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Rabbi Stephen S. Wise Lectures on the Zonist Movement

Rabbi Wise of New York City, of national and international fame, lectured on the Zionist Movement last Friday night, March 3rd. He said in part:

The Zionist Movement began in the year 70 A.D. when the Romans destroyed the temple and the holy of holies. The Jews were made exiles from Zion. There has never been a time in nearly nineteen hundred years when the Jews have not believed and hoped, and yearned, and prayed to the end that "our eyes may behold thy return in mercy, Lord, to Jerusalem."

The present phase of the Zionist Movement began fifty years ago. A little company of Jews from Roumania and Russia, growing weary of the atrocities that have stained Christian lands, resolved that they would go back to Palestine. For fifteen years there was a movement of old and of young back to the Holy Land. There was one company which started with eighty-two members. Because of the hardships they had to endure, this dwindled to fifteen. The leader made each one vow that as long as there were five members they would not give up the colony. That colony is now the most flourishing one in Jerusalem.

It was Theodore Hertzl, a Vienna journalist, who lifted up the banner of the Lord and all Zion after the worst persecution of the Jews during the Czarist reign in Russia, and called to his people to return.

In 1913 Palestine was a land of misery, poverty, and disease. The Jews have wrought a miracle in that land until now it looks like southern California. In 1913 there were two small elementary schools for Arabs. To-day there are three hundred schools for Arabs alone.

On November 11, 1917, England issued the famous Balfour Recommendation—"That his Majesty's government will facilitate the establishment of the Jewish national home." When the war was over England was asked to become the mandate of Palestine.

The Jews constituted less than one tenth of the population of Palestine in 1913. Today they constitute one-fifth of the population. The daily wage of the laborer in Palestine nearly twenty years ago was from fourteen to seventeen cents. Today the wage rate of the humblest peasant runs from 75c to \$1.50—five times as much. Sickness and disease are greatly decreased. The number of schools increased because of the high standards of education brought in by the Jews. The Jews have really liberated Palestine—they have transformed it.

The purpose of the Jews in Palestine is to secure a home—"the man who has a home is welcome everywhere and the man without a home is

welcome nowhere." The Jews are wending their way homeward, Jerusalemward, and Godward. With all their blundering and wandering, the Jews still have some of that moral genius, that spiritual insight which made them not the God-chosen, but God-choosing people.

After the lecture, Rabbi Wise conducted a question-box discussion.

Hitler's attitude toward the Jews in Germany is as savage as any man could hold. Because they are not of the Aryan race, because they are not Teutons, they are to be reduced to an inferior class of citizenship. The Jews are not permitted to practice law, medicine, act on the stage or edit newspapers. Civic rights have been taken away from them. This has been done by a man who has been a citizen for one year to a people who have lived in Germany for a thousand years.

Russia refuses to tolerate any national segregation other than Russian; therefore the Jews are not very happy in Russia because they are naturally a separate people. They cannot have any religious or economic life.

Two-thirds or three-fourths of the Jews in the world consider themselves orthodox. Rabbi Wise believes that not more than a third or a half are strictly orthodox.

When Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, He was merely following the custom of the Jews in celebrating the Passover. The Jews still celebrate the Passover by the breaking of bread and drinking of wine. If Jesus said "do this in remembrance of me", He did something which showed His knowledge of what was about to happen.

Monotheism on the part of the Jew is a fanaticism. Anything which tends to shadow the oneness of God is rejected by the Jew. They believe Jesus to be a great teacher, but will not accept Him as the Son of God.

Class Make Plans for Spring Pageant

The Pageantry Class has announced that their first spring pageant, *The Heroine of Ava*, will be displayed on April 17. *The Heroine of Ava* is based upon historical incidents in the life of Ann Hasseltine Judson, wife of Adoniram Judson. The picture presented is in Ava, the capital city of Burma, where the two American missionaries suffered so many years at the hands of the native officials in order that the gospel might be spread. Miss Rothermel and her Pageantry Class are directing the production and those of the students who will assist in portraying the characters include:

Mae Young, Ethel Doty, William Plants, Loyal Wright, Harriet Pink-

Dr. Small Lectures on the Christian Element in "Hamlet"

Dr. Small conducted Tuesday Chapel with a lecture on the Christian element in *Hamlet*, "the greatest piece of fiction written." Hamlet was a student at Wittenberg, specializing in Philosophy, but interested in Mathematics and Music. This ordinary life at college was suddenly interrupted by the murder of his father by his uncle and the subsequent marriage of his mother to the uncle. Naturally he was grief-stricken, and his sensitive mind became slightly unbalanced.

