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Commencement Weekend Brings Prohibition Party Nominee for President to Campus; Sixty-one College Seniors Are Graduated

Baccalaureate Address On Test of Character

"The Supreme Test of Moral Character" was the theme of the Baccalaureate address given by the Reverend Roy S. Nicholson in the Sunday morning service of Commencement weekend. Mr. Nicholson quoted Christ when He said that "greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for a friend."

After the playing of the processional during which graduates, faculty, and choir marched to their places, the Reverend Miles L. Hutchinson offered the invocation. Mr. Hutchinson is father of Ida May Hutchinson, one of the graduates of the class of '44. The father of Walter Robie, the Reverend L. C. Robie, traveling evangelist in the Methodist Church, offered the morning prayer. During the morning's service the college A Cappella Choir sang four numbers from its regular program, and pronounced the choral benediction at the end.

Mr. Nicholson in his sermon spoke of the three elements of vicarious service, of which "the supreme test of moral character" was one. He listed as the other two elements of vicarious service, universal approval and universal need. He said that the measure of our friendship is "as I loved you". During the message he pointed out that "Christianity is not the Book that describes the Christian life, not the creed

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FRIESS, POTTER WIN READING CONTEST

Houghton College Division of Religious Education held joint class night exercises with the Houghton Bible School on Friday, May 19, in the Houghton Church.

Margaret Hamilton played the processional, and the group was led in prayer by Shirley Hoag of the Bible School. After a vocal number by the senior Male Quartet, Professor Frank H. Wright conducted the Strong Memorial Bible Reading Contest. There were four entrants—Miss Lila Ames, Miss Jeanette Friess, Miss Esther Smeenge, and Mr. Wesley Potter. Miss Friess took first place for her reading of a portion of John 15, and Mr. Potter placed second with his rendition of the 84th Psalm. The prizes of \$10.00 and \$5.00 were awarded by Professor Wright.

After a vocal duet by Lila Ames and Margaret Van Guilder, Richard Elmer sang "Launch Out" to introduce the topic of the evening's speakers.

Myrtle Down, the first speaker of the evening spoke on "Launching Out". She

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Emphasis on World at War in Class Exercises

War and Christians in a world at war seemed to be the predominant themes of the major college class night orations. Martha Woolsey in her salutatory address on "Foreign Languages for Global War and Global Peace" stressed the language need for armament. She said that it was in the language field that America was found most lacking for persistent war effort. Mrs. Grace Pusey's valedictory was on "The Challenge of the Gospel to a World at War." Alden Gannett before his class oration offered prayer for the servicemen who had been taken from the class of 1944, and were represented by the number 51 on a class service flag.

Outstanding among the senior orations for its delivery and fervor was the class oration by Alden Gannett, student body president this year and outstanding leader ever since he has been in school. Speaking on the same theme which he has often used for the salvation of many individuals, he spoke on the need for a demonstration of "The Holy Spirit and Power."

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"Our Task" is Theme of Annual Missionary Address

The task appointed us, the task behind us and the task before us was the theme of the missionary sermon delivered by the Rev. Kenneth P. Wesche of Asbury Theological Seminary to the audience gathered for Commencement weekend. The annual Baccalaureate Sunday night missionary meeting was held as usual under the sponsorship of the Y. M. W. B., and the traditional pledge for the support of Houghton's missionaries was taken. Indication was made by a large number of students that they had a call to foreign missionary work as Dr. Paine asked them to stand.

Dr. Wesche is a graduate of Asbury College, with a Masters degree from New York University. He was a missionary to China under the National Holiness Missionary Society from 1932 to 1944 as the principal and instructor in Bible in the Kingston Seminary in China. He earned his B. D. degree from Asbury Seminary where he is now a professor of Missions and Church History.

