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## Smalley Exhorts Students to Witness

"God does not want all of us who love Him for active Christian service. But He does want each of us to be witnesses of His Gospel," the Rev. Wm. Smalley stated in chapel April 16. He went on to recount the statement of Dr. Glover who, after years in active missionary service in China, said, "If I had it to do over, I'd do it again."

Rev. Mr. Jaffrey was another outstanding witness whose experience Mr. Smalley cited. This man, a classmate of Dr. Glover, went to China and later opened pioneer works in French Indo-China and the South Sea Islands. "God had burned something into his heart so he had to push back horizons," Mr. Fisk, another prominent witness, contacted Mr. Jaffrey, aided in the South Sea Island work, and won literally thousands to Christ. These men sacrificed all to follow Christ's command, "Go ye."

The Rev. Mr. Smalley, father of Beulah Smalley (class of '48) and William Smalley, graduate of Houghton's class of '45, is the personnel secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. In the past he has served with the same denomination as missionary to the Moslems, pastor, and District Superintendent.

## DR. IRA S. BOWEN RECEIVES MEDAL

One of the three Potts Medals for 1946 from the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was awarded to Dr. Ira S. Bowen of Pasadena, California.

Dr. Bowen is director of the Mount Wilson Observatory. He is being honored for studies which throw light upon the nature of substances in nebulae and the corona of the sun, which were revealed by spectrographic analysis of the light from these distant sources.

It was proved by Dr. Bowen that only low density in a nebulae could permit the kind of light received from it, and that the shining material was not a strange substance but the familiar oxygen and nitrogen under such low pressures that the atoms, in the best degree of vacuum obtainable in a laboratory, were millions of times as crowded together.

The medal, established in 1906, is awarded for distinguished work in science of the arts, important development of previous basic discoveries, inventions of products of superior excellence or utilizing important principles.

Dr. Ira Bowen was a student at Houghton for three years. Since Houghton did not have its charter at this time, he completed his work for his A. B. at Oberlin College in 1919. At present he is an instructor at the California Institute of Technology from which he received his doctor's degree in 1926. Dr. Bowen is the son of the late Mrs. Philinda Bowen, principal of the Houghton Preparatory for 35 years.

## Barbara E. VanDyke Presents Recital

On Monday evening, April 22, Miss Barbara VanDyke, contralto, will give her Senior recital in the chapel. "Barbie," as she is better known around the campus, is a student of Professor Donald Butterworth and will be accompanied by Beatrice Fletcher. Lois Hardy will provide a flute accompaniment for one number.

Barbara has participated in many extra-curricular activities, such as A Cappella Choir, Orchestra, Oratorio Society (soloist), Music Club, and Extension Work. She has acted as president of the dormitory this year. Barbara has been accepted as assistant to the Rev. J. C. Mabece, D.D., in the Centenary Methodist Church in Bath, New York.

Included in the program will be groups of Italian, French, German, English songs, and two arias, taken from the *Messiah* and *Il Trovatore*.

## GERBER SPEAKS EASTER SUNDAY

On Sunday morning, April 21, an Easter Sunrise Service will be held at 6:30 o'clock at the far end of the athletic field. Brass instruments will accompany the group singing, which will be led by Dave Flower. Other special music will be given by Joan Carville, accompanied by Jeanette Fortran on the cello, and the Junior girls' trio.

Rev. Mr. Virgil Gerber of the Baptist Church in Perry, New York, will be the speaker. Formerly he was associated with Dr. Brownville of Tremont Temple in Boston, as a youth leader. Three times a week Mr. Gerber broadcasts from Batavia.

## Art Club Discusses Remodelling Art Room

The Art Club met Monday at the home of Mrs. Stockin. During the business meeting the possibility of having the art room converted into a browsing room for those interested in art was discussed. The room would be open certain hours each week with pictures displayed and art magazines and books available. Further details will be announced at a later time.

The Club is trying to get material from the Buffalo Art Museum for an exhibit, to take place at the Percy Grainger concert.

