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## Willard Roy Hallman Appears Before Appreciative Audience

FORMER BASS-BARITONE SOLOIST OF THE WESTMINSTER CHOIR

Pleases With Voice of Unusual Richness

Houghton College was very fortunate and very happy to welcome on its Lecture Course, Willard Roy Hallman. Mr. Hallman was formerly a member and bass-baritone soloist of the well-known Westminster Choir and is now engaged as Minister of Music and assistant pastor at the Binghamton Tabernacle Methodist Church at Binghamton New York. Due to the fact that Mrs. Hallman was unable to come, Mr. Hallman was accompanied at the piano by Professor Alton Cronk. Much credit is due Mr. Cronk since he had little more than a fleeting glance at some of the music before the recital.

The first half of the program was devoted to sacred numbers while the late half was given over for secular songs. Group number one consisted of two selections from well known sacred oratorios: the first "Thus Saith the Lord" recitative, and "But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming" air, from Handel's *Messiah* and "It is Enough" from Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. At the close of this group we were no longer in doubt as to the artist's ability. His attacks are firm and sure. We marveled at his breath control. Marked rhythm was very much in evidence which added much interest to the florid trills especially in the number by Handel.

Three sacred numbers composed the second group. "The Voice in the Wilderness" by Scott; "Prayer Perfect" by Stenson and "The Penitent" by Van De Water. Personally, I think this was Mr. Hallman's best work. It was through these numbers that the audience lost sight of the artist and read his messages from soul depths. "Prayer Perfect", although not as difficult technically as the other two somehow struck closer home and made us wish to pray. Mr. Hallman graciously gave an encore after this group "Balm in Gilead" by Burleigh, by far the most gripping song from an emotional standpoint rendered during the evening. Silence reigned before applause thundered forth and applause seemed sacrilegious after such a number.

The third group comprised a wide variety of songs. "The Boat Song" by Ware is very rhythmic and regular aside from nuances. "Hear Me, Ye Winds and Waves" from the opera *Scipio* by Handel was more difficult to appreciate, yet very pleasing. We are all familiar with "Water Boy" by Robinson and also with "The Blacksmith" by Brahms. At this time Mr. Hallman gave an interesting encore, "When Daddy Sings."

The final group tended to the rather humorous and sentimental by turns. "The Song of the Flea" by Moussorgsky must be heard to be

appreciated. Then followed two love ballads "Thy Beaming Eyes" by Mac Dowell, "Alone Upon the Housetop" by Galloway, and lastly a humorous selection, "Stone Cracker John" by Coates. "Goosey, Goosey, Gander" and "O Little Mother of Mine" were used at final encores.

Mr. Hallman has a strong physique which ever supports his voice producing a rich deep tone quality (so coveted by all vocal students) aided by good breath control. Perhaps we liked him best of all for his diction. Almost every word was discernible, whether a soft legato or tremendous climax. Although he dropped suddenly from a loud to a very soft passage his tone color remained the same up and down an almost limitless range. The man expressed himself in the first half of the program. The last half was just as well done technically, yet it seemed to lack something of the artist's himself which he put into the sacred numbers—his very soul. As is often said, "the artist makes the program." Mr. Hallman's program was well made.

## Senior Girls Defeat Juniors at Basketball

The Senior girls' basketball team became class champions for the second consecutive season by defeating their keen rivals, the Junior girls, by a score 15-11 Wednesday afternoon.

Both teams made a fine appearance on the floor in their neat, red and green uniforms.

The junior five started out briskly by netting five points without missing a shot. This worried the champs for a moment but they soon hit their old stride and came back with a strong defense and aggressive offense which made the game one of keen interest.

At the half-time the Senior lassies were only two points behind. The outcome was uncertain. During the early part of second half, Fero, the Junior center, was removed on account of personals, which weakened the lineup considerably. Shortly afterward, Congdon, forward for the Seniors, was removed for the same reason, thus weakening the Senior quintet. Both teams fought hard but clearly until the final whistle which declared the Senior girls champions once again.