His main difficulty was that he did not take his Christianity seriously enough. By observing some of his significant speeches, Dr. Small attempted to discover the Christian element in them. In the first place Hamlet tried to find some support in his own mind to bear him up under his inward grief. The result was that he fell into suicidal thoughts by putting too much dependence upon his own mentality.

This dependence upon his own mentality developed into a higher form but rather philosophy than religion. The familiar quotation "To be or not to be" is an example of the suicidal trend of his mind.

Hamlet is finally forced to think of religion when he finds an opportunity to kill his uncle but refrains because the uncle is in prayer. Apparently he must have had some faith in prayer or he would not have hesitated and there be given any Christian element in the drama.

In the last act Christianity really has come to the surface and has changed Hamlet from the villain he has been into a gentleman. The evidence of this change is the forgiving mood in which he is at the close.

From the study of the drama there comes the thought that there is a place for Christianity in spite of dependence on mind.

New Catalogue Begun

This week the COLLEGE PRESS finds itself thrown into the annual stampede with the arrival of a third of the copy for the new catalogue. If plans work out, there will be a few of the new edition completed before Spring Vacation. Last year's edition of 2400 has proved inadequate for the demand hence they are printing 2500 this year.

This is the tenth annual catalogue of Houghton College and the forty-ninth of the original Seminary.

ney, Vernelia Crawford, Ethel Barnett, Thelma Terwilliger, Glen Donaldson, Arthur Osgood, Edna Robert, Lovedy Sheffer.

Miss Rothermel also announces that she is planning another pageant for later in the year. This will be *The Star-Spangled Banner* depicting the origin of our national anthem.

Juniors Select Banquet Committee

As a result of the elections recently held by the Junior Class the following committees were selected to take arrangements for the annual Junior-Senior Banquet:

Location:

F. Burns, Benjamin, Wiles.

Entertainment:

Carter, Barker, Hawn.

Decoration:

Ingersoll, Farwell, Farnsworth.

Choir Sings at Warsaw and Perry

The choir trip of the last week-end was the most successful thus far of the 1933 season. In the afternoon they sang in the First Presbyterian Church of Warsaw and in the evening at the First Presbyterian church of Perry. At both places the choir sang much better than on any other previous occasion. Especially did the capacity crowd in Perry show enthusiasm over the singing.

From the program which the college choir is singing this year, it is rather interesting to note which numbers seem to take the best last Sunday. As is always the case, "The Song of Mary" took well. "Crucifixus" to the surprise of the choir went better than usual. Another latin number, "Benedictus" brought a warm response. The serious mood and professional attitude of the choir members brought out some real interpretation in last Sunday's concert.

Professor Wilfred C. Bain, the conductor, is encouraged with the progress which the choir is making. However, he is still working toward nothing short of the best.

On Sunday, March 19, the choir will give concerts in Cuba and Franklinville; and on the 26th in Batavia and LeRoy.

Expression Club Presents Shakespearian Program

The Expression Club program on Monday night, March 13, will be a Shakespearian program given by the Oratory Department. A number of Readings from Shakespeare's plays have been arranged.

The tent scene of Brutus and Cassius from *Julius Caesar* will be presented by Spencer Moon and Clifford Weber. Shylock's speech to Antonio from *The Merchant of Venice* will be interpreted by Kenneth Wright. The court scene from the same play containing the famous Portia speech will be given by Arthur Osgood. Ethel Barnett will give a cutting from *Romeo and Juliet*. The program promises both real entertainment and an educational quality for those interested in the study of Shakespeare.

Varsity to Meet Alumni on 11th

To-morrow night the annual Alumni-Varsity game will be held in Bedford Gym and from all appearances the game is going to be close and hard-fought from start to finish. The Varsity team has gone through a number of long practices and are rapidly rounding into form, but they are not any too confident of defeating the Alumni team which will take the floor when the opening whistle blows. The girls' Varsity team has also had some hard work-outs in anticipation of their game with the Alumni girls. Here too the Alumni is capable of putting a team on the floor that would be far from a set-up for the Varsity. "Deets" Frank, the captain of the Varsity, is confident of victory, however, so we shall just have to wait for the results of the game.