Pat Douglas gave an interesting talk about art and religion, centering his remarks on the work of Paul Nash. He also showed and explained his collection of British works of art to the members. Following the program Mrs. Stockin served refreshments.

The Seniors took again the grade point honors when of the twenty-two listed, there were ten Seniors. Three Seniors, Evelyn McNeill, Etta Whitney, and Eleanor Phillips, and Betty Lawrence, Freshman, received grade points of 4.

## Percy Grainger, Noted Pianist, Performs In Climaxing Concert of '45-'46 Season

### Speaking Classes Picture Easter

"Christ the Lord is risen today." This was the joyous climax to the theme of the Easter story presented in student prayer meeting by the Public Speaking Classes, Tuesday night. After the opening prayer, Mrs. Lennox read a portion of the 19th chapter of John's Gospel, which was followed by a pictorial and musical representation of chapter 20.

First was seen Joseph of Arimathea as he begged of Pilate the right for Jesus' body. Then the priest appeared to Pilate with his petition that a watch be set at the tomb. At the tomb (which was set up on the stage) weeping Jewish women fled at the approach of him who sealed the sepulchre. Voices in the background softly sang, "Low in the Grave He Lay."

Then followed the glorious scene of an angel's appearing to roll the stone away. Joyful voices proclaimed "Christ the Lord is risen today." The coming of the women to the sepulchre, their astonishment, the revelation of the news to Peter and John, and finally Jesus' revelation of Himself to weeping, lonely Mary, formed the last scene in the portrayal of the resurrection story. Student voices then gladly joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and in offering prayer and praise to Him who died that all might live.

## Torchbearers Bring Good Friday Service

A Good Friday worship service is to be held in the church on Friday, April 19, from 12 to 3 p.m. The theme of the service is the first part of John 3:16. The program was arranged and prepared by Torchbearers.

In order that all students may have the opportunity to attend the service, all classes, labs, and practice periods have been canceled for Friday afternoon.

## Library Makes Purchase

The newest important acquisition is a new Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, second edition. It has replaced the New Standard Dictionary on the stand; the New Standard has been retired to the Reference corner of the reading room.

In order that new books may be made available at their newest, they are being rushed through temporary cataloguing without classification to the New Book shelf. From now on, the arrangement on the New Book shelf will be alphabetical rather than classified.

## Music Lovers Welcome Guest

Long famous throughout the globe, the name of the celebrated composer and pianist Percy Grainger needs no introduction to music lovers on our campus. Mr. Grainger will be featured, in a return engagement, as the highlight of Houghton College's Artist Series program for '45-'46, and will give his concert in the chapel Friday evening April 26, as the final number in this year's concert season.

Grainger has been heralded throughout the world for his magnificent performances. He is one of the most picturesque figures ever to appear on a concert stage, and has a remarkable command of the keyboard which enables him to define many moods—from martial vigor to lyric romance.

One of the most interesting and unique personalities among contemporary musicians, Percy Grainger has an absorption in his art which often causes him to disregard many of the conventions, even the comforts of modern life. He has acquired a reputation as an eccentric, which is totally undeserved, because of the life he chooses to follow. He is an amazingly athletic figure, and enjoys abounding physical vitality; these are reflected in his musical interpretations on inspirations, and unmatched by many of our contemporary artists. He has made an exhaustive study in the field of folk song as a source of racial expression.

Although he is a native of Australia—Percy Grainger has a 'passion' for what he calls "English-speaking music", and many of his compositions, including "Country Gardens," "Molly on the Shore," and "Shepherd's Hey" are performed wherever there is music.

## Senior Recital Features Jessie Taylor, Pianist

Miss Jessie Taylor, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Taylor of Lyndonville, will be presented in her Senior recital Thursday evening, April 19, at 7:30 p.m. by the Music Department. A piano major, Miss Taylor is a student of Professor Alfred Kreckman.

Jessie has been active in several fields of extra-curricular activities including Music Club (secretary), Oratorio Society, A Cappella Choir, Mission Study Club, International Relations Club, and Extension Work.