	Seniors	Juniors
field goals	free goals	fouls
Congdon	0	0
Ackerman	1	1
Hewitt	2	3
Harbeck	1	0
Kissinger	1	1
Thomas	0	0

## Music Students Sponsor Cantata

"The Caravan" Presented at Meeting of Music Club

Monday evening at 6:30 the Music Club sponsored a very interesting program presented by the Public School Music Chorus class under the direction of Professor Alton Cronk. The Chorus rendered the secular cantata "Caravan" by Richard Kountz. The number is a three part cantata suitable for a high school chorus. About thirty-six voices participated. It is interesting to learn what really can be produced by high school musical organizations.

"The Caravan" depicts a group of people crossing the desert. At first they are heard in the distance then gradually they come nearer and nearer. Night falls and they stop until the morning. A beautiful evening song and prayer to Allah is sung as the stars and moon appear to give them light. During the night the company is attacked by a band of robbers but they survive. At dawn an appropriate theme song is heard as the band prepare for their journey and ride away.

The number was much enjoyed by those who attended. A few places were weak but on the whole the group did very well. Special mention must be given to Margaret Carter who accompanied. Miss Carter is not the regular accompanist and had never practiced with the Chorus but filled her part in the absence of Miss Murphy. Conductor Cronk through the medium of the chorus produced some lovely pianissimo as well as good climatic parts. We are anxious to hear the next performance of the Chorus.

## W.C.T.U. Report Presented

The Anna Houghton Daughters began the new year with a W. C. T. U. report from Washington by Mrs. Lee. She said that at the Conference everyone felt honored by the greeting of President and Mrs. Hoover both of whom showed delight in the roll of a million and a half names of the youth of the United States who signed the temperance pledge. One hundred and fifty of these names were from Houghton College and Sunday School.

Mrs. Lee also had the great pleasure of worshipping in the same church as that attended by President and Mrs. Hoover.

"Ask for what you want and take what you get. Then use what you get until you get what you want."

—Dr. Aggrey. (Negro educator)

	Seniors	Juniors
Lisk	1	0
Stratton	0	0
Fero	1	0
Minnis	1	0
Matthews	1	2
Stoddard	0	1

## Gold Men Gain Decisive Victory Over Purple by Score of 31-19

THE FIRST GAME OF SERIES WATCHED BY ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD

Purple Girls Stage Surprise Win Over Opponents

Last Friday night the Purple "Lions" were taken into camp by the Gold "Panthers" for the first game of the annual Purple-Gold series. Much spirit and enthusiasm prevailed among the large crowd as the band began to play and the respective teams took their position upon the hardwood court.

The game started in a spectacular fashion with the Gold getting the first score on a tip off play from Flint to Vogan. Albrow soon evened the score with a neat dribble and a clean shot. The score varied in favor of

## Professor Frank Wright Preaches at Friendship

During Christmas vacation Professor Frank H. Wright preached a series of nine sermons in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Friendship, New York. The services were designed to increase the spiritual life of the uniting churches by developing the devotional and worshipful phases of religious life. The meetings were well attended and the results gratifying.

## Representative at Convention Reports

I feel that I have had a great opportunity and privilege in being chosen as one of Houghton's delegates to the eleventh quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteers of North America, and I feel that I have gained many helpful and intrinsic values from the convention. First of all, I believe my vision of mission work was broadened. Association with students of my own and other countries produced within me a feeling of real brotherhood to all men and helped me to understand a little better the problems of other people. Association, as a third benefit, with the youth of other churches and denominations gave me a broader view of the church as a whole and undermined that feeling of holy isolation produced by contact with young people of only my own faith. I do not mean to say here that I now appreciate the stand of my own church any less. I grew to realize that the flapperish youth of today under the surface of cosmetic and boyish bobs and in spite of their flippant manners are really doing some thinking on the momentous question facing humanity today. In the fifth place I realized that the seriousness of world conditions has not been exaggerated. Unless we as Christians are awakened to the fact and do our utmost with the help of the Eternal One, the One who knows the beginning from the end, humanity shall perish!

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one and then the other so that at the half time the Purple was out in front by a score of 13-10.

In the second half Dolan and Frank changed positions which resulted in a "Gold" machine that really clicked. The Gold took the lead and held it for the remainder of the game. "Pete" Albrow sunk three long shots which began to worry the Gold a little, but "Eddie" Dolan broke through the Purple defense for several side shots. Peckham also displayed clever work near the basket while Mountjoy played a nice game at guard. Final score 31-19 Gold.