"Pete" Albro, the Varsity captain has not as yet announced his squad for the game and it is not likely that much will be known until near game time. Due, however, to the ineligibility of Freshmen, it is not hard to choose a squad that will represent the Varsity. Albro, Farnsworth, Flint, Dolan, Rork, McCarty and Ayer are certain of a place which leaves one man yet to be chosen. Who that person will be is a question in the mind of the writer.

The Alumni will in all probability line-up, if all the following men return, in something like this fashion: Frank and Albro, guards, Fiske center and Fox, Dyer and Lane holding down the forward berths. This, of course, is only a guess, but should be fairly accurate. They will however, have an abundance of reserve material so make your own guess as to who will be on the floor when the toss-up occurs.

Two good games are assured so let us have the best representation yet from both the Alumni and the student body. Come out for the games. You don't need pins, money or the recently much-discussed scrip to get in. Just bring yourself and your friends, and plan a great time meeting your former classmates, professors and what have you.

CONCERT

The annual benefit concert for the library will be held in the college chapel tonight at eight o'clock. A new feature of the program, which is a presentation of the Music and Oratory departments, is the appearance of the Madrigal Singers who are preparing for a concert tour in the spring. A silver offering will be taken.

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EDITORIAL

TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to the Student Council for their activity in securing for us the new bulletin boards that now add a neater appearance to the hall. The Council has at last presented a tangible evidence to justify its existence and is deserving of all praise to that end.

Our presentation of this verbal bouquet is nevertheless tempered with some regret, because the subject of the bulletin board has been a choice theme with us when it comes to the selection of topics fit for editorial discussion.

From henceforth, it appears that our pen will necessarily be quiet on the subject, as the resulting work of the Council leaves little to be added. The orderliness and the neatness of the new arrangement is certain to be effective and efficient.

—H. G.

RABBI STEPHEN WISE

It has been a long time since our lecture platform has been graced by such a unique personage as Rabbi Stephen Wise, and it will be a long time before we forget his lecture and his inimitable mannerisms. Even those of us who felt that his subject could have been more interesting were held by his dominant personality, a somewhat challenging, and vigorously self-confident attitude.

To a keen observer Rabbi Wise was an actual source of delight—his habit of suddenly crouching his head to his shoulders, the squeaking of his shoes, his clear articulation, and above all, his own keen sense of observation and his facility for seizing all available local data to add to the interest of his discourse. In the latter we refer to his use of the phrases "Fiat Lux" and "Holiness unto the Lord" as found respectively in the college seal and on the wall of the upper college hall.

It is our wish that all speakers on the Lecture Course would rank on a par with Dr. Wise.

—H. G.

"For Conscience Sake"

Topic of Short Chapel

Choosing for his text "For Conscience's sake", Dr. Small gave a very interesting short chapel talk. He believes that campus life should be diffused in colors that are ideal. From his viewpoint 75% of our college life is spent in the interests of or in the pursuit of knowledge. Morality and Christian thought are given 20%. We have 5% which is pure negation, that is, opposite in nature to the other 95%. Dr. Small brought out his idea of this 5% by the method of elimination. For an example he chose an A-1, ambitious, Freshman who has decided to obtain his college education by an original plan. This Freshman selects a large city, rents a room close to a million dollar library, a fine restaurant, and a good church, with a large Y. M. C. A. just around the corner while an excellent music school is located just around the other corner. He is so situated that he has all the opportunities he would have if he actually registered in a college. Yet there is a difference—he would never gain that 5% for that percent represents the association with others. He would not have to consider others nor keep in step with them. Hence there would be no restraint present.

That 5% is necessary to develop a people's conscience. It grows out of eventually to a moral life.

MR. HUGHES LEADS

PRAYER SERVICE

On Tuesday evening, March 7, the regular weekly student prayer service was held in the College Chapel. After two short prayers the leader of the evening, Mr. Raymond Hughes, read the Scripture lesson and gave an extended opportunity for testimony. Each one taking part seemed to feel the presence of God in the service. At the close a meeting of the student committee on religious affairs was called. It is the hope that this committee and all who may be working with them will soon be able to present some new opportunity for active Christian endeavor in our college department.

Those who fail to attend these weekly services are missing a great part of Houghton's better influence. Each service though held at the same hour and some day of the week offers something distinctly different to the Christian and also helps to give strength for the days which fall between.