Jessie has accepted a position for the coming year as music instructor in the Troupsburg Central School and will begin her duties in September.

Her Program Thursday evening will include compositions by Bach, Chopin, a group of moderns, and Liszt.



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## A Few Suggestions

These constructive suggestions were made in editorials written by the freshman English classes. Let's consider these ideas thoughtfully so that any improvements may be made if they seem possible and reasonable.

One fellow suggested a rifle club. The advantages of such recreation and the advantage Houghton has because of the many "crack shots" back from the service can easily be pointed out. An archery range would be enjoyed by the girls.

A girl called attention to the fact that S24 might be used for an additional study hall. It has excellent light and ventilation, good study seats, cork floors, and adequate space. When it is not in use during the afternoon and evening, the students could self-discipline themselves so proctoring would be unnecessary. It would help to ease the strain during these congested times.

A girl with an appreciative sense of Houghton's splendid outlook over the countryside asked for benches to be placed about the campus where visitors and students may enjoy the views.

The unwieldiness of large prayer meetings was also pointed out. The benefits derived from group singing and many praying were recognized, but perhaps some who desire to pray do not have the opportunity. The suggestion was made that the first part be devoted to songs and devotional reading, and that the second part be divided into small groups that might disperse into various rooms for prayer. This would give many more the chance to pray and would maintain the inspiration that comes when many pray simultaneously.

These few suggestions may revive some of your own forgotten ideas. Let's pull together and do everything in our power to keep Houghton an ideal Christian college.

## Farewell

The time has come when the regular *Star* staff is released from its responsibilities. The seven remaining issues of the *Star* will be published by the prep school, individual college classes, the Literary *Star* staff, and the '47 *Star* staff.

Although editing the *Star* was really a lot of work and carried with it a great responsibility, the experience gained has been helpful and the enjoyment immeasurable, thanks to a cooperative staff. To those who follow in our footsteps—it may be a task and demand sacrifices, but it is worth it!

E. N. D.

"I am not writing Johnson's life or Russell's or even my own, but only picking out such points as interest me now in personal retrospect." These words of the "Mona Lisa of Philosophy," George Santayana, summarize briefly the purpose and general theme of the second volume of his reflective autobiography, *Persons and Places, The Middle Span*. Actually this quotation involves more than appears on its modest surface. For these "points as interest me now in personal retrospect" transcend the imagination. Here, blended with the unifying factor of his life, are penetrating sketches of personalities and societies that have dominated the scene in America and Europe for the past half-century, vivid and lasting pictures of life from the gay Spanish town of Avila to the intellectual atmosphere of Harvard, personal reflections on religion, philosophy and the simpler phases of life. This highly personalized account of the life of one of the greatest philosophers of all ages is a quaint, delightful and at the same time intellectual commentary on the most conflicting century of all time by a man who regards himself as an interested bystander out of the past.

As its title suggests, the book deals mainly with the central portion of the philosopher's life. Perhaps, however, it would be wise to mention briefly in passing the more important phases of the first thirty years of his life, leading

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## Dr. S. W. Paine Writes Editor Concerning Star

Star Editor:

I noticed last week's editorial on the library and thought that perhaps in fairness to Miss Graham some comment should be made.

First, it should be said that the present arrangement of library hours was made after a careful study of actual student use of the library over a period of time. When it appeared consecutively that only a handful of students wanted to use the library at certain periods, it was decided to close the library for those times.

Perhaps there is now a different situation and there is a need to reconsider these rearrangements. If so, it would seem more thoughtful if a student would talk it over with the librarian before issuing a public criticism. I do not believe this had been done.

Again, speaking only in a constructive and not in a critical tone, it's my personal feeling that as long as most editorials are signed, this one should have been also. We need constantly to be watchful lest we use too much "vinegar" in our criticisms, and a criticism is apt to be a bit more fair and reasonable if we sign it.

Since the above contains an implied criticism, I must in all fairness say that in the main your editorial policy has been hitting a fine constructive key, and I'm sure the editorial in question had the same purpose.