The Purple Girls upset the dope by defeating the strong Gold quintet by a one point margin. From the starting whistle it was very obvious that both teams were out to win. The defensive work of both aggregations proved more effective than the offensive which resulted in much pass-work in center court.

Matthews, however, broke through for three goals while Fero and Hewitt each netted one. Minnis scored two goals for the Purple and Captain Congdon one. The Gold guards, Captain Harbeck and Stratton deserve much credit for the way they checked the fast Purple forwards, and as much can be said of the Purple guards, Kissinger and "Peg" Ackerman who did not once foul the Gold forwards in checking them.

All in all the first games of the series were a great success. Be out to encourage more like them.

	GOLD		
	G	F	T
Vogan, RF	4	1	9
Flint, LF	5	0	10
Dolan, C	6	0	12
Mountjoy, RG	0	0	0
Frank, RG	0	0	0
Armstrong, LG	0	0	0
	15	1	31
	PURPLE		
	G	F	T
Albro, RF	4	1	9
Mein, LF	0	0	0
Peckham, C	3	1	7
Ayer, RG	1	0	2
Miller, LG	0	0	0
	8	3	19
	GOLD		
	G	F	T
Fero, RF	1	0	2
Matthews, LF	3	0	6
Hewitt, C	1	0	2
Harbeck, LG	0	0	0
Stratton, RG	0	0	0
Hall, LF	0	0	0
Sweetland, RG	0	0	0
	5	0	10
	PURPLE		
	G	F	T
Congdon, RF	1	2	4
Ackerman, LF	0	2	2
Minnis, C	2	0	4
Ackerman, RG	0	0	0
Kissinger, LG	0	1	1
	3	5	11



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## Collegiate Sam Says:

When you see a couple strolling by—  
Exams may or may not be near.

## PHILOSOPHY

There was an appointment made with the dentist. A really scared-to-death little girl trotted by her father's side toward the place of torture for she was the subject of the appointment.

Now the Stoics with their "never whimper" attitude and the Epicureans with their motto "eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die" might have helped the little girl, but she had never been exposed directly to either Stoicism or Epicureanism. So while she was walking to the dentist chair she formulated her own philosophy. She thought, "Tonight this will be over." That thought has developed into the more grown-up idea, "This too shall pass."

"This too shall pass" being equally true of happiness and sorrow, may not on the face of it seem as satisfying as the Epicurean's or Stoic's philosophy, but it works truly and surely. Life is such a curious mixture of sunshine and shadow. Yet how thoroughly enjoyable it is. If we can remember to say, "This too shall pass" when sorrow or trouble is heavy upon us, and can accept happiness forgetting that "This too shall pass," we can live happier and cause more happiness.

(It even helps on exams—but it's better to use different words; for instance, "This will be over in two hours.")

## Harold Woodard Marries

Angelica, Dec. 26—A pretty Christmas wedding was solemnized this afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Child in Chemung, N. Y., when her daughter Mary Lytle, became the bride of Harold Woodard of Wellsburg, N. Y. The Rev. John Rooney of the Baptist Church officiated. Only immediate members of the families were present.

The house was decorated with evergreen, poinsettias and red roses, carrying out the colors of the season.

The bride is a graduate of Angelica High School, the bridegroom of Houghton High School, and both are former students of Houghton College.

After a wedding trip to New York Mr. and Mrs. Woodard will live at Wellsburg, N. Y.

## Prof. Sorensen Gives Recital

On Monday evening, December 28, in the Y. M. C. A. in Rochester Mr. Sorensen gave a Violin Recital at the Annual Welsh Singing Society Banquet. He was accompanied on the piano by Professor Francis Jones of the Eastman School of Music.

## NOTICE!

We, the undersigned, do hereby challenge the Debate class to uphold the negative side on the question—"Resolved: The United States of America Should Have a Socialist Government". The debate will take place January 27 at 6:30-7:30 p. m. in the college chapel, and the decision shall be rendered by the audience. The Chairman or Referee may be selected by the Debating class.

Edna Roberts  
Blanche R. Gage  
Kenneth W. Wright



## NEWS BRIEFS

From Calcutta—India has again defied! Gandhi has been imprisoned for his defiance of English Law and while the little man sat spinning, Nature defied Science. Richard Halliburton, American author, attempted to fly over Mt. Everest in an aeroplane. The man made bird soared to the freezing temperature, thin-aided, altitude of 20,400 feet (just short of four miles, with the miles standing on end). Then the plane refused to go higher and the author and his pilot returned to earth. They had been about a thousand feet from attaining their goal—but the "last 'thousand' is always hardest."

