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Fifth Annual Youth Conference Will Convene in Houghton Saturday A. M.

MR. C. E. GREMMELS

The Fifth Annual Youth Conference will convene in the Houghton college chapel on April 27 at 10:00 a. m. A full program has been planned for the two day conference and a large delegation of young people is expected from the nearby sections.

Mr. Charles E. Gremmels, a business man known to many Houghton students and friends, will be the main speaker of the conference. A "fisher of men" himself having been an active Christian for thirty-seven years, he is well fitted to speak on the theme of the conference. His most popular method of "fishing for men" is through the distribution of tracts, of which he has 3,200 different kinds — "trick tracts" which



"A fisher of men"

are appropriate for use in a telephone booth, at a baseball game, or on a train. Sometimes compared to the late Billy Sunday, he is a man with a message which each young person needs. His talks on practical service in which he includes many of his own personal experiences will be a blessing to all those who, like him, want to work for Jesus Christ.

The opening chapel address entitled, "Compassionate Concern for Men" will be given by the Rev. David A. Rees, of Elmira, who is a well known youth leader in the Wesleyan Methodist church. A short talk will be given by the Rev. H. O. Olney, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church of Buffalo, at the informal

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Girl's Varsity Debate Team on Trip

Without a noisy leave taking or a heralded return, the girls Varsity Debate team in their own quiet manner successfully completed a four-day tour April 16-19 debating en route Albany State Teachers' College, University of Vermont, St. Lawrence University, and William Smith College. The team composed of Thelma Havill, Jane Cummings, Lois Bailey and Mildred Schaner, was accompanied by Dean and Mrs. Hazlett.

The debates, although non-decision, did not find Houghton college representatives at a disadvantage. Two questions, the P.K.D. question "Resolved: That the United States should adopt a policy of strict isolation military and economic toward all nations outside the western hemisphere engaged in armed international or civil conflict," and the women's question for this year "Resolved: That the United States should enact legislation providing for the conscription of wealth in time of war" were under discussion.

Of special interest was the Oregon style debate held with St. Lawrence University, Misses Havill, Bailey and Schaner participating. Miss Bailey proved most apt as "Madam District Attorney," several times confusing

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Grainger Concert Ends the Season

Renowned Musician Plays to Full House

The last concert of the current Artist series was given Friday evening, April 19, when a full house greeted Percy Grainger, the renowned Australian pianist and composer.

Mr. Grainger from the first won his audience. His performance of the opening number, the Bach G Minor Fantasia and Fugue, brought magnificence and sonority to the work. The clean-cut execution of the fugue, with the melodious quality imparted to the individual voices, was for many the high level of artistic pianism attained during the evening.

The Chopin sonata, in turn, received a wonderful treatment by the pianist. The interpretation was highly individual and was a faithful reflection of the verbal interpretation Mr. Grainger provided as a program note. It was said, nevertheless, that the opus has undoubtedly been performed by others with more emotion and romanticism.

In fact, the most striking disappointment in the program was the failure of the pianist to sound the depths of romantic music. It is strange that one who has composed such lovely examples of romantic music as the lullaby from "Tribute to Foster" should play Debussy's "Claire de Lune" almost like baroque counterpoint. Mr. Grainger's performance of "After a Dream," on the other hand, was most satisfying.

Mr. Grainger's own arrangement of folksongs captured the interest of the listeners. The intricate rhythms and colorful harmony gave the melodies life. Those who came with the hope of hearing "Country Gardens" were not disappointed, for Mr. Grainger played it as an encore.

The program follows:
1. Fantasia and Fugue, G Minor
2. Sonata in B Minor, op. 58 Chopin

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Delbert Harter, World Traveler, Appears For Outstanding Lecture Course Number

Curious Reporter Interviews 'Real American Fellow'

By Casey Kahler

After the program in chapel last Monday, I went up to Mr. Harter to ask him a few questions. I found him very pleasing and willing to answer any reasonable question and a few that were not so reasonable. He was what you might term "a swell guy." He was human and every bit an American fellow. I guess most of you found that out by his sense of humor.

The first thing I asked him, was if he had ever been to South America. He informed me that he had not been there yet, but that he was going to take a trip down that way in just a few years. Well, one question leads to another. He told me that he was going to keep lecturing for a few more years. After about three years, he thought that he would have enough money saved up to buy himself a plane. Of course I asked if I could go with him. He asked if I knew how to navigate. Well, he had me there. After he gets his plane, he is going to make an air trip through South America. His trip is going to be on the same principle as his through Europe except that he is going to travel by air.

He hasn't decided what he would like to do when he gets back from South America. He would like to continue lecturing but he said his line would run out some day, so he was going to either teach or preach. His father was an active member of the United Brethren church in California and his brother preaches in a Congregational church in Hawaii. While he was in college, he majored in history

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Latin and French Teachers Confer

A group meeting of Latin and French teachers representing seven supervisory districts of Allegany and Steuben counties convened Saturday, April 20, in Wellsville high school.

In the morning meeting of Latin teachers under the chairmanship of Miss Mabel Bergerson, of Wellsville, Mr. Gordon Stockin, instructor in Latin at Houghton college, spoke to an appreciative group on the influence and direct use of Latin and Classical Mythology in current literature and newspapers. He also gave a brief review of recent books, periodicals, and articles which could serve as a stimulus for interest to both pupils and teachers of Latin in secondary schools.