In speaking of the motives of the appointed task for missionaries Dr. Wesche said they were three fold—the command of Christ, the consciousness of the world's need for Christ, and the compulsion of divine love. As he discussed his third point, "the task before us", Dr. Wesche used the illustration of the lights

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Dr. Claude A. Watson Addresses Graduates On Moral Issues in American Government

Dr. Claude A. Watson, presidential nominee of the National Prohibition Party, addressed the combined assembly of the graduates of all departments, faculty, guests and parents, and undergraduate students as the speaker for the Commencement exercises Monday, May 22. Dr. Watson, a preacher and a lawyer, stressed the need for Christian principles and basic Christian morality in national administration today.

Choir Takes Tour of Eastern Part of State

The Houghton A Cappella Choir left early in the afternoon of Commencement day, Monday, May 22, for its post-graduation tour—an innovation in recent choir history. In addition to the regular spring tour, conducted this year in the mid-west, the choir has taken this additional tour, planned on extremely short notice, for the purpose of conveying a definite spiritual emphasis and contacting persons in communities where Houghton College is little known.

Those planning the tour felt fortunate in having obtained such convenient traveling arrangements and churches in which to sing on such short notice. This is due largely to the splendid cooperation of choir members in securing contacts. Many of the choir members were accommodated at night at the homes of friends and relatives in various cities, which eased the responsibility of the sponsoring churches.

Transportation for the one-week tour was by rail and by bus. Circling through Binghamton, Wilmington, Philadelphia, New York, East Greenbush, Syracuse, and Auburn; the choir touched three states. In New York, the choir broadcast from station WQXR and cut records there, although these cannot be pressed until after the war.

The choir broke up in Auburn, some of the members returning to Houghton and others going to their homes. It was not until then that seniors had opportunity to become accustomed to their degrees.

Armstrong Awarded D. D. at Asbury Graduation

The Rev. C. I. Armstrong, college pastor, attended the Commencement exercises at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, where he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by the Theological Division of the school.

Mr. Armstrong was unanimously elected for this honor from a group of more than fifty candidates. Dr. Z. T. Johnson, President of Asbury College, said that the honor was even greater than

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He said, "To the graduates of the Christian Colleges today is being handed the great responsibility of carrying on the fact that God is the basis and preserver of democracy."

Dr. Watson is a graduate of Lincoln University, and Blackstone College of Law, in which schools he earned his Bachelor of Laws and Doctor of Jurisprudence. He was awarded an honorary LL. D. at Greenville. Dr. Watson was ordained a preacher in the Free Methodist Church in 1911, and served in many positions, including that of District Superintendent of the Southern California Conference, and the board of administration of the National Association of Evangelicals.

Dr. Watson condemned the legalized liquor traffic and the other vices of America today as the great weakening force in our nation. He spoke of "kidnapped democracies"—democracies kidnapped by atheism and unbelief. He spoke of America today as "worshiping the supreme Ego instead of the supreme Being".

Awarded degrees at the Commencement exercises were sixty-one college seniors (two of them *in absentia*); eighteen preparatory students (one *in absentia*) and six Bible School students were awarded diplomas. Special mention was made of Ezra Gearhart of the high school and of Allen Smith of the college because of the fact that they could not attend the exercises through the exigencies of military life. Burt Swales was also absent.

The honorary degree of D. D. was awarded to Rev. Kenneth P. Wesche, missionary speaker of the night before, and to Rev. Roy S. Nicholson, Baccalaureate speaker for the Commencement weekend. Both men have long records of outstanding service for God, Mr. Wesche as a missionary and educator, and Mr. Nicholson as a preacher and publication secretary.

A very large crowd packed the Houghton Church, in spite of the heat and rain, to watch the graduates receive their diplomas. Five of the college degrees were awarded *magna cum laude*, and two of them were *cum laude*.

Rev. William C. Gearhart, father of Forrest Gearhart and Ezra Gearhart, college and high school graduates respectively of the class of 1944, offered the

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Reminiscence and Anticipation . . .

Reminiscences seem inevitable at commencement time...for seniors it has all been said: "launching out...not the end but the beginning...it is up to your generation...the world is your parish...redeem your parents' sacrifices..." Every new year evolves the same platitudes, but although the thoughts may be platitudes, they are far from trivia to each succeeding student generation, because to each class the experience of graduation is new and exciting...even under some *blase* exteriors that look as though they could never be excited.