From Pieping—Someone has said, "Japan seems to think the League of Nations her Mother-in-Law." Now it looks as though she had turned her sister-in-law out of a summer home. At least China has taken her place behind the Great Wall to watch the Japs in Manchuria. Possibly this occupation of the Manchurian province may be a good thing. The Japs are much more progressive than the Chinese. But somehow the American people don't like to see a whole nation stealing our "gangster stuff."

From Finland—Did Finland start the New Year right? If so, well it looks bad for the World's W. C. T. U. for her prohibition repeal was the result of an election which totaled a 3 to 1 vote for "light wines and beer"—as Americans would say. Evidently, those Finns saw the Old Year out setting at a table, but saw the New Year in from under a table Nize People!

From Washington D. C.—On Tuesday, January 12, President Hoover accepted the resignation of Oliver Wendall Holmes as Justice of the United States Supreme Court. The passing of Justice Holmes from the bench of the highest court in the land marks the end of the career of the most colorful Justice since John Marshall.

Oliver Wendall Holmes, Justice, is the son of Oliver Wendall Holmes, the poet. He began his legal work in the courts of Massachusetts and was early appointed to the Superior Court Bench of that State. Judge Holmes was noted for his decisions and case interpretations in that court.

In 1902, he was appointed as Justice of the Supreme Court by President Roosevelt. For those thirty years, Justice Holmes has served in a manner which words cannot express. He did not always see the law as his associates, but saw through the eyes of a humanitarian. His opinions were not only noted in the legal realm but were masterpieces in the English Language—a trait which he inherited from the great poet.

In 1921, Justice Holmes was entitled to retire both from age limit and from years of service, but he chose to serve until such time as he was incapable. It was his earnest desire to retain his position until March 8, when he will be 91 years of age. But failing health caused him to change his plans and asked to be relieved sooner.

## PERSONALS

Miss Dorothy Crouch spent the weekend at Cotts.

Majorie Donley and Hollis Stevenson were here for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ebner spent several days in Buffalo during vacation.

Prof. and Mrs. Stanley Wright and daughters spent a week in Pittsburgh during vacation.

Profs. Stanley and Frank Wright and Leroy Fancher are enjoying their favorite winter sport—chasing cattle.

Prof. Claude Ries and family spent part of the vacation at North Chili at the home of Mrs. Ries' mother.

Prof. and Mrs. Pryor spent vacation in Amhurst, Mass.

Elizabeth Hawell from Nattituck Long Island visited Mrs. Inez Young over the week end.

A. W. E. Schoenberger of Olean has been hired as the architect for Houghton's new Tabernacle Church. Plans will begin immediately.

The following attended the Recital of Lawrence Tibbet at the Consistory, Buffalo, during vacation: Profs. Cronk and Bain, Theos and Malcolm Cronk, and Marian Taylor.

—H.C.—

## Aubrey Arlin Victim of Attempted Holdup

Rev. W. Aubrey Arlin, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Friendship, N. Y., and student of Houghton College and Seminary was shot at and held up by five bandits Saturday night, January 2.

Rev. Arlin and his fiancée, Prof. E. E. Noss of the Houghton College faculty, were returning to Rev. Arlin's parish in Friendship from their vacation and visit at the home of Prof. Noss' father, Rev. Charles L. Noss, pastor of St. Luke's Reformed Church, Kittanning, Pa.

The bandits made their attempt to hold up the couple by standing five abreast in front of Rev. Arlin's car. The men were masked and armed with pistols which they used, but not to their advantage for the driver sent the car at full speed through the group while shots were fired at him.

The shots providentially escaped the couple by lodging in the body of the car. Prof. Noss noted that the bandits had a car, a large sedan, which had no license plates.

Earlier in the afternoon, the brake accidentally became "set" on the left front wheel of Mr. Arlin's car throwing the car into the ditch and damaging it slightly. The fortunate arrival of a mechanic on the scene gave the couple an opportunity to have the brakes adjusted and to continue on their way.

President Hoover praised the work of the Justice and expressed deep regret that he was forced to accept Mr. Holmes' resignation.