The language teachers met together for a semi-formal luncheon at the Pickup Restaurant.

In the afternoon meeting of French teachers under the very capable direction of Miss Alice Pool, of Houghton, the French II class from Houghton seminary presented a program of music and an exhibition work. The pupils were recipients of the most favorable comments from the visiting French teachers.

Calendar

APRIL

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Thursday, April 25

7:00 Music recital

Friday, April 26

High school junior-senior banquet

Sophomore-senior party

Bible school party

Saturday, April 27

Youth Conference

Sunday, April 19

Youth Conference

Monday, April 29

Pre-med club, Expression club banquet

Tuesday, April 30

7:00 Student prayer meeting

8:15 A play given by the W. C.T.U.

Wednesday, May 1

Frosh-junior party

Senior skip day

Thursday, May 2

7:00 Music recital

Friday, May 3

A capella choir's home concert

Andrews, Cronk In Sonata Program

Prof. Andrews and Prof. Cronk collaborated in a sonata recital given in the chapel on Wednesday evening, April 17.

A large and appreciative crowd were on hand to acclaim the finish and artistry demonstrated in the work of the two teachers. Throughout the program Prof. Andrews delighted the listeners with his beautiful tones and expert technique on the violin, while Prof. Cronk provided splendid partnership on the piano. It is only the autocracy of the edition and the limitations of space which prevent more praise for this exceptional recital.

The program:
Handel Sonata in A Major
Grieg Sonata in F, Opus 8
Vivaldi Sonata in D Major
Carpenter Sonata

Scholastic Honors

Eight students received Summa Cum Laude at the end of the second semester ten weeks' examinations. They were as follows: Louise Baldur, Ivan Engle, James Evans, Thelma Havill, Claribel Saile, all of whom have 3.00000; Rachel Boone and Alan Gilmour 2.906; Lester Paul 2.900.

NOTICE PUBLIC

Seniors are wearing their caps to chapel Friday morning. They as yet have to find their caps. They are very hot the trail of them but as yet one jump behind.

'The Magic Carpet Of Good Will' Is Key to Success

"The magic carpet is but a genial feeling of good will toward every man," Mr. Delbert Harter stated in chapel Monday. To this magic carpet he attributed his successful two year trip through 58 countries of the world. He started out with ten dollars and came back with two hundred and ten dollars.

Leaving the University of California in Los Angeles on a motorcycle he arrived in Chugwater, Wyoming where the motorcycle collapsed. Here, he traded it for an Austin which he "put on" rather than got into.

He and his companion were the second Americans to enter Spain after the war. He said that in Lisbon youths from the age of six years and up were drilling in Fascist training camps.

The natives of India actually drank warm blood of sacrificial animals to atone for sins he related. The women do the work in the Burmese Jungle he stated. It is a common sight to see twelve short, stubby women smoking huge cigars and rowing a boat, being supervised by a man. This sight reminded him of a steamboat.

While in China a train on which he was riding was bombed three times.

From Palestine he brought one of the latest fashions, a "very daring" long sleeved black dress with "stop light effect" red trimming. He exhibited a riding whip, which he obtained from the Taj Mahal, that was a stick knife in disguise. Last of all, he displayed a flint-lock from Arabia, which he stated was his most prized possession.

"I am lucky to be an American," Mr. Harter closed.

Carleton Herrman, Arthur Mann in Joint Recital

The first of the senior recitals was given Thursday evening, April 18, in the chapel. The performers were Carleton Herrman, cornetist, and Arthur Mann, trombonist.

Mr. Herrman attained his best in the second movement of the Williams concerto. Mr. Mann's handling of the Alschausky selection was the high point of his part of the program. Adequate accompaniment was furnished by Barbara Cronk and Doris Veazie.

The program was as follows:
Concerto No. Ernest S. Williams
Allegro Moderato
Larghetto
Allegro

Carleton Herrman
Concerto No. 2 in B flat Major
Sarafin Alschausky
Allegro ma non troppo (Marcia)
Adagio Amoroso
Andante
Finale (Marciale)
Arthur Mann
"Inflamatus" from Stabat Mater
Rossini
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EDITORIAL

Nineteen-Hundred and Now

Conflicting appeals for loyalty reach the ears of America these days. Isolationists argue that we are entirely secure; there is nothing to worry about. The cosmopolitan thinkers point out that America cannot shield itself from an effective type of shrapnel that ricochets even across the Atlantic: witness the drop in foreign trade, the delay of United States mail, the echoing precussions of blitzkriegs upon the stock exchange. Even the stay-at-homes talk glibly about our responsibility for the "western hemisphere"—and that is a large order. The Monroe Doctrine furnishes small refuge for those who refuse to look beyond their own community, because even its implications are tremendous.

George Washington's thoughts about the evil of entering into foreign entanglements are regarded in some quarters almost with the sacred awe due divine inspiration, and he becomes the Apostle Paul in the American canon of tradition. But Washington's utterances do not necessarily deserve more prophetic respect than those of any other devoted 18th century citizen, nor do his admonitions indisputably become an accurate chart for the 20th century steering.

Modern critical evaluation is not on the side of those who close their eyes to the realities of the war, believing they can thus blindly solve our problem. War is a red light for civilization, hating progress, but meanwhile burning fuel. War is inefficient. War is death. And this war is even now at our very gate. Only in acknowledging, however, sorrowfully, its proximity, and thoughtfully planning our course in the light of today, is true intelligence.