For classes other than the senior class, however, commencement is an anticipation rather than a dreamy reminiscence. For freshmen there is the satisfying thought of initiations next year...passing from the undesirable state of "greenies" to the full wisdom of sophomoreism...and there is a chance at some of those club offices, and even a *Star* position. For sophomores there is the anticipation of *Boulder* work...junior-senior banquet headaches. Juniors look forward to school offices, practice teaching, skip day...and commencement when the cycle begins over again.

For *Star* editors there is much the same emotion, but on a localized scale. As freshmen we were almost overawed by such figures as Al Russell, Lois Bailey, yes and even big Jake the "Omnipotent one" from Brooklyn, although he was only a junior. We heard about the way *Star* editors put in long stints at night, and we wondered how they did it and kept up their schoolwork. When it came time to publish the frosh edition we knew that they must all be of the order of genius, for it was totally impossible for mortal humanity to go through all we went through that week *every* week. The paper was much larger then, and if Bob Oehrig hadn't helped us we would still be sitting in the office trying to fit the dummy together.

When Jake offered us a job on the regular staff the next year we took the position very seriously, in spite of the fact that we knew that it was really a very minor one...It was flattering, though when Jake asked for an editorial some weeks. We picked up a few facts useful to *Star* editors as we went along, and when the time came for the soph edition we were proud to be a little more "in the know" than we had been as part of the staff of our class edition the year before.

The junior year was heavy with *Boulder* work, but in the last semester Harold asked us to help a little with the dummy, make-up and heads, and it seemed swell to have a crack at the paper again...and now commencement is over, and we are working on the first paper to be put out by next year's staff. It means staying after most of the kids have gone home, and it means bumping into strange new summer school kids in halls that seem strangely hollow because of their sparse population, even between classes...but it also means anticipation...anticipation of long hours of feverish writing, time-consuming interviews, dummy make-up...yes, and anticipation of the thrill that only those who love journalism, be it ever so amateur, can know.

Next commencement will mean reminiscence and the inevitable pleasing platitudes...and we will like it. But for next year's *Star* editor, this commencement means a strongly felt anticipation. It means anticipation in spite of the fact that no detailed policies have been formed, and that most of the staff positions have not yet been filled, and that there are many headaches ahead...because it means the anticipation of a year of valuable experience with the work of the staff done "with an eye single to His glory."

—W. A. S.

At the first meeting of the summer school student body, Ward Hunting was elected editor of the summer *STAR*. This will probably be a two-page, bi-weekly publication.

Jane Adams'

Commencement Humor

At Least what William Thinks is Funny

A lawyer one day, walking through a country cemetery, came upon a gravestone which read: "Here lies the body of John Brown, a lawyer and an honest man." "My," he said to himself, "they must have been short of graves to put both those fellows in the same one."

—Dr. Watson

A lawyer, a minister, and a scientist were all shipwrecked together and were all out on the ocean on the same raft. There was an island in sight, but because of the calmness of the day they were unable to reach it, and they decided that one of them would have to swim to land, carrying a ball of twine with which to pull the raft in. As it was discovered that the lawyer was the only one who could swim, it was agreed that the scientist would plot the course; the minister would pray while the lawyer did the swimming. After the lawyer had gone part way to the island, the two left on the raft were startled to see a black fin cut the water near the lawyer; but as the minister heaved a great sigh, the shark dived beneath the lawyer and went on his way. A few seconds later another shark was sighted near the lawyer, but with a second great sigh from the minister, there was another dive and on went the shark. The minister turned to the scientist and said, "There, that shows you the marvelous power of prayer." But the scientist retorted, "Prayer, nothing. That was nothing but professional courtesy between sharks."

—Dr. Watson

"Do you know Mr. Jones?" "I ought to know him—I've slept in the same pew with him for twenty years."