Sincerely,  
S. W. Paine

Witchie suggested that we forget all about books when we reached that fair-est of fair cities—Chicago. It was quite difficult to forget entirely, of course, for we were always reminded of studies when we passed the U. of Chicago, the Wilcox and Follett (textbook) Co., and the city library on our way to the "Loop" to shop for perhaps a pair of nylon hose that none of the 4 million people in the Windy City would want. It was with fiendish glee that Witchie observed students in the subway studying furiously. As for Witchie, she flew about the city and thoroughly enjoyed herself. She thought that it was no effort at all to fly there, for the wind carried her all over. She perched on skyscrapers to rest only to find the occupants fainting from fright. Witchie was quite provoked and said to me, "Haven't they ever seen human beings before?"

The Army Day parade thrilled Witchie no end. We couldn't see anything because of the crowd and so Witchie took to the sky. I lost sight of her but forgot all about her for we noticed a plane skywriting over Chicago's skyline and we looked up to see what would be written. The pilot wrote an excellent AAF . . . but at the same instant BAAF appeared in the sky and a moment later a W was added and the completed letters were WBAAF. The crowd wondered what the letters stood for. I took my guesses, too, but it didn't at all make sense. When I got home Witchie was proud of her accomplishment for she put the WB in front of the AAF. She explained that it stood for World's Best Army Air Force. I told her that the WB caused confusion among the spectators and so Witchie phoned the press to explain. It was all very confusing . . . then I woke up. I was afraid something like the dream would happen and so Witchie and I stayed at home Army Day and listened to the festivities via radio.

It seems that a pair of nylon hose is a badge of courage, persistence, and fortitude in the city of Chicago. To get this fair reward one must (and hundreds do) stand in line for hours without nourishment and oft times in a downpour. (Who said American women are weak?) Of course there are those who come out of a shop in frenzied triumph screaming "They're mine, all mine and now I am queen!" Of course the attendants in white drive them away in a nice white "rest home" ambulance. But one can't blame them . . . some stand in line for weeks without seeing those beautiful lumps of coal, air, and water. Witchie thinks we can help out the stocking shortage by manufacturing nylon hose here in Houghton. She believes we could easily get coal and air and perhaps water (we could borrow some H<sub>2</sub>O from the chem. lab) and she says we could whip them up together and then pour the concoction into a mold. I don't know whether it's such a good idea. I suggest we just wait for our nylons.



## Inklings by Izzie

Any connection between our own beloved John and the uneasy DeBrine who "fastened his safety belt for the take-off" is purely coincidental. He hardly knew what to expect, but he was fully aware that it wasn't good. It little mattered what happened for he braced himself firmly and closed both eyes (I imagine). After maintaining the above said position for a considerable length of time, he relaxed. It must have been a false alarm. He glanced out of the window and saw not *terra firma*, but a fast disappearing New York skyline. In just 2½ hours Ken and Johnny arrived in Rochester, and now we have in our very own midst an avid fan for the American Airlines.

The disappearance of King, Kit, and Bucky has been noted by many equestrians lately. It became a very unprofitable pastime when so few came out to ride. So the horses have made the return trip to the riding academy they left last fall. I know one sorry person.

I saw some sports limping around the campus last week and knowing full well that it couldn't be the horses, I inquired. Sure enough. Bicycles have put in their appearance on the campus. Looks like fun to me!

We would inquire into the motivating force which sent two roommates down the hall in quest of mischief last night at approximately twelve by the clock. I was unable to get a statement from them, but I understand they upset one little freshman girl who was wholly unprepared for such capers—especially from an upper classman! (If this isn't included in my column Thursday, it's because the editor cut it out—put down that weapon!)

## A Cappella Choir

The finest, grandest group in our land, With a message, all race and creed understand.

Graciously taught of good Christian knowledge, So proudly they serve the Houghton College.

Our speech and thoughts are mighty with praise, For the Houghton College Choir in this modern age.

Brothers and sisters voicing their need of God, Shall fill your soul as thru life you trod.

Highest praises to our Saviour, their blessed art, Their songs of Christ shall ring in your heart.