— K. L. W.

To Whom It May Concern

Thirty Stars a year is the small assignment the editor of the Star with the staff has when he takes over his responsibilities. Copy, cuts, and other minor details too numerous to mention occupy the editor's attention almost continuously. Then, if some mistake is made, or some unintentional offense is given the editor "takes it." It may occasionally become tedious; nevertheless, he usually finds it more fun than he lets on to the onlooker. (After a year of such fun) many who have held this position, have felt that it merited something more than "you have done a fine job." If the editor works for third board, as the last three out of four have, studying all too often becomes a side-line. Thus, it becomes difficult to produce a paper the quality he and the college desire the Star should be. Mr. Muir, editor 1936-37, and Mr. Andrus, editor 1937-38, have both expressed themselves in favor of a paid editor. Mr. Willett, editor 1938-39, has said that the editor had enough to do without working for one-third board.

The Star makes a definite contribution to the college by serving the constituency with the news of the important events. Yearly the subscriptions are increasing. This year they have advanced about one-third over last. Thus, the Star is playing an increasingly important part in college publicity. The editor, responsible for the success of the Star, is overlooked when pecuniary matters are considered, yet many less important jobs on the campus performed by students, are paid for by the college. If you want an example of this, look for yourself almost anytime.

Perhaps the best reason we could give for paying the editor is that he earns it. If he were paid by the hour as the kitchen help is, he would receive much more than one-third board. All are agreed that the responsibilities of the editor are now sufficient without additional work about the campus. The increasing duties of our college paper must be considered as another mile-stone in our scholastic advancement.

Two main objections offered to a paid editor are: the position

HABITS: Our Allies or Enemies?

By H. E. Rosenberger

Next to the moral qualities which make up our character, there is nothing that counts more for our weal or woe, success or failure, than the habits we form. What we accomplish or fail to accomplish in later years will be largely due to habits formed in early youth. They will be either our allies or our enemies for the rest of our days.

Habits may be defined as combinations of actions, so bound together by frequent repetition that they tend to be repeated in the order in which they are practiced. The basis of habit is found in the plasticity of the nervous system, whereby actions, being once performed, tend to be repeated, and are more likely to occur in the order and after the manner of their first performance.

One has said that "nine-tenths of life is lived in the mould of habit." Very few of us are aware how completely our conduct is dominated by habits, many of which were formed so early in life that they seem to us as inseparable parts of our human nature. This is the reason some people think they entered life with the handicap of certain evil habits. But we know that habit formation begins as soon as we begin to act, and we are active from the moment of birth. Activity is the first law of our nature, and an action performed three times, especially if its performance brings satisfaction, is well on the way to becoming a habit. This is especially true of habits begun, as many of our habits were, before we had any understanding of our conduct or control of our behavior. This is the tragedy of allowing young children to form habits of idleness and vice which will handicap them through life and may finally mean their eternal ruin.

The law of habit works whether the action be good or bad, a help or a hindrance, beneficial or destructive, namely, the more often an act is performed the deeper the groove made in brain and nerves, the more necessary a part of our life it becomes, and the more difficult it is to replace it with action of another kind. The habits formed, or forming, are working all the time for our weal or woe, toward success or failure, toward a climb to power or a descent to degradation and weakness. Every act we perform does in fact leave an indelible mark on our character, and either raises or lowers us in the moral scale.

A character in a certain play by the name of Rip Van Winkle, who tries to break the habit of drink, excuses himself each time he yields to temptation by saying, "I won't count it this time!" But, as the psychologist William James remarks "he may not count it, and a kind Heaven may not count it; but it is being counted none the less. Down deep in his nerve cells and fibres the molecules are counting it, registering

will be sought after for the remuneration, and secondly, the honor is sufficient reward. In answering the first objection we can simply say if it is remuneration that is being sought, it might better be sought where the clock is punched and the recipient is paid by the hour. In answering the second, the honor of being editor is not denied; however, we cannot see how a nominal remuneration detracts from the honor of being editor. The honor might be sufficient if the editor did not find it necessary to work at some other task. This is not the case for as it has already been pointed out the last three out of four have found it necessary to work for one-third board.

We would especially invite the careful consideration of the Houghton Board. If they believe the succeeding editors worthy of one third board, they can be assured it will be gratefully received. If after unbiased consideration you believe remuneration unwarranted, we thank you for your scrutiny of this subject. An opinion pro or con will at least show your interest in our college paper.

— W. B. N.

DR. H. E. ROSENBERGER



"Activity is the first law of nature"

and storing it up to be used against him when the next temptation comes. Nothing we ever do is, in strict literalness, wiped out. As we become drunkards by so many separate drinks so we become saints in the moral realm and experts in the scientific sphere, by so many separate acts and hours of work. Let no youth have any anxiety about the upshot of his education, whatever the line of it may be. If he keeps faithfully busy each hour of the working-day, he may safely leave the final result to himself. . . . Young people should know this truth in advance. The ignorance of it has probably engendered more discouragements and faint-heartedness in youths embarking on arduous careers than all other causes put together."