Mr. Holmes was a true American. Although he served in one war—the Civil War—he chose rather to live for his country. And in living, whatever honor, or benefit he might bring to his country or fellow-countrymen, he found his reward in pleasure of doing that alone.

—WARREN THURBER.

## Impressions of Convention

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As a volunteer to the cause of Christ I believe that I have the biggest job available or possible. As a candidate to the mission field I am a candidate to a diplomatic corps representing Christ with His salvation and social, economic, political and industrial purpose for the world. The missionary is the bearer of civilization. We as Wesleyans too often narrow our interpretation of the missionary's work to only church work instead of including all of Christ's work. Primarily we must save men's souls. But how can we save the Chinese as long as he regards the American as a greedy "foreign devil," an accurate epithet for many of the Americans who go to China? Is it possible for the church to restrict her work of saving men when such conditions exist? Is there not a great social, political, and economic condition to be remedied first? The church must enter every phase of modern life in order to solve the problems of the day and to "save some."

The church is vitally concerned with the problem of war. Is murder on the whole-scale any less murder than is happening every day? Can we as Christians wash our hands of the movements for disarmament as long as the interests of the church depend so largely upon peace? We as Christians must be citizens of the world and not petty members of some certain sect if we ever hope to carry our Christ's last great commandment. At Buffalo we were asked to vote on these questions:

1. If all nations join in similar reductions in military and naval establishments would you favor disarmament (excluding forces necessary for police purposes)?

NONE PARTIAL COMPLETE  
2. Do you favor U. S. A. (Canada) independently reducing her armaments?

Yes No  
3. Do you favor compulsory military training in our colleges?

Yes No  
4. Do you favor dropping military training entirely from college courses?

Yes No  
5. Have you any military training?

Yes No  
6. Would you grant the individual citizen who has renounced war the right to refuse to participate in war?

Yes No

How should a Christian vote?

I believe that one of my greatest benefits was the contact with students from every part of the world. Especially was I impressed by the characters and open-mindedness of three orientals—William Z. Wu of Canton, China, who is now studying at Penn State; Chunning Liem of Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.; and Seunak Cho of Princeton Seminary, both the latter from Korea. As I talked with them I grew to feel how low and unChristian is race prejudice.

Are we not all brothers? I attended one of the international teas at which were represented every race of people. International boundaries must cease to bind people one from another. We are all brothers! Our present nationalism and that of the past decades must be a stepping stone toward an international brotherhood. The bringing in of this international brotherhood is a Christian task, or how can we win the world for Christ?

As I observed the students of that convention I realized that the youth

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## Music Notes

### Annual Christmas Cantata

Friday night, December eleventh the story of the birth of Christ was once more reiterated in song. This year about one hundred and sixty voices joined in presenting, under the baton of Professor Kreckman, "The Coming of the King," by Dudley Buck, several parts of which remind one of Handel's "Messiah." One is inclined to think of Houghton as an extremely small place until one sees the crowd which gathers semi-annually to hear the College Chorus. This year was no exception. Houghton College Chapel was filled to its limit.

A little change was made this year in the evening's program in that there was no Men's Glee Club to prelude the chorus. Instead the accompanist, Miss Margaret Carter played the prelude before the processional which gave a very pleasing effect. As the processional the traditional "Adeste Fideles" was used. The chorus opened with the prophecy—a soprano solo by Miss Dora Waite. Miss Waite has a lovely and very outstanding soprano voice. Being the first to sing, however, she showed a certain amount of nervousness. This nervousness in turn resulted in uncertain pitch in a few instances. Her later solos were much better and showed more self-confidence.

The first entrance of the chorus was made with firm and decisive attack. In fact it was about the best of the all-chorus attacks in the whole cantata. Several others were blurred and thus weak.

Many were waiting the advent of the young Freshman tenor. Mr. Orven Hess has a very strong and rich dramatic tenor voice which should win for him many honors. But as yet it is practically untrained. His tones were forced and throaty. Much of this no doubt was due to his very evident self-consciousness.

The men's chorus was full of wonderful opportunities both in harmony and expression. Yes, it was pretty but lacked solidity and depth of tone. In other words the men failed to get beneath it. Many of them were not sure of their parts and their attacks were weak. Words were rather muffled. The trio, "We Three Kings" by Messrs. Hess, Hale and Donnelly was beautifully done.