—Dr. Watson

A young lady discovered one evening that she had lost her lipstick, and asked the young fellow with whom she had a date if he would get her another. The young man went into a drugstore and told the druggist what he wanted. The druggist said, "Yes, sir. We have three prices—50¢, \$1.00, and \$1.50. Which would you like?" "Oh, let me have the \$1.50 stick," said the fellow without hesitation. "I'm the guy that has to eat it."

—Dr. Watson

And then there is the illustration of the man who "imbibes" quite freely because he is "trying to balance the budget", whether he can balance himself or not. He usually has something in his stomach which makes him see double and think half.

A colored man was brought into court one day for stealing. When asked whether he had a lawyer, he answered, "No, suh." "He was then asked, 'Well would you like the court to appoint a lawyer for you?' The answer came back, 'No, suh. Ah just intends to tell de truth.'"

—Dr. Paine

Notes on Commencement Address

by Mary Dukeshire

I hope I'll have sense
Not to commence,
But just to begin
When my credits are in.

Peg Fancher's

Review of the Year

The curtain has been drawn on one more act of the grand eternal drama that is Houghton. The players have dispersed—the stage is cleared. It is time, before the summer artists begin their minor roles, to review a few of the never-to-be-forgotten scenes of the last act.

Time: School year of 1943-44

Place: Houghton College

Characters: Dr. Stephen W. Paine, Coach McNeese, Miss Burnell, Alden Gannett, Peg Hamilton, Dave Flower, Herb Jansen—and "thousands" more.

September, 1943. The stage is ready for the coming act. Players, new and old, arrive to take their part.

September 15, Room S-24 is buzzing with the voices of ninety freshmen, each one wondering what College is all about and stared stiff that he won't pass the intelligence test. One fellow is heard to say, "Gee, I didn't think College would be like this!"

September 20-23, Freshman can be spotted by small brilliant green caps, worn at the request of the sophomores and for the profit of the juniors. Names can be distinguished from placards hanging down on a wrong-side-out dress or a backwards shirt. Everyone is having fun!

September 24, at the gym, everyone,

dressed in his fanciest, is getting names in a little book...eating ice cream from a dixie cup...listening to faculty jokes in the Chapel.

October comes. Trees are brilliant...sky is blue...air is invigorating. Fellows play touch football and girls with blacked-out legs hit a hockey ball around the field.

October 1. Margaret Speaks thrills lords and ladies of Houghton campus with her personality and quality of voice.

October 12-24. Rev. Roy Nicholson draws students, faculty, and townspeople to the church with his earnest, God-inspired messages. Many give themselves to Him...Christians are inspired for greater service...prayer meetings are more frequent.

October 27. Benno Rabinof fills the College Chapel with rich, full notes on his violin as the audience tries to follow his deft fingers.

November brings a suggestion of winter and the threat of exams. Basketball season begins.

November 9. Felix Salmond, the artist with the long nose and the kind smile makes his 'cello sing. Abram Chasins, the short humorous one, brings out the Steinway's best.

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Offence

By Jack Derr

The best defensive is an offensive. If we wish to insure our own spiritual bulwarks this summer we must determine to wage an aggressive warfare against the strongholds of the enemy. God has not intended that His people should spend their time repairing breaks made in their own defenses, but that they should have a power within them sufficient to carry the conflict into enemy territory. If we must continually spend our time praying for our own welfare, we cannot be in prayer for the good of the world at our doorstep. If our personal victory is spasmodic, we are of necessity required to patch up the breaches in our own fortifications while the battles we should be waging are forfeited. Don't wait for the devil to bring the fight to you. Take it to him.

Our personal experience corroborates the fact that the fight we are in is not "against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places". The very nature of the struggle is proof of the fact that we must employ weapons other than our human devices. To attempt to progress against spiritual forces with natural forces is theoretically unsound and practically impossible. Our only hope must be built on the basis of finding a power favorable to our cause which is greater than the power behind sin. The Word of God teaches that sin brought death, for "as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned." Therefore, since the cause we fight for is life versus death, spiritual life versus spiritual death, the power we need is one which has been proven stronger than the power behind death. There is but one record on earth of a power which conquered death and that is the record of the resurrection of the Son of God through the agency of the Spirit of God. In further confirmation of our point, the Word of God adds that "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and death". We must therefore conclude that there is but one power through which we can be certain of spiritual victory and that power is the Holy Spirit.