We conclude with a few practical suggestions on the importance of habit formation in education and in the building of character:

1. Since any act may be the first step in the direction of a habit, we should think before performing any new action, whether we would want such action to become a permanent part of our lives. If it would not be desirable as a habit, we should beware of the first step. Since, too, thought is the fountain of all action, we should guard carefully our thought life, especially our imagination, and entertain only those thoughts which we would be glad to have embodied in outer conduct.

2. More necessary is the positive side, to see to it that we begin as early as possible in life to form new habits that will build us into stronger

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By

J. P. Q.

DeRight



PUISSANT PUNDITS

THE THEFT

A play in three acts

ACT I: Scene 1.

(Place, Boulder Office; Time, Thursday afternoon)

Senior: Well, it is nice of you to let us hang our caps and gowns in the Boulder office.

Ed: Oh, that's all right. I'll leave the office open this afternoon for you, so that you can get them all hung up.

Senior: Fine; I'll start right away. We are going to wear them for chapel tomorrow, and march in in a body.

Scene 2. (Office, Thursday afternoon, later)

A boy enters with his back to the audience. He slips behind the row of neatly-hung gowns and unlocks the window. Then he goes out. Enter the Editor.

Ed: Hello! Well, nobody here, I guess. Might as well lock up and go home. (Exit)

ACT II.

(Same place; time: 11:30 p. m.)

Someone opens the window back of the row of gowns, and climbs in. He looks around.

First thief: O.K. The coast is clear. Come on.

Second ditto: (Enters) Where are the caps? Hurry up. (They take the caps, which are hanging up with the gowns, and start handing them out of the window.) What if some of the Seniors see us?

First T: One of the fellows is watching some of the Seniors upstairs; he'll warn us. And anyway, you should worry; you're a Senior.

Second T: Quiet! (Climbing out of the window) What are we going to do with them now?

First T: (Exit also) Oh, we'll take them over beyond Fillmore. . .

ACT III.

(Boulder office; time, Friday morning before chapel)

Seniors: (Crowding in) Are we going to wear our gowns and caps this morning?

Senior Pres.: No, we won't be able to wear them this morning. We need more time to practice. Some of the class object to doing it without practicing, so I guess we had better let it go for this morning. (Exit)

THE END

At last, friends, I have definite proof that someone reads my column; I even got some fan mail. At least the Editor got it, which is almost the same thing. Someone with more money than brains sent a penny post card to the Editor, as follows:

Mr. Nussey

Dear Sir,—

I should think that Jesse P. Q. DeRight would gain more prestige if he would trade his J.P.Q. in for an F. Do you think you cud do something about this? I like your paper very much and read it every time.

A Reader

Well, friends, obviously the "fan" is a lover of good jokes. He is implying either that my mark should be an F because that is an accurate estimate of the kind of material in the column, or else that I should capitalize on the initials of that famous fish-loving Friend of the Fireside, F.D.R. Whichever one is intended, you can see that the joke is a good one. As to addressing Mr.

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Music Notes

By Mark Armstrong

Wagner pinned his overture to *Tanhauser* in a heat of inspiration. Then after hearing his creation blasted forth and sawed away by innumerable bands and orchestras, he came to loathe it. Ravel wrote his *Bolero*, enjoyed the dubious honor of enduring it on countless occasions, and in the end went stark mad with its merciless rhythm throbbing incessantly through his brain. Rachmaninoff composed a notoriously famous *Prelude in C sharp Minor* in his youth and we understand he is still doing penance for his folly. In fact, the very mention of the masterpiece is alleged to be enough to send the renowned Russian into tantrums.

Yet Friday night we heard Percy Grainger play his *Country Gardens* for an encore just as he has been doing for concert after concert, year in and year out. Perhaps pastoral horticulture has a smack and tang of earthy freshness which becomes intrinsic in the music depicting it, giving to the composition an endless lease of life. At any rate, Mr. Grainger seems never to tire of granting his audiences the privilege of hearing the composer's interpretation of *Country Gardens*.

Percy Grainger was a somewhat bizarre figure to our campus last week. It was hard to believe that the man who wandered listlessly into the auditorium during choir rehearsal, and the man who strode stiffly onto the stage and bowed gloomily to the audience were one and the same person. That the unkempt fellow in a rusty brown suit with a rumpled shock of sandy hair streaked with white was a composer whose name is a household word the world over.

Mr. Grainger claims to despise the piano as a musical instrument. He claims, besides, that he is utterly without talent as a pianist. We who heard him Friday hardly agree. He is not quite the exception proving the statement which is both axiom and adage: "Musicians are a queer crew." Nevertheless, as one student put it, "He certainly plays a lot of piano."

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Nussey as *Deer*, he probably means that Wes should buck up. However, this may be interpreted as a slam at the *Oh, dear* of my efforts; it is hard to smell out his meaning, even though he spent one whole cent to clear it up.

Wanting to know it Wes "*Cud* do something" also has a double meaning. It might infer that I had the editor cowed, or that I should get a new line of bull. Either would do. At any rate, it is obvious that this is no letter from an ignorant person. He reads the *Star* every time, he says, and the signature.—A Reader—proves that he can read. This is truly encouraging to me; and if any of you other plutocrats have a stamp, drop me a line (I've used about all of my line up!). If you can't afford it, write and slip it under the door of the office.

It is reported that the father of one of the Seniors is very sorry he sent his son to Houghton. The son has spent a lot of money, and there is nothing to show for it. Now, says the father if his son had gone to one of the larger schools, he might at least get a Quarter back.