Believe ye in Him, Repent, praise His name, God: Grant their efforts shall not be in vain.

These lines were written by Al Holmes, the Greyhound bus driver, who became a real friend of those in the choir.

HC

## Mrs. MacDaniels Speaks

Mrs. L. H. MacDaniels, wife of the professor of floriculture in Cornell, will speak to the student body here, April 26, during the chapel hour. Her topic will presumably concern international relations.

Mrs. MacDaniels is interested in the economic situation in Syria, Lebanon, and Italy. She and her husband visited these places during the Sabbatical year.

## CHOIR TOUR

Did someone say fun? Sir, your understanding and appreciation of that art is depleted! You weren't with the "sing song section" on their recent western skip, were you? You were? Well then, you know what I mean!

Just for "Auld Lang Syne" let's recall a few of those grinning incidents that were continually gnawing at our funny bones along the way.

Prof. Butter—I mean "Donalworth" conducted the choir wonderfully and usually himself too, but when his black suitcoat was packed with the robes and he proudly donned a certain sport coat, we wondered—and if you know Al Kahler's jackets like I know his jackets! Before we "clothes" this subject allow mention concerning one of the many times the men grabbed their "bags" and opened them to public display—the Canadian customs officer! Back on the bus now some boys were manipulating that bus door at the railroad crossings. "Our pal, Al," the bus driver, explained the door must be opened so the driver can be out first in emergency. Speaking of Al, he underhandedly presented a beautiful cardboard box tied with rope to "that Dean Gillie," addressed: "From one nut to another"—somewhere in the midst of dirty paper was a beautiful coconut. Back to the boys again, and that masterly tin band—bazooka, slide whistle, harmonicas and similarities thereof. The music (?) encouraged the Greyhound in its race most of the time but their real debut and success came on a street corner of some Michigan town where they forced themselves on the public. They were donated 8¢ on the rendition at that. No less were those childish water guns constantly sending

**CHOIR SCHEDULE**  
Sat., April 27, 8:00 P. M.—First Baptist Church, Corry, Pa.  
Sun., Apr. 28, 10:30 A. M.—Abbe Reformed Church, Clyner, N. Y.  
4:00 P. M.—Grace Methodist Church, Warren, Pa.  
7:30 P. M.—First Lutheran Church, Jamestown, N. Y.

streams in sleepers' faces, especially a certain editor whose virtue is sleeping with mouth open! Then were those awful people who indulged in that game—we won't mention that, let's "Rook" around for something better. Oh yes, most everyone concealed homesickness, but not coach, poor, faithful coach, no letters either (so he said). Frightened by his threat to fly home and at our driver's suggestion the choir flooded him with letters, all arriving and formally presented the same day, what reading material! Then there was that Thomson girl who was nearly left in this country when we went "abroad" Canada way because she wasn't an American citizen. That reminds me, Thompson composed a third of our concert, didn't he? Speaking of composers, didn't Proctor look sweet with that dainty blue coat on his "Bach" and all the effeminate "trimmings?"

All joys were brought to a climax around that great chicken dinner at Hare Homesteader's. That was a different joy, a "gastronomical" joy of "satiety." Brother Ball spoke the opinion of all as he held up his empty glass to that dark-eyed waitress and said "How's the cow holding out?"

A graduate of Houghton graduates! Harrison James Brownlee ('42) received his M. D. degree from the George Washington University, Washington, D. C., at the annual mid-winter commencement exercises on Washington's Birthday.

During the intermission in the "comedy" of school life, yours truly was in Boston and incidentally ran across several Houghtonians. Miriam Fredericks (ex'47), a nurse cadet at the New England Baptist Hospital, is at present taking temperatures all night and sleeping all day. Easy life? Ha, just ask those cadets who work eight hours, take classes, and study besides. They don't wear bags under their eyes for ornaments. At "Youth for Christ" Saturday evening in Park Street Congregational Church, who should sit behind us, but "Dinky," stationed now at Fort Devons, Mass.