Christian young people, both God's Word and experience prove that we cannot meet the challenge of the Great Commission with any degree of permanent success without the resident power of the Holy Spirit. If there is not the continuity of the rivers of living water within our hearts which only the Spirit of God can perpetuate, how can we then expect to win other men and women to the water of life? It is only the Spirit of God who can bring conviction of sin and lead men into truth. Let us not entertain visions of sheaves laid at the Master's feet unless we are certain of the infilling of the Holy Spirit. We cannot expect to be used of God even on specific occasions unless we are controlled by His Spirit every moment; but, if that momentary piloting of the Spirit is present, we can know that we are being fruitful in our service in every action of our lives.

It is Christ whom the world needs, and

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we must have the Holy Spirit to conquer in our offensive for Christ. There is only one way that we can have the Holy Spirit and that is through prayer and obedience. Study the Word of God prayerfully and let His Spirit teach these truths, for He alone can "take the things of Christ and make them known unto you". Let us determine to seek the continual anointing of the Spirit after we have received Him, that we may say, "My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God".

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Review of the year . . .

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November 17. Students have been through exams . . . relax as they listen to and laugh with the little Chinese lecturer, Dr. No-Yong Park. "... Don't eat too much at home, but eat all you can when invited out."

November 25. Thanksgiving Day party makes everyone thankful for Christian friends.

December and everyone seems to be so busy. Basketball is drawing much attention.

December 1. Ballad singers give everyone a grand evening of lively songs with interesting narratives. Dave Osterlander interrupts the street calls by flashing a picture at the most opportune moment.

December 3. Orchestra performs.

December 13. Count Byron de Prook sends chills through the audience at the Chapel with his pictures of ancient lands and his story of a lively mummy.

December 17. The Hallelujah Chorus fills the church with glorious praise to God as Handel's *Messiah* reaches its grand climax. Students sing carols . . . drink hot chocolate at the dorm . . . dream of seeing Mom and Dad next week.

January brings semester exams . . . more class basketball . . . snow and cold weather.

February comes with special meetings conducted by Rev. B. N. Miner. There are wonderful messages . . . glorious testimonies . . . Purple-Gold basketball begins and promises to be thrilling for both men's and women's divisions.

March . . . winds and rain . . . spring and winter.

March 8. William Darden shows beautiful colored movies from Alaska.

March 10. Lois Bannerman has her audience (especially the male portion) in ecstasies as her graceful fingers pluck golden strings. English Duo creates a lasting impression with "Waltzing Ma-

tilda" and "O Dear, What Can the Matter Be?"

April arrives. Everyone is rushing. Volleyball has taken the place of basketball.

April 14. Soph-senior and frosh-junior parties keep students out of mischief.

April 21. Ray Lev proves her ability and also proves the piano "can take it."

April 28. Houghton's bond drive is climaxed with a beautiful and most efficiently planned patriotic program. Burdette Curtiss shows he is not as bashful as some may think.

May. Trees are at last beginning to show green . . . fellows begin training for track . . . baseball is played in Fillmore.

May 4. Seniors skip.

May 5. Junior-senior banquet is held in the Queen's Garden (Rushford Central School's auditorium.) Seniors come back raving, juniors heaving sighs of relief.

May 11-18. Final exams give everyone headaches and dark circles under eyes.

May 19-22. Commencement exercises bring farewells to seniors.

The act is finished. Some of the actors will never return to play — new ones will come. But the drama, with Christian education as its theme will go on. Its Director will never allow it to cease.

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College Class Night . . .

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Both the salutatory and the valedictory addresses were notable for their simplicity and their sincerity. Both were straightforward and pointed.