A man of courage is also full of faith. —Cicero

The confidence which we have in ourselves gives birth to much of that which we have in others. —La Rochefoucauld

College Band Has Matinee Concert

The Houghton College Band presented a concert Wednesday afternoon, April 17, in the chapel.

The crowd that gathered to hear the organization, now a bigger and better ensemble through the campaigning and tireless rehearsing of Prof. Homan, was most enthusiastic about the concert. The numbers were played with vim and verve, with snappy precision and good intonation. The interpretations were in good order, and were deserving of the great applause heaped upon them.

One selection found marked favor with the listeners—Vincent Youmans' *Drums in My Heart*. The next concert will be given Saturday afternoon.

The program follows:

Washington Post	Sousa
Lustspiel	Keler-Bela
Saskatchewan	Holmes
Olympia	Holmes
El Capitan	Sousa
Dauntless	Holmes
Chocolate Soldier	Oscar Straus
Best Loved Southern Melodies	Hayes

Drums in My Heart	Youmans
Thunderer	Sousa
Cheerio	Goldman

RECITAL . . .

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Sounds From the Hudson
Herbert L. Clarke
Carleton Herrman

Grand Concerto Friedebald Grafe
Tempo di Marcia, moderato
Moderato
Maestoso
Adagio
Tempo di Marcia, moderato
Arthur Mann

Love's Declaration C. Kegel
"Miserere" from Il Trovatore Verdi
Mr. Herrman and Mr. Mann

Church's Advance Is Not Impeded

World conditions have not impeded the progress of the Wesleyan church according to reports given by Dr. J. F. McCleister, chairman of the executive committee of which Professor J. W. Shea is one of the five members, and Dr. F. R. Eddy, president of the quadrennial general conference. When Professor Shea questioned these gentlemen recently at an executive committee meeting, they optimistically reported that in spite of the unsettled conditions there was never a time in the history of the church when all departments of the church were without one exception showing the progress which they now are.

Dr. Eddy and Dr. McCleister, eliciting further on the improvement, said that the financial and spiritual condition of the four church colleges, of which Houghton is the largest, was never better. An increased circulation in the *Wesleyan Methodist*, *Wesleyan Missionary*, and the *Young People's Journal* has also been made. The equipment of the church publishing house at Syracuse has been recently brought up to date.

To Houghtonians who are interested in the church of our college, it is a source of encouragement to know we are a unity of a thriving church connection.

Ada Stocker Has Position

Ada Stocker, senior in the theological department, will be on the home mission field next year at Oak Hills Fellowship, Bemidji, Minnesota, beginning about the middle of June with her new work.

Miss Hatch Gives Origin Of Names of Many Places

Chapel on Wednesday morning, April 17, was characterized by an unusual and very interesting discussion by our dean, Miss Hatch, on the derivation of the names of many of the cities, towns and villages in New York State.

Among some of the more interesting names of which Miss Hatch related the origin were Penn Yan, Barton, Friendship and Olean. Classical names have also been used to a large extent in naming some of the towns and cities in New York State such as Utica, Rome, Syracuse, Homer and Ovid. Neither do we need to go to Egypt to visit Cartage and Phoenicia and it does seem strange that right here in our own state we can visit Bethany, Lebanon, Jericho and Goshen. The Indians also come in for no small portion of recognition for there are over five hundred places in New York State named after Indians. A few of these are Canadea meaning where the heavens rest on earth, Tonawanda or swift water and Gaoyadeo which would have been called the haven of rest by our ancestors.

Miss Hatch closed her very interesting talk with a two fold request—that no one ask her how to spell the names of these places or ask her where they were located.

Dr. Paine Continues Exposition of Psalms

In chapel Tuesday morning, President Paine continued his talks on the Psalms with the discussion of the 33rd. Beginning the talk he spoke of the importance of the words. Citing Hitler as an example, he showed how one man's word may be law.

Continuing, he said that although everything earthly must be destroyed, the Word of God is reality and will continue to exist. Using several verses from the Gospels, the speaker showed how Jesus' words were all-powerful in performing miracles.

In conclusion he urged constant attention to the Word of God which alone can save. Attention to our own words and thoughts is also a vital necessity in living the Christian life.

Swimming Enthusiasts Begin Life-Saving Course

Swimming enthusiasts found a new course available when they returned to their studies after the Spring vacation; a course giving instruction in life-saving. The reward to each person who completes the course is a Senior Life-Savers' certificate.

Although this course received no official publicity, nearly thirty fellows registered for it on the first day. Those enrolled are divided into two groups, each group having one class a week. The final tests are exceedingly difficult to pass, but the benefits derived from the course will be worth the diligent effort necessary. The certificates received by those who pass will make them eligible for positions as counselors in summer camps; life-guards; and will better their chances of securing employment as teachers.

The instructor for the course is Ralph Black. Final examinations will probably be given by official examiners from Olean and Rushford.

Since the life-saving class was greeted with such enthusiasm, it is likely that it will be available for all next year as a full-time course.

An evil speaker differs from an evil doer only in the want of an opportunity. —Quintillian

Sunday Services

SUNDAY MORNING

Speaking on "The Measure of a Man," Rev. Black used I Cor. 3:1-2 as his text Sunday morning. He referred especially to the measure of a spiritual man; some are "babes in Christ," carnal Christians, whereas others are deeply spiritual and feed on the "meat" of the Word. He described the marks of a well-developed, spiritual soul. Such a person is able to bear with others, is self-sacrificing and Christ-centered, is gentle and patient with others, is able to rise above injury or insult, and seeks with the determination to accept God's will.