Begin the Day Right

There is not a person who does not believe that a good start has a great deal to do with success. A few students, who were convinced that they needed to do their best to live a practical Christian life every day have been meeting every morning before school for prayer.

Any who wish to come to Dean Fancher's room from 7:40 to 7:55 are welcome. Are you having a struggle to do what you know you ought to do? Then spend just fifteen minutes before school in prayer.

German Politics Presented at Club Meeting

The meeting of the *Rheinverein* was held Monday evening at 6:30. Frau Thomas led in the singing of some new German songs.

Herr Vogel read and translated for the edification of the *Verein* the account of the first fight between the dogs and cats. He set forth the reason for unceasing war between mice and all good cats. His information seemed to be authentic.

Herr Pitzrick gave a summary of present day German politics and international relations. For fear that the impression of German might be too severe and serious, he commented on the lighter aspects of German life, especially some of the literature. One of Baron Munchausen's tall stories quite convinced the greater part of the club that there is a German sense of humor.

Und darauf vertagte sich der Rheinverein.

Le Cercle Francais

The French Club held its regular meeting Friday, March 3. Until this time a suitable name for the organization had not been found due to lack of inspiration on the part of the appointed committee. The group finally decided that "Le Cercle Francais" should be the name of the club.

This week's program arranged by Doris Lee, had some very interesting features, the first number being a dialogue "Little Red Riding Hood" given in French by four members of the club. The "wolf in sheep's clothing" mentioned in the chapel, announcement, was Grace Benson cleverly costumed in a sheep-skin lined coat worn wrong side out. This performance was well given and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. After a poem read by Isabelle Hawn, all joined in several lively French games, giving each one an opportunity to express his or her French vocabularies.

Those responsible for the program, try to make them such as will be profitable to the group as a whole rather than to a few only.

It is a fact that our greatest interest lies in those things in which we have invested a part of our time and efforts. French students, this is your club. Come to the next meeting and contribute your bit to its success by your presence and suggestions.

JUST FOR TODAY

Just for today I will sacrifice something that is very dear to me, hard though it may be, since I know that it is the bitter that makes the sweet, sweeter.

With Apologies to Joyce Kilmer:

I think that I shall never see
A "D" as lovely as a "B".
A "B" whose rounded form is
prest

Upon the records of the blest.
A "D" comes easily, and yet
It isn't easy to forget.

"D's" are made by fools like me
But only Work can make a "B".

Church Advocate

Open Forum

Dear Editor:

It has been said that one goes to college to learn how to live and how to get along with other people rather than to gain knowledge in books. If this is true, and I believe it is, no matter how much Christian influence she has, nor how well recommended academically, that point is where Houghton College comes nearest to being a failure.

Most of us expect to graduate as teachers and preachers. Both occupations keep one before the public, and a factor which may mean our success or failure is our ability to get along with our companions.

All of us receive more or less training in manners and etiquette at home, but we can't expect our parents to be all-wise and know the latest in the fine points. It is rather a joke to the average person to hear and tell of the bewilderment in knowing which fork to use at a formal dinner. It may be a joke unless one happens to be in that very predicament himself, and then it is very embarrassing. This is only one example of the many embarrassing moments we are to have in the future, unless we find an opportunity to brush up on our etiquette, and where would we find a better opportunity than in some sort of a college course?

If we ever expect to be a success, we will have to get used to the idea of formality. The move to hold formal dinners at the college every week is one of the most advancing and far-reaching that has been made in Houghton. Why not even have a formal party now and then? It would not have to be so formal that no one could appear unless in evening attire, but it could at least get us used to the idea of formality.

In the matter of dress we are again behind the times. This is the Twentieth Century, not the Dark Ages. Styles are changing, neckle thing, but when the prevailing mode of dress of a whole college, including the faculty, is about twenty years behind the rest of the world, it seems almost tragic.

In what is known here as "association" we again hark back to the "gay nineties" or even farther. Since then women have fought for, and claim to have won, a position on equal footing with men. Despite that fact, the women of Houghton are kept cooped up in a dormitory like inmates of a reform school, and what association is allowed is so closely supervised that one gets the impression that the motto of the school is "Steer shy of the opposite sex!" We are not exactly taught that, but we are at least encouraged in it, even though it is known that after a brief four years here, we are to go out into a world in which we are to work side by side with women as business partners and co-workers. It is hardly logical.