The women's chorus was a very pretty part and done admirably as compared to previous practices. But in this as well as in choruses for both men and women the alto section was rather light and soprano-like.

Mr. Donnelly, who has a big deep bass voice, seemed a trifle under restraint. Neither he nor Mr. Ebner were singing in their usual bass quality. This is due somewhat to the solos themselves which were more nearly baritone in range. Mr. Donnelly puts a great deal of expression into his singing. A few of Mr. Ebner's attacks were a trifle off pitch. But on the whole they were both very good.

One of the prettiest melodies in the whole cantata was the Virgin's Lullaby, an alto solo. This was sung by Miss Edith Stearns. Her tones seemed rather light for contralto.

The final choruses—Women's Men's and Full Chorus were well rendered. The last closing soft "Amen" was especially effective after the loud Hosannas.

Professor Kreckman accomplished very good work with the chorus this

semester. Greater possibilities would have been his, had he had the individual attention of those engaged in singing. But some cannot feel that responsibility. Prof. Kreckman has put a great deal of time and energy into the chorus. Much credit is also due to Miss Margaret Carter our untiring accompanist and to Miss Davie, second accompanist.

The cantata on the whole was a lovely number. If there is any criticism to be said of it, it is this: that it lacks a sufficient and proportionate number of climaxes. Those listening in the audience were intensely satisfied with the whole program.

### Orchestra Concert

Saturday evening, the Houghton College Alumni ate their banquet dinner to the time of popular melodies. Later in the evening, when they with students and faculty had assembled in the College Chapel they were fed on entirely (with two exceptions) classical program. After the initial appearance of the orchestra at the Boulder Concert we have been waiting with anticipation, their second appearance in an entirely orchestral concert. Members of the orchestra have never before entered onto the stage in as good form as on Saturday night.

The concert opened with the Overture "Mireille" by Gounod. This was very well rendered in spite of the fact that it was perhaps the most difficult number on the program. The "Dance of the Happy Spirits", by Gluck was pretty, but might have been so much more full of expression. A conductor cannot produce nuances unless his company cooperate and no one seemed to be interested in knowing Professor Cronk's interpretation, but all eyes were glued to their own score. "Largo" from *Xerxes*, by Handel, was well interpreted but the wind instruments in this as well as in other numbers were weak. Mr. Sorensen played a very pleasing solo part. "Minuet" from F major Concerto by Handel was a delightful light number and well performed. The strings did some excellent work on this number. The number ended in a rhythmic pizzicato.

Mr. Theos Cronk, baritone, sang a very dramatic and difficult number "Honor and Arms, from "Sampson," by Handel with orchestral accompaniment. The whole piece was full of florid trills and variations which are a test of one's musicianship. Mr. Cronk's voice carried well above the orchestra except his low notes which were unsupported.

The "Andante" from Hayden's "Surprise Symphony" was effectively rendered. The rhythm was marked and distinct. It was evident in this number also that the conductor felt much more than he could get his orchestra to express. The sudden loud chord proved a true surprise to many listeners. The first half of the program closed with "Minuet" from Mozart's "E flat Symphony". The attacks in this were weak. The pianissimo passages were especially uncertain. Possibly this number had not been sufficiently worked out.

The last half of the program proved more interesting than the first, "Sheep and Goats" by Guionne, however, was not as successful as at the Boulder Concert. "Southern Nights—Valse Suite" by Guionne was a very pretty number, quite well done.

"Ballet Music" from "Rosamunde" by Schubert especially showed off good work in this. The rhythm was strong throughout the number.

Schubert's "March Militaire" was well rendered. Greater cooperation of instruments was shown on this than on any preceding number. All was well until the last few chords which were not true but were anticipated by two or three instruments thus spoiling the effect.

The whole program was fittingly climaxed by Mendelssohn's march "Athalie." This was no doubt the best performed of all the numbers.

Professor Cronk is to be congratulated for having worked up such a difficult program in so short a time from primarily raw material. The majority of orchestra members are Freshmen and have never worked together before this year. A great deal of credit is also due Professor Sorensen who has done some wonderful work with the string section. There is vast room for improvement in the section of brass and woodwind. Due credit should also be given to Miss Carter, the piano accompanist.