Good humored class rivalry manifested itself in the mantle ceremony. Carol Gilliland spoke of "Possessing", and used as illustration the attitude of the class of '44 when they were sophomores in "possessing" advantages over the freshman. Bill Smalley, the junior representative countered with a recital of victories which the class of '45 made over the class of '44, but he assured the seniors that the juniors would make use of their valuable possessions during the coming year.

Presentation of gifts by the seniors to their advisors and to the school were made after the valedictory address. To Mrs. Livenspire and Prof. Stockin, faculty advisors, were given a coffee table and bookcase, respectively. Harland Hill, senior president, also gave to Dr. Paine a check for \$350, as a beginning of the front campus improvement project, which is to be continued with the class gifts of the next three classes. Dr. Paine told the class of '44 that they were to be complimented on the fact that they had a vision and were willing to go after it. He said that the college intended to

'Boulders' Not Yet Out; Covers Delayed

An otherwise successful publication year terminated in disappointment as hopes of seeing the 1944 *Boulders* before Commencement quickly evaporated when the unwelcome news came to Raymond Coddington, the Business Manager, that the printers had not as yet received the covers from the cover company. The staff had sent in their material on time; the printers had fulfilled their obligations, but a delay in receiving materials of the right color (it's a military secret — what color) had apparently rendered the cover company unable to fill the order on time.

Ever since early in May the *Boulder* staff had heard with ever increasing frequency the query, "When are the *Boulders* coming out?" Sorrowfully, the staff members had shaken their heads and admitted that they didn't know. With the letter and its bad news, their worst fears were realized.

The staff and the subscribers were disappointed, but arrangements have been made for the *Boulders* to be mailed from Brockton, Mass., the home of the Associate Editor. Summer school students, and possibly high school students, will receive their *Boulders* here at school, but it would be advisable for the latter to leave their home addresses in case the *Boulders* do not arrive before the close of the high school term.

The staff expresses appreciation for the cooperation which the students have given in turning in their addresses. Sometime, and they hope quite soon, the *Boulders* will be arriving in many local post offices.

SERVICEMEN AT

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

There were lots and lots of visitors on the campus over Commencement weekend, but we were a little disappointed that more of our servicemen couldn't have been here; however, we were glad to welcome back A/S Ken Crosser (ex '46), Pvt. John Sheffer, ('43), and Cpl. Robert Robie (ex '45).

go through with the proposition, figuring out what had to wait for the completion of the war and what had to be done immediately.

Mrs. Livenspire, in thanks to the class for the coffee table, spoke of her inability to thank them, not only for the "this tangible something to remember you by, but for the intangible somethings which we shall never forget." Prof. Stockin made his inevitable references to the classics. The most appropriate mention of gifts which he could find to make was, "I am afraid of the Greeks when they come bringing gifts."

Near the beginning of the exercises a trumpet solo was played by Carolyn Keil, a member of the graduating class who has been appointed acting Dean of women for the summer. Margaret Hamilton, whose appointment to next year's faculty was announced some time ago, played a piano solo, "Fireworks", by Debussy.

Summer School Opens with Registration Three Times That of Last Year

An enrollment three times that of last year was announced for the first six-week period of the summer school by Dr. George Moreland, director of the summer school. By Wednesday, May 24th, the day after registration day, fifty-five students had enrolled, whereas last year seventeen registered for the same period. Of the fifty-five students, six or seven are new to the campus. Norman Baxter, of Hinsdale, N. Y., a senior in Taylor U., transferred to Houghton for the summer. Norman Parsons, Ruth Grey Brainard, Bertram Croop, and Natalie Horton are new freshmen beginning their work. Some of this year's Houghton seniors from the preparatory department are taking courses in the summer school. Ellen Stacy, formerly a student in the Houghton Art Department, has returned to Houghton after an absence to enter the music department.

Of the remaining summer school students, seventeen or eighteen are preachers and theologians who are here to meet draft requirements.

Dr. Moreland said that some of these students would not be staying for the whole summer. He said that at the time of the registration for the second six weeks high schools would have been closed, and graduates of high school classes would be coming. He also expects some students to enroll for classes under Dr. Mason.