W. Y. P. S.

Reading from Colossians 1:1-14, Loren Smith spoke to the W.Y.P.S. on Sunday evening, talking on specific lessons from Paul's prayer. Our relationship with God makes it possible, as Paul prayed, to know the knowledge of God and to be filled with the knowledge of His will. Our spiritual understanding is having within us the mind of Christ and sincere desire to please God. Willing and faithful Christians are fruitful Christians. "It is possible to know the will of God, to expect of God, to ask of God, because He has promised."

EXTENSION

Herman Smith was the speaker in the Sunday afternoon service of the Angelica County Home on April 21. Special music was by a girls' trio, composed of Mildred Bisgrove, Louise Cook, and June Spaulding.

Hayes Minnick spoke in the evening service of the United Brethren Church of Port Allegany, Penna. The trumpet quartet played in this service.

Wright Birthday Party

The family of Mrs. F. H. Wright gave a birthday party in honor of her 61st birthday at Stone Briar, Rushford. The family spent the evening in the Wright home in Houghton. Here Mrs. Wright was presented with an array of birthday presents.

HABITS . . .

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men and women, and do everything to strengthen by repetition the desirable habits already begun. In fact the whole of education may be summed up as consisting of the formation of good and useful habits. "Sow a Habit, and you reap a Character: sow a Character, and you reap a Destiny."

3. In nothing so much as in habit is it true, that we reap in age what we have sown in youth. "The moral is, that what we seek we shall find. What we wish for in youth comes in heaps upon us in old age, too often cursed with the granting of our prayer; and hence the caution that since we are sure of having what we ask, that we beware to ask only high things."

The Duke of Wellington was once asked if habits were a second nature. "Second nature?" he exclaimed. "I say they are ten times second nature!" And the same great soldier, on revisiting in later years the school he attended as a boy, is reported to have said: "The battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton College." And it is just as true today, that most of the battles of later life are lost, as well as won, on the playing fields of high schools and the campuses of colleges.

When one remains modest, not after praise but after blame, then he is really so. —Jean Paul Richter

Those Things That Belong to God

By Henry Ortlip

We have read of powerful and heartless monsters that preyed upon their helpless and unfortunate weaker subjects. Sometimes it was about a cruel giant or ogre, full of meanness and mischief, other times it was of a merciless beast or brute that exercised sovereignty over his inferiors in strength and brute power.

Our God represents more than all of the power and sovereignty than any monster or brute has been able to display. He is the Lord God omnipotent, the creator of all matter, both of organic and inorganic. He is the rightful owner of all things. For we read in God's Word, "Without Him was not anything made that was made."

But God, unlike a selfish brute and some earthy proprietors, has freely shared his marvelous creation with man, the highest being of his creation. He not only has given man dominion over all of his creation, but has shown man countless blessings and kindnesses, providing for his comfort and happiness. And even more than this, God has loved man with an everlasting love, and he has created man capable of returning, at least in a degree, the great love wherewith he has loved us.

But just as certainly as God has endowed us mortals with countless privileges, it is only fair that he require certain obligations of us in return. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, strength, and mind." What a requirement! And the human heart, at first, shrinks. But to know the loving and gracious God who has uttered these words is to change this statement of almost impossible exactions into a joyous and wonderful privilege. Such amazing love as God has manifested unto us, by its own merit, demands our life, our soul, our all.

Jesus Christ, God's Son, one day said to a group of tempting hypocrites, "Render, therefore, unto Caesar the things which are Caesars and unto God the things that are God's." Man finds comparatively little difficulty in fulfilling the first requirement of this statement, but he has had much difficulty in measuring up to the second part. This difficulty has resulted chiefly from two failures on man's part: either he has been indifferent to God's demand or else he has been afraid to make the step of faith of "risking" on God.

To those who have tried God, he is indeed precious. Their greatest joy is found in rendering unto God his loving commands.

GRAINGER . . .

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- Scherzo; Molto vivace
- Largo
- Finale; Presto non tanto
- 3. (a) "After a Dream" ("Apres un Reve") Gabriel Faure
- (b) "The Fountains" (Jeux D'eau) Ravel
- (c) Moonlight (Clair de Lune) Debussy
- (d) Toccata, C Sharp Minor Debussy
- 4. (a) The Merry King, English Folksong set by Grainger
- (b) Scotch Strathspey and Reel set by Grainger
- (c) Lullaby from "Tribute to Foster" Grainger
- (d) "Maguire's Kick" (Irish March-jig) Stanford-Grainger

It is human nature to hate those whom we have injured. —Tacitus

Success is nothing but a good idea coupled with hard work. —Balzac

Chess, Checkers Matches Advance

Treichler and Mix Set Pace in Play

In the chess and checker tournaments certain players have definitely established themselves as title contenders by turning in decisive victories.

As the second round of play gets under way, Howard Treichler has forged into the lead in the chess race with two wins. He defeated Harold Ebel in his first match and then turned back Eldon Stanton. Others with perfect records by virtue of one victory each are, Bill Work, Hayes Minnick, and Ray Alger. Bill Work trapped Tom Gardner's king with a queen and bishop after two and a half hours of play. Neither one had lost many men. Hayes Minnick and Ray Alger each have a victory over Phil Bechtel who may surprise some of the leaders yet. Tom Gardner has one victory and one defeat, winning from Dick Bennett and losing to Bill Work. Others have yet to play their first match.