Houghton College is known for its Christian Character; it ranks high in comparison with other colleges of its size in its scholastic standing; and when it catches up to the rest of the world in social conditions, it will become a real college instead of an institution.

Music



Column

Miss Hillpot Presents

Pupils in Recital

On Wednesday afternoon at one thirty, Miss Hillpot presented the following students in a piano recital.

"Gypsy Rondo"	Hadyn
Florence Wright	
"Sonata Op. 39"	Beethoven
Leola Van Dusen	
"Solfeggietto"	P. E. Bach
Chester Osgood	
"Spring Song"	Mendelssohn
Florence Smith	
"Sonata Pathétique"	Beethoven
Frances Thomas	

Especially worthy of mention was the good technique and dramatic interpretation which Miss Thomas displayed.

Radio

SATURDAY, Mar. 11.

2:30 p.m.—NBC. Metropolitan broadcast.

8:15 p.m.—NBC—WJZ. Boston Symphony, Serge Koussevitzky, Conductor.

SUNDAY, Mar. 12.

12:15—NBC—WJZ. Broadcast from Radio City.

3:00 p.m.—CBS. New York Philharmonic Symphony, Arturo Toscanini, Conductor. Program includes Cesar Franck Symphony in d Minor.

9:00 p.m.—NBC WEA. General Electric.

10:00 p.m.—CBS. Ernest Hutcherson.

MONDAY, Mar. 13.

4:00 p.m.—NBC—WJZ. Radio Guild. "The Melting Pot," by Zanguilli.

8:30 p.m. Lawrence Tibbett.

TUESDAY, Mar. 14.

10:00 p.m.—CBS. Josef Bonine Symphony orchestra and soloist.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 15.

2:30 p.m.—NBC—WEAF. Westminster Choir.

9:00 p.m.—NBC—WEAF. National Symphony Concert.

THURSDAY, Mar. 16.

11:30 p.m.—NBC—WJZ. Josef Lhevinne, pianist.

1933 Programs Are Great Improvement

In an effort to combine the regular choir programs with some college advertising and at the same time maintain good taste, a very attractive eight page program has been printed. The front page is a solid half-tone of the campus over which is printed "The Houghton College Choir, Wilfred C. Bain, Conductor; 1933 Tours." Four pages are given to the program itself, including the words of pieces and program notes. The other three pages are printed with terse, attractive information about the college.

This program displays distinct class in appearance, and because of its appeal to the eye the advertising material in it is readily read. During the recent choir concerts it has been very interesting to note how thoroughly each member in the audience perused the programs. First they would look at the cover, then read the inside, back to the cover again, etc. During the intermissions especially was this noticeable.

These programs, augmenting the personal contact which the choir makes, certainly is one of the most effective means of getting and keeping Houghton before the people.

Church Services

Pastor Pitt Preaches on

The Temple Holy

We may compare the Old Testament temple with the New Testament temple. The Old Testament temple was made of stone, gold, silver and precious stones, but the New Testament temple is the body of the believer, and the united bodies of all believers is the temple of God. For both temples God's requirement was that it should be suited to His use, that it should be kept absolutely for that single purpose. "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations." This was said of the temple of stone. In I Cor. 3:16-17 we read, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

It was thought that the temple of stone was enough to inspire awe in the heart of man, but this was not true. Man is also defiling the New Testament in the body. God protested against the defilement of the temple by enactments which prohibited its defilement, by penalties which demanded that the defilement should be put to death, and finally the destruction of the temple. God's protest is still the same—"If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy." "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Death is separation from God. The man who has been alive in Christ and then because of sin has become separated from God is worse off than the one who has never known the love of God.

The holy temple is defiled in desecrating the ordinances of the Lord. Paul, in writing to the Corinthians, names the desecration of the Lord's Supper, envy, strife, and divisions.

It not only makes a great difference in our spiritual life whether or not we keep our temples holy, but in our physical life as well. "For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile." "If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die, but if ye through the Spirit put off the deeds of the body, ye shall live." "If ye walk in the light as He is in

Calvin Coolidge

There is nothing strange or startling about Calvin Coolidge's boyhood. He was brought up like hundreds of other boys in those quiet rural towns. There was not a thing about him to mark him out for greatness. He was quiet, methodical, a fairly good scholar, punctual, with a dry and solemn sort of humor. He had a queer, nasal twang to his voice which frequently caused the other children to imitate him. * * *

What they (the newspapers) say about his "silence" is mostly nonsense. He is simply the old-fashioned New England Yankee, who thinks a great deal and says little. He gets all of that from his father. Plymouth has 250 people. It is ten miles from a railroad, twenty miles from a trolley, forty miles from a college. It never had a saloon in the town when Coolidge was growing up and so far as I know, never had a bathroom, an electric or gas light, a coal fire, a graded school, or a high school, and scarcely anything which could be called a church. And yet I have known of five ministers of the gospel, one governor of the state, and now the President of the United States, who were brought up in Plymouth.—Rev. E. C. Carpenter, former school teacher, who had Coolidge as a pupil in 1884-85.