Twenty-two students have registered for Mrs. Cronk's sophomore English class. This class is the largest, followed by ornithology with seventeen students. Dr. Moreland announced that there were at least three students in every class. Most classes run in size from three to six or eight.

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Theological Class Night ...

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chose for her Scripture Acts 13, verses 1-3, and presented her challenge with a question to us as youth of today. "After taking advantage of the privileges that are ours, how many of us are ready to launch out?"

The second speaker, Forrest Gearhart, enlarged on the topic "Leading into the Deep." The underlying thought of his eight minute sermonette concerned knowing and being very sure of the Savior's will for our lives. Mr. Gearhart cited an excellent example quoted below —

"A soldier has only one thing which he has a right to demand — his orders! As we become soldiers we have just one demand we can make of Christ — our orders, the direction of His will."

Marion Birch, who was the final speaker, made several very good points on "Letting Down the Nets." His scripture reference was found in the first nine verses of Luke 5. A question for thought was given toward the end, when Mr. Birch asked, "When we have the orders, are we ready to lower the nets?" Another worthwhile thought on obedience came from this sermon — "All obedience worth the name obedience must be prompt and ready."

After the singing of a final hymn, Miss Anna Fillmore gave the benediction.

Alumni Banquet Brings Old Spirit to Grads

It was 6 p. m. on the Saturday evening of May 19th when the Houghton dining hall saw some familiar faces... faces it hadn't seen in two... three... four... perhaps more years... faces which were once as much a part of Houghton as the present students are... and with hearts which remain true and loyal to their Alma Mater. The occasion? — the Alumni Banquet, of course... when friends, parents of graduates, alumni, and the senior classes of '44 from the college, preparatory, and Bible school relaxed over a delicious meal and exchanged ideas on what Houghton meant and had meant in their lives.

After the dinner, the guests drew forward their chairs and sang, as best they could after such a luscious meal, the school song H-O-U-G-H-T-O-N. Some hadn't sung it in years — but it still sounded pretty good. Prof. Smith took over as master of ceremonies — presenting the guests (welcome back Steve and Johnnie and Ken), and welcoming the classes of '44. After "Hi's" response, "Marg" Mann, an alumna, offered two songs, much to the delight of the audience. After "Doc" Paine's review of the past year, the group stood and joined in singing the Alma Mater.

The crowd departed... with mingled feelings in different hearts... guests realizing Houghton was different because, as "Doc" Paine said — "it is God's school"... alumni thankful that the Houghton spirit was just the same, since it is the Spirit of One who "is the same yesterday, today and forever", and the classes of '44 with a feeling of regret that they must leave — but a feeling of certainty because of the rich heritage Houghton had given them.

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Missionary Service ...

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of a car as they shine on a road at night; they illumine a small part of it at a time, but no matter how fast the car moves the road is illuminated for that distance. So it is that the light of God leads us on the road of life.

During the course of his message Dr. Wesche used illustrations from his background in China for the points he had to make of the World's needs. He said that as soon as the war was over he would be returning to the field and he hoped that his sons would follow his example.

Assisting in the missionary service were Dr. Paine and Professor Kies who offered prayer. Richard Elmer sang a solo, "Let me burn out for Thee, Lord". Marion Birch was chairman.

The total pledge and cash offering for the evening was \$919. Of this \$213 was in cash.

— H C —

Book Store Open ...

8:30 — 8:50 a. m.

11:00 — 11:20 a. m.

WATCH THESE DATES

Wednesday, June 7 — Blanche Dvorak, Soprano, in "Songs of Free France"

Monday, July 3 — Registration for Summer Session, Second term of Summer Semester

Wednesday, July 5, to Saturday, July 8 — Music Institute

Friday, July 7 — Faculty Recital

Wednesday, August 2 — Aurora Mauro-Cottone, Pianist

Wednesday, September 13 — First Freshman Aptitude test

Friday, September 15 — Freshman Registration, 8:00 a. m. General Registration, 1:30 p. m.