Choir went on tour, too—so that means news. Remember the mention of a surprise attached to Mary Agnes Strickland ('44)? That surprise will be officially attached to Mary Agnes May 17 in the person of Rev. William Green, a preacher in the Friends Church. The choir members saw Rev. Charles Foster ('41), his wife, the former Leona Strickland ('38) and family. Both are former members of the A Cappella Choir. The Rev. Foster also sang in the college quartet. At another concert, was Joyce Valkema Chrysler (ex'47), who is at home while her husband, Art Chrysler (high school '45) is in Japan with the occupation forces.

## KEEP 'N TRACK



BY MARIAN BERNHOFT

All of the "phibetes," and all of the rest of us, are back again at Houghton after our restful (?) vacation to take up once more the "comedy of life" (quote Prof. Hazlett).

Roy Takaya, a one-time member of the class of '46, is in Chicago in the role of a school teacher. "I am teaching, or attempting to teach, handicraft in a Colored Social Settlement House. This also includes a mixture of recreation and character building. The ultimate goal, of course, is the attempt to build in every way possible the Christian character of each individual. . . . In the morning five days a week I go to school at the Chicago Evangelistic Institute, taking 12 hours of mostly Biblical or doctrinal study." We certainly miss you in our class, Roy; but, all of us do wish you God's best always.

Paul Morehouse (ex'45) about two weeks ago deserted his sergeant's post with the combat engineers to return to civilian life. He just recently returned from Germany where he spent a good share of his year and five months overseas. If his plans materialize, Paul will return to summer school to complete the Liberal Arts course and then go to seminary for preparation in the ministry.



## Faith in Action

BY VIRGINIA SWAUGER

Did you know that Jim Harr had his applications completed and even had his registration fee paid at another college near his home? Until he was released from the navy last December he wasn't sure what he should do . . . whether he should go ahead and get a job or go on to school first. Jim had already three years at Nyack. As he prayed about it he felt that latter course was the will of the Lord and so he applied to a college very near his home. But even then he didn't feel at ease about it, and after helping a group of Nyack fellows hold a week of meetings in Ohio, he felt definitely led to apply to Houghton. That was the Wednesday before registration, and Dr. Woolsey telegraphed him that he could register him.

The fellows with whom Jim was associated in the navy will never forget his testimony. One night when he was with the Marine Corps two boys who were a bit tipsy came into his tent and sat down on his bunk. "Doc," said one of them, "I wish we could be like you. How do you keep from doing things like we do?" Then Jim had a chance to tell them of the power of Jesus Christ in his life and that the life he lived was not his own.

On the ship Jim and a pal of his from Nyack were known as preacher and deacon respectively. Whenever fellows got in trouble they really came to them for prayer.

The skipper was an atheist, but he liked to talk with Jim, and when he became captain, he actually held church services for the boys on Sunday. He always had Jim pick out the hymns.

Sometimes Jim's conviction of moral obligation were a little more than they thought they could take. For instance Jim was in charge of the ship's medical gear and the ship's doctor said to him, "Harr, you don't have enough gear on board."

"I'm up to allotment, sir," Jim replied.

"But that's not enough. If anything happens we couldn't take care of the men."

"I'm sorry but we have all that's coming to us."

"Well, then, send in an application for more and mark zero in the 'on hand' column."

But Jim insisted that he couldn't do anything underhanded like that because it was against his principles. Jim was letting "the peace of God rule" in his heart and mind.

Said some of his buddies on shore leave at New Orleans once, "Harr, there's one thing we want to see you do before you leave us and that's get drunk." They tried almost by force to get him into a saloon and Jim had to square off and tell them it was hands off or there would be trouble.

"My experiences in the navy strengthened me spiritually," Jim testifies. "And now, here at Houghton when I am perplexed and have decisions to make the Lord reminds me of how He was with me then and made my decisions for me."





## Sportscriptions



BY CHUCK

Among other things impeding the advancement of our sports here at Houghton, Mamma Nature has also been giving us some trouble. Because of the rain, wind, and cold, I fear there have been very few who felt called to go out and romp about in the spring air. Spring air—that's air that keeps springing to stay warm. Altogether—one, two, three—laugh.