Former Editor Writes

Editor, the Houghton Star
Houghton, New York
My dear Mr. Editor:

I don't want to seem obtrusive with gratuitous suggestions; but as a former editor and as an alumnus, I wonder whether it would not be possible to have a column devoted to the interests of the alumni. Your alumni issue was most admirable, but I am sure that your subscribers among the alumni would value a weekly column more than anything else. My wife, who also happens to be an alumna, remarked just the other day that she would like to see a news column dealing with items of interest about the village and townspeople. She added that even when we were living there, she found a certain fascination in reading about events and people that everyone already knew about. From the standpoint of the student who wishes to keep a file of the school paper, there is no better record and souvenir of his four-year (or more) undergraduate career. Such a column would be vastly less obvious than your rehearsed comments on world athletics which from a distance seem just a bit naive and redundant. A column of "snappy" comments on your own local athletic celebrities and events would be much more refreshing.

Houghton, of course, is deriving a great deal of publicity from her Music department and organizations, but sometimes from a distance it seems that there is a tendency to overemphasis. At any rate, these musical events must be as familiar to your readers before the review has been printed as would be the items of current interest that I alluded to. Since

the light, we have fellowship with Him and the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin."

it seems to be a fixed policy to have students in music with these reviews as a part of their training, I will refrain from what may sound like unkind criticism and merely say that in justice to the paper and the school, there ought to be a note frankly stating that such criticisms are strictly amateur. And even then I can't see any valid reason why the English department should not furnish experience to its students by printing freshman themes.

If I had one more "suggestion" to offer, it would be that you refuse to print a copy of the Star to be mailed outside the school until every last word has been carefully proof-read. Authors I suppose dislike to see their own brain children mutilated, and that is perhaps why I noticed at least a dozen typographical errors in my previous article, ranging from minor slips to the omission of several words that totally changed the meaning.

I make these animadversions in all kindness, I trust; but I am sure that you will agree with me that objective standards are vitally important to maintain, in direct proportion to the difficulty involved. Not a single student, I am sure, wants the public to get the least suggestion of carelessness or provincialism, least of the editor and the staff!

I am really stopping now!

Sincerely yours,

R. W. Hazlett

The above letter, from the former Head of the English Department, has been printed by the Editorial Staff of the Star because we wish to show that we do not resent criticism when it is offered in the spirit in which we believe this to have been made.

We would not be human however if we did not attempt to present our point of view. Mr. Hazlett's suggestions for new columns in the Star are valuable and some action will probably be taken thereon. A column of local village happenings is, however, rather a difficult proposition for us as students. The interests of the townspeople and the students are widely diverse. Local happenings on the Campus are often not of general interest, and experience has shown that Personal items do not furnish satisfactory copy.

An Alumni Column would certainly be interesting to students, constituency, and the alumni themselves. The Staff is not only willing but anxious to run such a column, but this is beyond our power without co-operation from the Alumni themselves. Any and all letters from former students, telling of their interests and occupations would be greatly appreciated. Such letters, however, simply fail to come. This in spite of the fact that each Alumni Chapter has its Star Reporter; no reports seem to flood the office.

Criticism has been offered of the standard columns, such as the Sports Chatter and Music Columns. Of the first, we'd say that the bits of information regarding world athletic stars may seem naive or redundant to one who regularly follows the sports columns of daily newspapers, but to many students who do not take the time to do this, the short comments in the Star give at least a small part of knowledge of world athletic events, which they would not otherwise acquire. Also, some suggestions and comments in the Sports column have been pertinent and valuable.

The Music Column provides an outlet for the most active and progressive department at present in the college, the School of Music. The reviews may be by amateurs, but supervision of the column is in the hands of the faculty and a specially elected staff of advanced music students.

