pocketbooks was to tax incomes—not the small incomes but the big ones. The President's plan calls for a 40% tax on half-million dollar incomes. That means when the seniors get a position teaching school, or running a bank or arguing law cases, and that position pays five hundred thousand dollars per year, Uncle Sam is going to say, "That's fine, but you must give me \$200,000 of your yearly salary to run the government with". So you see there really are drawbacks to a position like that.

Mr. Hyde, the Secretary of agriculture tells us that every family in four will have a little pine tree, all illuminated and tinsel for Santa Claus to hang gifts on. Over five million trees are taken to our cities and towns each year and sold at a price from 25c to \$35.00 each. Usually the farmer or forest owner gets 15c each for them.

These trees don't just grow. They are gathered from the mountains of New York and New England for eastern cities and from the forests of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota for Western cities. The fir tree is most popularly demanded while Spruce, hemlock, pine, and cedar rank next. After all, perhaps there is personality even to a Christmas tree.

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Rome, Italy—Evidently Signor Grandi liked America and liked the good times he was given while here. For when he returned to Italy he took with him about 3,000 clippings from American newspapers telling about his visit. Perhaps this will help to convince Signor Mussolini that America really isn't anti-Italian after all (of course, we would never let him know what we thought of a person who would collect 3000 newspaper clippings).

Here's a few new questions to test your knowledge on:

- 1—Who is given the name "Nazi" in Germany today.
- 2—What group recently marched on Washington and why?
- 3—Who is Speaker of the House of Representatives in the present congress?
- 4—What is the number of the present congress?
- 5—What two athletic teams will play at the Tournament of Roses?

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First Stude: Wasn't that a juicy lecture by Prof. McCullom on "The Culture of Prunes"?

Second Stude: It surely was. He was so full of his subject.

Fonda Love: You certainly have a pretty mouth.

Miss Huggins: Go on with your fooling.

Fonda Love: I said it's a pretty mouth and I'm going to stick to it.

Dear Teacher: Please excuse Henry for not being at school yestidy. He fell in the pig sty and got dirty. By doing same you will greatly oblige.

Horse Feathers: How many sons has your friend Poppelreuter?

Elephantdown: Two living and one that played the saxophone.

Prof. S. Wright: But didn't you get off just last week to attend your grandmother's funeral?

Stude: Yes, Sir. Poor granny came near being buried alive that time!

An elderly farmer drove into town one day and hitched his team to a telegraph post.

"Here," exclaimed the burly policeman, "you can't hitch there!"

"Can't hey? Well, why have you got a sign up, 'Fine for Hitching'?"

Betty: Is your Packard friend coming tonite?

Co-ed: No.

"Dodge Brothers?"

"No, dearie, this is Willys Knight."

"What would you do if you were in my shoes?" said he.

"Believe me, I'd shine them," said she.

There was a young man from the city

Who met what he thought was a kitty.

He gave it a pat, said, "Nice little cat,"

And they buried his clothes out of pity.

On a mule we find  
Two legs behind,  
And two we find before,  
We stand behind before we find  
What the two behind be for.



## A Pedagogical Profile

"The Man of the Hour"

## Literary Corner

### The Library—Club House of Study Hall

Among the list of "Do's and Don'ts" in our *Students' Handbook* we find the following admonition: "Patronize the college library; it is for you." The student body seems to respond to this edict in full force if one may judge by the difficulty one has in finding an unoccupied chair about ten or fifteen minutes after classes have passed. However, there seems to be a different interpretation of the word "patronize" for each individual who honors the librarian with his or her presence.

Listed according to popularity with the students, the most important use of the library is as a place to spend one's time between classes. Of course, there are several different ways of passing the time while in the library, but the reason for even being there still remains—using a slang expression, a "hang-out" until the next class. Probably fifty to seventy per cent of the student body use the library for this reason, or perhaps we might better say "lack of reason."

A much smaller percentage come to the library with a set purpose in view. This object might be any number of things, but these people cannot be classed in the same group as the above, since they do not merely drift in to wait for the next class.

These two groups can be subdivided still further in regard to the actual use made of the library. Among the first group of those who come without a purpose, we find several who spend their time apparently studying human nature, or mankind in general. The moment the door opens several pairs of eyes greet the newcomer and follow him to his chair. If the new arrivals are few, the several pairs of eyes wander from person to person—praising, condemning, smiling, scowling—depending, of course, upon both the victim and the owner of the eyes.