Seriously though, things aren't looking too bad. Volley ball is in full swing which should carry us over until baseball weather gets here. We're looking forward to seeing several fine ball clubs this year for there is certainly a wealth of material to choose from. More about that later.

Now to the sport on hand. Unlike basketball in which we tried to "hit the net," we find a great deal of moaning when said condition exists in volleyball. So far this year, the Junior men's squad are the only ones who have shown any sign of real teamwork. The frosh have not had a real game yet (two forfeits) so they haven't really settled down. Freshman and Senior girls are not making a particularly good showing, either. However, I feel that the squad of college beginners will be causing upper class headaches soon.

Up to, and including Tuesday of this week we find that in the men's aggrega-

### DR. McRAE SPEAKS TO STUDENT CHAPEL

"The Bible is not out of date; it is ahead of date. It contains information beyond that of man concerning every sphere of information which it touches." Men have contested its veracity, but have found with the unfolding of scientific discoveries that the claims of the Bible are true. In the light of the authority of the Word of God and its predictions of future turmoil, Christians must rise up to spread that Word." So spoke Dr. McRae in his chapel addresses Thursday and Friday, during his stay on the campus as representative of Faith Theological Seminary, Wilmington, Delaware.

The claim of the Bible that to the end of time there will be "wars and rumors of wars" has been scoffed at by many hopeful diplomats. But the very men who prophesied that the era of peace had come with the establishment of the Hague and the League of Nations, saw their hopes dwindle as the "rumors of war" rumbled in their ears. The very invention of the atomic bomb is indicative of coming turmoil in spite of diligent efforts for peace promotion. Will the church be ready when that turmoil comes, to give anxious men and women the Word of Life?

"If we can then trust the Bible concerning material things, then why not concerning the spiritual?" the speaker urged. "Its statements of psychology, its depiction of characters, are a true reflection of human characteristics." We may not be able to prove, conclusively that the Bible is free from error—man's knowledge is not adequate for such a task.

tions the Frosh and Juniors have two wins and no losses apiece, and the Sophs and Seniors, two losses and no wins. The ladies' league have seen the Sophomores beat out the Freshman and Juniors likewise stopped the Seniors.

I suppose that I am expected to give forth some sort of prediction on the volley ball series and thereafter offer this decision. For the masculine menagerie, I give future glory to the Juniors and for the ladies (this is considerably more difficult) I think that again it will be the Juniors.

As a closing thought and additional bit of information, I might add that Coach McNeese has already started baseball on the way. He is having the men's freshmen team give Fillmore a workout. Also, "Shorty Coach" has stated that this year there will be three hardball clubs: a freshman team, a High School team, and an organization which he refers to as the "All Stars." Actually the "All Stars" consist of the other classes and those veterans classified as freshmen but who were not here first semester. By the way, fellows, let's not let our classes down. Don't assume the attitude that there will be plenty of others—there won't. Let's get on this thing and get a little fun out of it, too. You don't have to be an expert to play.

Latest Flash: High School beat the Juniors.

### THE MIDDLE SPAN (Continued from Page Two)

up to the *Middle Span*, which are dealt with specifically in *Persons and Places*. Santayana was born in Madrid in 1863 of Spanish and American parentage. This factor contributed largely to the basic tenets in his materialistic philosophy. At nine he moved to America as the result of his American mother's separation from his Spanish father. He studied at Harvard and obtained his A.B. in 1886. *The Middle Span* takes up here and continues on through his studying abroad, taking his other two degrees and finally his teaching at Harvard for twenty-two years.

One feels at a loss to even attempt to comment or in any way criticize the style or philosophy of Santayana. The general feeling of the book is similar to that of "Goodbye Mr. Chips." It is a feeling of a half-sad, half-amused spectator who has watched the human panorama for almost a century and attempts to reveal his own thoughts on life only to find that they are not particularly new or different, but just comments. Santayana is the typical old philosopher who rambles on, not bringing out anything definite, but rather creating an impression. He certainly is a master of the digression. At the outset of the book one is impressed by the intellect of the man and his unusual way of seeing the problems of this age. He sees them from an almost unbiased viewpoint.