We are not claiming that these things could not be improved, or that the journalistic standard of the Star might not be raised. The comments on the proof-reading is, indeed, well-placed, and the Staff will, it is hoped, take it sufficiently to heart to effect some improvement as a result.

We wish to take this opportunity to assure Mr. Hazlett that we appreciate the interest on his part evidenced by his troubling to write this letter.

Prof. Wright Represents Christian Workers

On Thursday night, March 2, Professor F. H. Wright preached the opening sermon in a series of Lenten services held at Medina, N. Y., in the First M. E. Church. The male quartet of Houghton College sang three selections. These ministries were well received by the church.

On Saturday night, March 4th, Professor Wright preached in Angelica, N. Y., at the closing service of a five weeks Evangelistic campaign conducted in the Baptist church of that place. Prof. and Mrs. Kreckman sang two duets under divine unction. The sermon called the church and new converts to God's standard of Scriptural Holiness.

In response to the invitation to seek God definitely for a deeper experience in grace, about fifty came forward. This service evidenced much of the presence of God. We believe that many will have a new grip upon God and a closer walk with Him.

Professor Wright is to hold a service at Eldred Pa., March 19. Please pray for this service in particular.

Did You Know?

That if the air were absolutely pure the sky would be black.

That natives of Malaysia eat bees instead of honey.

That fish are the only creatures never troubled by influenza.

That all ears of corn have an even number of rows of grain.

That at least half the animals in the world eat each other.

That flowers grown in Mexico have very little odor.

That the top speed of an elephant is about 15 m.p.h.

That only one out of 800 lobsters reaches maturity.

That there are no speed laws in Connecticut.

That the mayor of Troy is an undertaker.

That there are 140,000 lawyers in the country. More than any other profession.

That according to Tony Wons, the meanest trick would be to put a woman in a room with a thousand hats—and no mirror.



They say it rains to make things grow; to give us apples, pears, corn, flowers—we were just wondering why it rains on the pavements.

We like that little speech Prof. Leroy made in chapel yesterday—the one about "This is a short chapel so you won't have time to take a nap." Nevertheless, we have a dread that it was only a trick to make us pay attention and that other speakers will use it to secure our attention and then keep us awake for a long chapel.

We always thought Ethics was a car made by the Hudson Company. If it is, it certainly is hard-riding for some college students.

Someone was wondering if we would have the coast-to-coast hiccup when the eighteenth amendment is repealed.

The registration in the Theological Department ought to jump if we take the remark in yesterday's chapel seriously. "The theological students and others who occasionally indulge in thought" Ouch.

WHAT IF—

Jean	were	Salmon	instead of	Trout
Alvin	were	Auctioneer	instead of	Barker
Esther	were	Scorcher	instead of	Burns
Vada	were	Valley	instead of	Mountain
Dick	were	Atmosphere	instead of	Ayers
Bob	were	Pants	instead of	Kotz
Harold	were	Spark	instead of	Flint
Ernestine	were	Packard	instead of	Austin
Dick	were	Hearty	instead of	Hale

And we've got lots more.

THE NUTHOUSE THEORY

Have you heard the latest theory? It began in the Music department and now has spread its evil influence over the whole college. Something like the spread of Technocracy but much more sinister. It goes like this:

We're all nuts. Our mamas and papas put us in here so that we'd receive good care, but even they won't tell us the truth. If you ask them they insist that this is a college, not a bughouse, but we're on the right track now and they can't fool us any more. Just look at the way they treat us. They take some of us and stick us in little square rooms and let us holler our heads off and then they take us out and put us somewhere else. We all have to eat in one big room, and the knives all have dull edges so we won't hurt ourselves. Some of the nuts get all toggled out in white and go round and stand in front of people and holler, and mothers bring their children to look at them, and tell them that's what they'll be if they aren't good, and that's how they keep order in the surrounding community.

They give some of us little wooden and tin toys to blow on and make funny noises with, and to keep us happy they call it an orchestra. In what they call the classrooms, they give us pencils and papers to make funny marks on, and call it math. The bigger nuts who have charge of us give us lesser nuts something to look forward to. We know some day we'll be like that.

The more you think about this the worse it gets. It's something like "Punch, Brothers, Punch". The only way to get rid of it is to pass it on to someone else.

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Science Questionnaire

I. QUESTION:

Why do we expect our coldest weather after December 21st?