Glen Mix is leading in the checker tournament with victories over Ed Hall and Ted Reed. He has not lost a tournament game, winning both matches in three straight games. He has yet to meet any of the stronger players however. It is doubtful whether he can defeat them without losing some games. Six others are close behind with one victory each. Livingston has defeated Ted Reed. Bob Longacre turned back Ed Hall three to one. Blackie and Donald Pratt have taken Theobald and Ken Smith respectively. Paul Smith and Reed each have won from Ed Hall. Coming games in which leading players meet may change the standings as each contender fights for top position. Championships will be decided by May 13.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation to the faculty of Houghton college, the choir, the quartette, the senior class, and the student body for the beautiful floral remembrances, and kind expressions of sympathy that we received during our recent sorrow.

The Engle Family.

Nothing is so firmly believed as what we least know. — Montaigne

YOUTH CONFERENCE

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banquet to be held on Saturday evening. A very interesting discussion is slated for Saturday morning at 11:00, under the leadership of Everett Elliott, George Failing, and Robert Fern. Using the theme of the conference, "Fishers of Men," as the basis of their discussion, they will speak on different phases of it including, "The Bait," "The Cast," and "The Catch."

A full musical program under the direction of Charles Foster has been planned. The newly formed College Symphonic Band is to present an open air band concert at 4:00 Saturday afternoon, under the direction of Robert Homan. Mr. Homan will also conduct a male chorus in the evening service. Several quartets will be used including the College Quartet, the trumpet quartet, the girl's quartet, and other male quartets. Charles Foster will be the song leader.

The closing service of the conference will be a vesper service given by the choirs of Houghton college under the leadership of Prof. Eugene C. Schram, Jr. Services of this kind in the past with the choirs under the direction of Mr. Schram have proven to be times of great blessing and inspiration to all those attending and this promises to be no exception.

Rec Hall News

By Arthur Carlson

The Rec Hall was dressed up quite a bit during spring vacation. Eight new tables were constructed in the school carpenter shop and have been put into use. All the games are now being used, two chess and two checkers, and one each of carroms, chinese checkers and dominoes.

Small-pin up lamps have been purchased and installed over the little tables, adding to the appearance of the Rec Hall and the enjoyment of those who use the small games. A supervisors cabinet has been obtained and hat and coat racks are to be installed in the lobby. Coat hangers are now needed. The Rec Hall will appreciate any extra ones you have.

The small games are extremely popular. Two chess game are not enough for the number of chess players who wish to play. The carrom board is seldom idle and the chinese checkers are well liked. About three hundred students found enjoyment and relaxation at the Rec Hall last week alone. The Student Council is to be commended for their efforts toward making the Rec Hall possible. Coach McNeese and Prof. Stockin, the faculty committee now in charge, are doing everything possible to fit the hall to the needs of the college and community.

Saturday's visitors included Doc and Mrs. Paine and Bob Luckey. In the shuffle board game with Callin and Ken Smith, Doc and Bob repeatedly scored on that small forward ten square often displacing each other. Doc also scored considerably on the back ten square. Mrs. Paine showed the girls really how to play but it is doubtful whether she could outscore Doc on the back tens. Doc and Bob also played table tennis.

Other visitors have been Herman Smith and Helen Reynolds, and Bob Foster and Elsie Berger. Alice Wright and Peg Fancher are a match for any two at carroms. Robert McKee has been improving his table tennis game. Friday Ed Hall and Howard Brooks played the longest shuffle board game on record at the Rec Hall.

Lantern Sales Increase

The Lantern Publicity Managers have released the following statement to the press:

At present, sales have approached the 200 mark. If the subscription managers are able to double the present total, the staff is promised a banquet in the latter part of May.

This year's edition of Houghton's literary magazine will be larger than last year's having about 12 extra pages of literary efforts for the pleasure of the readers.

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Campus Gang Hold Stag Party Honoring Ed Hall

Ed Hall, popular boss of campus and building workers, was both master of ceremonies and guest of honor at a stag party held in the college recreation hall on Wednesday evening, April 17.

Tasty frankfurters, roasted over an open fire, hot coffee, and delicious vanilla ice-cream were served to about forty individuals in attendance, after a gay evening of games which included: shuffle-board, ping-pong, carroms, checkers, chess, and dominoes. The variety of diversions made it possible for everyone to be active the entire evening.

The entertainment fulfilled its purpose of "creating a feeling of unity and good will among the workers," and also set a precedent for such an occasion in succeeding years.

The closing minutes of the party proved to be the most exciting as the workers cheered their jovial supervisor, and sang two of the more popular songs, "Come Back to Dear Old Houghton," and the Alma Mater. Finally, as the last strains, "Let us pray that we, all her sons, be firm and loyal 'til eternity," faded with the dying embers on hearth, a mock chorus of "Good Night Ladies" sprang up to send the young men merrily on their way.

DEBATE TOUR

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her opponents. The radio debate over station WCAD, Canton, N. Y. on the afternoon of the same day gave Miss Schaner and Miss Cummings opportunity to air their voices.