Others spend their time in whatever happens to strike their fancy at the moment. Some read the jokes of the *Literary Digest* and newspapers, others try to read from their favorite author, and the rest merely kill time by drawing pictures, catching flies, and engaging in similar pastimes.

Among both groups are those who spend their time in slumber. Some of these come with the intention of getting caught up on lost sleep while the others merely become too bored with the examination of their fellowmen, and the merciful sandman relieves them from their troubles until the class bell harshly brings them back to the dull routine of another class.

In the group who come with a purpose are the numerous couples who because of bad weather or some like cause, must hold their tete-a-tete indoors. The library being the only place where they can be together without the red tape of chaperons they must meet there under the delighted surveillance of the ever-present gossips.

In this same group, but by far the smaller percentage, are those who actually wish to study. However, they are so greatly out-numbered by those who use the library as a club house and the arcade as a race track that they, too, might just as well give up and join the fun.—KEITH BURR.



Willa Cather's "Shadows on the Rock" met with such warm reception that we have added to our fiction shelves her earlier novel, "Death comes to the Archbishop". Our review is a quotation from "The Independent."

"The story of Father Jean Marie Latour's gentle conquest of the Southwest for the Roman Catholic Church is a series of unforgettable and brilliant pictures of heroism and renunciation, of a flowering fruitful land. It is a prose poem of early New Mexico celebrating the tumultuous and sleepy soil, the undeviating and mysterious soul of its varied people."

In structure the book is a series of short stories relating the life of the bishop, his early struggles, his friendship and love for his missionary, Father Valliant, his journeys among the Mexicans and Indians through the wild and solemn grandeur of the country. Interwoven into the growth of the great diocese are incidents, stories in themselves, that suggest the customs and folklore of the people, their prejudices and passions. At the end death comes gently for the archbishop, and his holy work has ceased."

### Alumni at Akron

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best story. However, no incriminating evidence was presented against any, not present to answer for themselves.

After a delicious dinner, we met in one of the social rooms for the program, in charge of Whitney Shea. Esther Ries led in the singing of various college songs, accompanied by Miss Averil Zike at the piano. They also favored us with a vocal duet singing a number which is favorite with us all, "Trees." The next number was a piano solo, by Mrs. Mabel Steese Gilliland, rendered with fine appreciation. Miss Zike played for us again, but this time on the accordion, giving a medley of hymns. Professor Ries gave the evening's address outlining some of the main features of Houghton's recent development.

A brief business meeting was held at which Glenn Molyneaux was elected.

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ed president, Oliver Christy Secretary and treasurer, Rachel Davison, Star Reporter. We would all like to be with you for the large Homecoming this week-end; but since that is impossible, we send our greetings and pledge our cooperation in all the plans for Houghton's continued progress.—Rachel Davison.

### Notes from the News

(Continued from Page Three)

6—How many were killed this year in inter-scholastic and intercollegiate football?

Answers to last week's questions?  
1—Dino Grandi is the Italian Foreign Minister.

2—Mayor Walker appealed to California's Gov. in behalf of Tom Mooney, imprisoned for a Preparedness Day Bombing which killed seven people.

3—Vice-Pres. Curtis will attempt to succeed himself as Vice-Pres.

4—General Mah is the leading Chinese general.

5—Ramsey MacDonald is Great Britain's premier.

6—Premier Laval of France was President Hoover's guest recently.

7—Gandhi is on his way back to India.

8—Dr. Sze is the Chinese delegate to the League of Nations.

9—Chas. Dawes, former Vice-Pres. is the American delegate to the League Council.

10—Congressman Garner is Speaker of the House.

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Help thy brother's boat across, and lo! Thine own has reached the shore.—Hindu Proverb.

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## Church Services

The following are quotations collected from the morning and evening sermons delivered by Rev. Pitt last Sunday.

"It is a serious thing to be a teacher in the Church of Jesus Christ. Many are behind the sacred desk who have not been called and expound many erroneous, unscriptural ideas."

"Not many Christians live wholly without transgression of the law."

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

"The perfect man is that man who is holy, pure-hearted and entirely sanctified."

"If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man."

"Sin in the heart is like a bit in the mouth of a horse."

"The tongue is a power that controls things."

"The sins of misguided utterance have caused men to be unhappy and miserable."

"The tongue is an unruly evil full of deadly poison."

"If parents could get all their children to Christ they could rest in peace."

"Satan is the God of this world."

"The whole world lieth in the wicked one."

"The world loves darkness rather than the light."

"Friendship with the world is enmity with God."

"Loose your contact with Jesus Christ and men will grasp you."

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