ANSWER:

During the warm summer months the earth is warmed up to quite a depth. Hence, during the early part of the sun's stay down south, the heat conducted from within the earth to the surface makes up for the lack from the sun. The sun reaches its most southern position and starts north on about December 21 and so we begin to receive more concentrated heat for longer days. But the heat is not enough to supply our needs, and the supply in the earth is then exhausted. Hence it is colder after Dec. 21 than before.

Likewise our warmest weather follows June 21 and the warmest part of the day is after noon.

II QUESTION:

The sun is much nearer to us in winter than in summer, why then, is it colder in winter?

ANSWER:

The earth as a whole receives about two and a quarter per cent more heat in winter than in summer. (I.E. at extreme distances). Heat and light may be thought of as coming to us in rays—a certain number per square foot, say. In summer, at noon, the sun shines very straight down upon us. In summer it shines upon us from a southern position—the rays coming to us in a direction much nearer parallel with the earth's surface. Hence the rays, in the square foot assumed, are spread over a larger area. As an example, suppose you have an inch board ten inches wide. It has a certain number of wood fibres through it. The area of the end is ten square inches if it is cut off square. However, if it is cut at an angle it may have an end area as great as thirty square inches. But there are the same number of fibres in either case. Therefore they are but one third as thick at the end surface in the latter case. It is the same in the case of the sun's rays. Hence, we have colder weather in winter because the angle at which the earth's surface is presented to the sun has a greater effect than the change in intensity due to distance.

III QUESTION:

How does the burning of food indicate the approach of rain?

ANSWER:

Water is used in cooking largely because its temperature cannot be raised above the boiling point. Thus the food is not allowed to reach a temperature higher than the boiling point and so it does not burn.

Water evaporates most when the air pushes down on it least. Therefore when there is little pressure of air the water will evaporate and allow the kettle temperature to rise too far. When the air pushes least on the water, it pushes least on the surrounding country. Therefore the air from other places rushes in at that time bringing whatever climate there was in those places with it. It may be rain. Also the air rushing in is likely to rise, then cool and, if moisture is present, drop the moisture which condenses.

Sports Chatter

Well, "Babe" Ruth is still a hold-out and in addition "Lou" Gehrig and Charlie Ruffing are waiting for the Yankees to raise the ante on their contracts. Colonel Ruppert must have his worries these days with his two fence busters on the holdout list, and one of his best pitchers still loath to leave his winter haunts for the salary on his contract. What a life! Here the banks are closed; we can't get a dime even if we had a million in the bank and these fellows are arguing about thousands. Ruth has turned down fifty thousand dollars as a salary for the coming season. Not that we blame him in the least. If the Yankees could have some way of checking the actual amount he has attracted into their coffers they would in all probability find Ruth a good investment at any salary. Who raised the money for the Yankee Stadium?

To get back to Gehrig if we remember correctly that smiling ex-Columbia University young man was the big noise in the World Series last fall. He is entitled to his reward and we hope he gets it. He handles a baseball bat as though it were a tooth-pick, and nothing much gets by him around the initial sack.

Looking out over the athletic field today makes it hard to believe that in a few short weeks we shall see the track and field men and girls limbering up for the annual meet. Today about the only way one could get around the track would be in a row boat, but in a little over two weeks mid-terms will greet us, then vacation and after vacation those spring days that make a room seem like a prison, and lessons a milestone around your neck. It won't be long now and a person can be excused for doing a little pleasant anticipating.

HOW TO KILL YOUR CHURCH

Don't come.

If you do come, come late.

When you come, come with a frown.

At every service ask yourself, "What do I get out of this?"

Never accept office. It is better to stay outside and criticize.

Visit other churches about half the time to show your pastor you are not tied down to him. There is nothing like independence.

Let the pastor earn his money; let him do all the work.

Sit pretty well back and never sing.

If you have to sing, sing out of tune and behind every one else.

Never pay in advance, especially for religion. Wait until you get your

money's worth, and then wait a bit longer.

Never encourage the preacher. If you like a sermon, keep mum about it.

It is good to tell your pastor's failings to any strangers who may happen in; they might be a long time finding them out.

Of course you can't be expected to get new members for the church with such a pastor as he is.

If your church unfortunately happens to be harmonious, call it apathy or indifference, or lack of zeal, or anything under the sun except what it is.

If there happen to be a few zealous workers in the church, make a tremendous protest against the church being run by a clique.

—By Rev. Conrad Hooker.

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