Friday, September 22 — New Students' Reception

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H. S. Class Day Exercises

The Class Day exercises of the high school were held in the college chapel Saturday at 10 a. m. As Margaret Hamilton played the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance", Beverly Barnett and Marjorie Neal, the heralds, led the procession of maroon-robed seniors to the platform.

After the invocation was offered, Rosalie Grenier, the salutatorian of her class, welcomed parents and friends to the program. Eleanor Jones then spoke on the four-fold development of the Houghton student, while Paul Ortlip made chalk illustrations. A quartet composed of Herbert Robertson, Herbert Jansen, Paul Ortlip and Calvin Hayes sang "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" and "Rock of Ages". A dialogue was then given by John Scott and Robert Dingman, entitled "After Graduation." Calvin Hayes presented an oration on the life of Calvin Coolidge, in whose honor he is named, and this was followed by two numbers, "Maytime" and "Calm in the Night" by a chorus including all the senior girls directed by Mrs. Livenspire. Alice Wright delivered an oration, "The High Cost of Low Living" and the valedictory.

After the class song was sung and the benediction pronounced, the seniors marched out onto the front steps where many awaited them with cameras.

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that analyzes the Christian life, not a sacrament that promotes the Christian life, not the sermon on the mount which is but the architect's plan of which the Christian is the cathedral. Christianity is a vital force — the living Christ within your living soul, living out a right character."

Addressing particularly the graduates and giving them his blessing, Mr. Nicholson said, "The measure of friendship is 'as I have loved you'. God so loved that He gave; Christ so loved that He gave; and he expects that His followers will too 'so love' that they give."

Baccalaureate Sunday was not the first occasion on which Mr. Nicholson has been heard from the local church platform. Last fall he was the speaker for the college revival services. Mr. Nicholson has had long service in the Wesleyan connection, and at present is publication secretary of the denomination.

The Reverend C. L. Hill, father of Harland Hill, president of the graduating class pronounced the benediction.

Miss Davison Registrar; To Have Full-Time Assistant

The position of Registrar, recently vacated by Miss Anne Madwid, is to be filled by Miss Rachel Davison, with a full-time assistant next year. Miss Davison is to teach nine hours, but is forced to operate under a reduced schedule because of her health. It is thought that the position of registrar will not be so hard upon her. Miss Davison has been teaching in Houghton College for several years, and is one of the best instructors in the school in the minds of many students.

A heavy summer schedule is being planned by Dr. Paine for the months before school opens again. He is to be traveling most of the summer, with Sacandaga Bible Conference and a Michigan camp meeting already scheduled. He plans to take many weekend engagements around Houghton itself. Dr. Paine's purpose in making these trips is to preach and to advertise Houghton. The first of his summer engagements is to be in Spring Arbor, Michigan, at the Seminary and junior college there. This engagement is scheduled for the 28th and 29th of May.

Some other faculty members who will not be teaching this summer will be busy. Professor Alton M. Cronk will be working on his doctor's degree from July 3 to August 11, after teaching the first six weeks of summer school. He will do his studying in New York University.

Mrs. Mary Neighbor, acting librarian this year, will not return in the fall. She is as yet uncertain as to what she will do. Miss Ellen Mills, who has been teaching in the high school and working in the library, will be teaching social studies next year in Delevan.

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it might have been because there was no pressure group or personal request, and it was awarded entirely on merit.

Before ordination, Mr. Armstrong did missionary work among the Onondaga Indian Tribes, translating many of the old Gospel hymns into the dialect. He was made a member of the tribe before he left this work to become pastor of the Bradford, Penna. Wesleyan Methodist Church. In the nine years before he came to Houghton, our college pastor was engaged in evangelistic work among the young people of many denominations. Mr. Armstrong left this work in 1941 to become the pastor of the Houghton Wesleyan Methodist Church.

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morning prayer, and Rev. Stanley W. Wright formerly of the Houghton College faculty and father of Alice Wright, the high school valedictorian, pronounced the benediction. Miss Ruth Bartlett provided the special music of the exercises with a violin solo.

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