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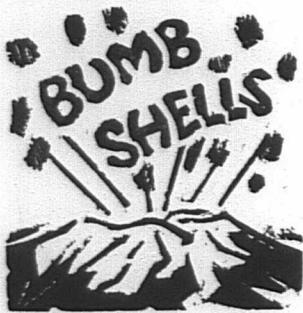
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#### Impressions of Convention

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of the day is intensely religious. I do not say that this generation is Christian; I'm afraid that it isn't. However, I was greatly encouraged to find that many are Christian in deed as well as in profession. When 2500 students come together one can get a fair representation of the attitude of the coming generation. It is true there was a great deal of smoking, and other things took place that were not at all Christian. For these we are sorry. It is discouraging to find that many who are volunteers to Christ's cause themselves without a personal knowledge of Him.

I've heard the criticism that the young people of our day are thinking more about foot ball and cosmetics than about life. I do not think that is true. Never have I seen a more enthusiastic and thinking group than attended the Round Table sessions of which I was a member. These students represented the fraternities, the foot ball teams, the school papers. They are thinking. Life is a serious matter with them.

My fifth impression was that the problems of our day have not been exaggerated, that they are serious, that it will take concentrated effort on the part of all Christians to solve the problems if they are to be solved at all. Kirby Page concluded his address, "A Critical Analysis of Western Civilization" thus:

"When we come to examine the reasons for the prevailing ineffectiveness and the impotence of democratic processes, we discover the operation of four factors. First, under a system of individualism, based upon self-interest as the motivation and competition as the system, it is wholly probable that most politicians will follow the example of business men in securing the maximum individual reward for themselves and their clients. To eulogize self-interest in business and to condemn it in politics leads to fatal contradictions. Second, as long as citizens in general are motivated by self-interest, they are likely to be indifferent to government, except as their own pocket-books are involved, and remain untrained in the science of citizenship. Third, in and industrial society where the tremendous power of financial and economic autocracy is felt in every remote corner, political democracy is doomed to impotence, for the obvious reason that in the existing world, economic power transcends and dominates political forces. The cure for democracy has ever been more democracy. A fourth reason is found in the unwillingness of the voters to support the Socialist Party or any other party committed to the task of transforming capitalism into a more equitable society. The recent New York City election reveals the

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inertia and stupidity of the voters. Although the Seabury Commission had produced evidence which had driven six or eight judges from the bench because of fraud and corruption, and although the direct relation of Tammany with these debauches was well established, the voters returned Tammany candidates to offices with unprecedented majorities. For example, the Tammany candidate running against Norman Thomas (Socialist), probably the most intelligent and hopeful figure in American politics, polled more than five times the Socialist vote."

"The odds are heavily against us. The visible evidence furnishes numerous reasons for apprehension for the future. The prospects for the days ahead are exceedingly gloomy. Two prospects for the days just ahead are exceedingly gloomy. Two possible courses are open to us as we stand confronting the terrifying threats to our civilization. We may yield to despair and decide to eat, drink and be merry for a few delirious months or years."

"On the other hand, we may regard the terrible odds against us as a challenge, an opportunity and a privilege. We may conclude that the times are too serious for trifling and turning our backs upon the insane struggle for private gain, commit ourselves resolutely to the life-long endeavor to transform modern civilization into a society which may appropriately be called the Family of God on earth, standing ready to go wherever vision and duty call. The pathway to the ideal community leads past the crucifixion upward to the triumphant summit of joy over the supreme achievements of glimpsing the promised land. Travellers along this highway are privileged to draw heavily upon the inexhaustible resources of the great Pioneer and Eternal Friend." Thus concluded Kirby Page in his address to the Convention, December 30. I'm convinced that we are up against a great catastrophe unless we act as Christians facing facts with concerted effort.

Among the many privileges that we had were hearing the Ensemble of the Westminster Choir of Cornell which regularly led the music; hearing John R. Mott, T. Z. Koo, D. D. T. Jabavu; Dr. Paul Harrison, and Robert E. Speer; witnessing a most impressive missionary play in the Ball Room of the Statler; and seeing a beautiful pageant in the magnificent Consistory of Buffalo. These and many other things impressed us.

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The believer must bring his sin to light that it may perish as the exposed alfalfa roots perish. He must separate himself from the sinful environment that the seeds of sin may not again take root in his heart.

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