Along the wayside were many things which caught the attention of the party. The marble quarries of Vermont yielded several weighty slabs of souvenir evidence as well as educational benefit.

"In conclusion those who know firmly maintain that the 1940 girls debate tour was highly successful because: firstly, those involved had an excellent trip; secondly, because the policy of strict punctuality was firmly engendered in the habits of all-especially the debate coach's."

Teaching Positions

Three more members of this year's graduating class have received school positions for next year. Arthur Mann and Robert Strong will be instructors in the music departments at Pavilion and Forestville respectively. Clara-belle Saile will teach at the high school in Wayland, New York.

Also receiving teaching positions are Jack Crandall ('39) who will teach at Fillmore; Dorothy Smith ('39) who will teach at Richburg; and Elaine Corsetto ('38), who will teach at Walworth.

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Who's Who in The Moses House

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As he idly contemplated, the group one by one, the different individuals began to claim his attention, and having finished his dinner he drew out his notebook and tabulated as follows:

A member of faculty, president of the senior class, president and vice president of the junior class, vice president of the high school seniors, editor of the *Star*, photographic editor of the 1940 *Boulder*, president of the student council, three members of the student council, president of the W.Y.P.S., extension secretary of the W.Y.P.S., president of the Ministerial Association (1st semester), president of the Torchbearers, five licensed preachers, two whose names will be found in the *Who's Who for College Students*, two members of the Brick Church Choir, Rochester, two members of the A Cappella Choir, one member of the Chapel Choir, two members of the Houghton College Little Symphony Orchestra, member of the trumpet quartet, member of the College Male Quartet, seven waiters, holders of the mile, half-mile, shot put, 100 yd. dash, 220 yd. dash, and relay records.

Here the gong rang for prayers and your reporter was obliged to discontinue his research into the personnel of the seventeen members of the Moses House.

A little thing comforts us because a little thing afflicts us. — Pascal

We know the truth, not only by the reason, but also by the heart. — Pascal

INTERVIEW . . .

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ry and minored in education. His history helped him very much in his trip around the world.

Del had with him the pictures that he referred to during his talk and was very kind in showing them to me. There were several taken while in the lepers' camp. He showed me a picture of a leper that had no fingers on his hands. Another picture showed an operation in which he was helping to remove some of the bones from the foot of a leper. He also had a picture of the sheik who entertained him for a few days. He was not as good looking as I had expected. The pictures that impressed me the most, were the ones that he took while in China. Most of these pictures were taken with a small Univex camera that cost fifty cents. As he told all of you, the pictures of the execution were taken through a hole in his coat. These pictures were remarkable in view that they were taken under such circumstances. They were not of great photographic beauty, but they were of great human interest value. There were pictures there that one can never expect to see the likes of again. In one picture it showed the executioner's knife just entering the flesh of a man's neck. In another picture it showed a body lying in the street with the head lying about four feet away. There were several pictures of Chinese prisoners being shot in the back of the head. He had a picture of his German friend that was killed during a bombing raid on a Chinese town. He had a picture of a soldier whose flesh was falling off of his body. It didn't look very appetizing.

I would have liked to talk longer with Del, but I had to go to history and so our interview had to come to an end.

BLEACHER



GOSSIP

by Allyn Russell

Sixteen major league clubs experienced some of the frigid weather that's also been hovering around this local settlement as the top notch diamond "eskimos" dipped into the 1940 baseball pool the middle of last week. Rapid Robert Feller's opening no-hitter was quite naturally the apex of cool atmosphere pitching; however, the White Sox claimed the ball was coated with ice and therefore it was not an absurdity at all that the Comiskey park crew were unable to hit. Another explanation is this—snow flurries were in the air that opening afternoon and perhaps it was rather difficult to distinguish the horsehide from the other frozen rain drops. In that case Jimmy Dyke's men might have tried snowshovels for bats.

'Thermometers' in the windy city of Chicago on the afternoon of Friday the 19th, when the clubs opened their new stand, read a cool forty-one degrees. Dizzy Dean reported that he walked in by his locker after the contest to take a hot shower but all the ice cubes from the drinking rack were under the hot water spicker. The Yankees were tempted to wear the Rangers uniforms for the first couple of weeks but negotiations fell through. Last Saturday with snow still coming down each Yankee player hitting a circuit clout distributed salt as he trotted around the bases to guide his later comrades. Bill Klem, the grand old man of umpiring game, is said to have used an ice pick and shovel instead of the usual whispbroom to polish off home plate. On the contrary, however, Mr. Klem was a bit warm under the collar, for the season was but an inning and a half old when disturbed by the verbal accusation of Lippy Leo Durocher, Monsieur Klem banished the current Brooklyn pilot. Another warmer time was had two days later at Ebbets field where, before nearly thirty thousand tickled on-lookers, the Dodgers made it exceedingly hot for their metropolitan rivals the Giants, walloping them 12-0 . . . Well, this week we promised to pick the Nat'l league! (Not an easy job). They are lots of "ands and buts," nevertheless here they are with apologies to Bill Cossel — Cincinnati, St. Louis, Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia. . . Both of the local squads have had outdoor practice but at the present writing captains have not been elected. First game scheduled to get under way next week. . . Ed Hall and ground crew are industriously grooming the track and diamond for the spring minded athletes. Kieth Sackett is well under way for his biggest season! And several Frosh are expected to come through. That's all for this week, in the meantime trust for some good weather!

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