Santayana has lived from 1912, the end of the *Middle Span*, up to the present time in the seclusion of a nun's hospital in Rome. *The Middle Span* is perhaps his last work and probably his greatest classic. If he lives to complete this autobiography it will probably rate among the classics of all time.

### Volley Ball Schedule

Fri., Apr. 19, Jr. vs. Frosh, W., 3:30  
Soph vs. H. S. M., 4:15  
Jr. vs. Frosh M., 6:30  
Mon., Apr. 22, Sr. vs. Soph. W. 6:15  
Frosh. vs. H. S. M., 7:00  
Tues., Apr. 23, Frosh. vs. H. S. W., 4:45  
Sr. vs. Jr., M., 6:15  
Wed., Apr. 24, Sr. vs. Jr., W., 6:15  
Soph. vs. H. S. M., 7:00  
Thurs., Apr. 25, Sr. vs. H. S. W., 4:45  
Jr. vs. Soph. W., 6:15  
Jr. vs. Soph. M., 7:00

### Dr. J. B. MACK GIVES MESSAGE

"Speakers, writers, and mathematicians have, in dealing with the greatness of God's universe and His powers, only touched upon the fringes of truth concerning the immensity of His resources." This was the truth which Dr. John B. Mack, professor at Wheaton College, brought to the attention of Monday's chapel audience. "It was in 1902," he said, "that, through realization of God's omnipotence, and his ability to care for even me, I found a transformation that changed my life, settled, and established me as never before. New joy, new peace were mine."

"The immensity of God's resources should challenge youth today, to greater faith in God. The Bible's very complexity is one of the best proofs of its authenticity, and therefore a good basis for faith."

### Don't Let your Dollar Down



Cott's Grocery—Orders taken for R. C. A. Victor Radio-Phonograph combinations. All types and styles.

Barker's Store—New ties, billfolds, suspenders, belts, etc. These are of good quality and the prices are reasonable.

College Inn—Good candy bars—raisin clusters, pineapple patties.

Word Bearer Press—Daily Vacation Bible School Supplies. Order them now. The rush will be great. Also new styles of Eversharp pencils and key rings with Scripture verses on them.

Paul's Gospel Press—Last call for Easter cards. Get them to send to your friends now.

Pantry—Hot chocolate and phosphates. The Den is open for parties every night but Friday. Breakfast parties may be had at 8:30 by arrangement with Mrs. Jackson.

Bookstore—Compacts—latest designs and lovely styles. Also men's tie clasps in both gold and silver. Gold picture frames and fancy pins in the styles of keys, swords, spoons, and hearts.

## Houghton Students Announce Eng'ments

"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns . . ." and the result is that several Houghtonians announced engagements during spring vacation.

### Brown-Neal

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Neal of Danforth, Maine announced the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Helen to Philip L. Brown, of Lee, Maine.

Philip was recently discharged from the Army and is now attending the U. of Maine. Marjorie was graduated from Houghton Prep last year and is now a member of the class of '49 in the College.

### Porter-Wentzell

Gloria Wentzell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Wentzell of Brockton, Mass. announce her engagement to Donald W. Porter, also of Brockton. The engagement was announced at the famous Toll House, Whitman, Mass. at the celebration of Don's parents' 25th wedding anniversary. Don was discharged from the Navy in February.

### Anderson-Phillips

In the Senior class we have the engagement of Eleanor B. Phillips announced by her mother, Mrs. H. Paul Phillips of Falconer, N. Y. Her fiancé, Mr. Andrew L. Anderson, also of Falconer, has just returned from the Pacific and plans to enter Eastern Baptist Seminary in the fall.

### Croop-Moot

Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Moot of Ithaca, N. Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty, to Bertan M. Croop, Buffalo, N. Y.

Betty is a Senior music student and has accepted a position as music supervisor in Silver Springs and Castile in the fall. Bert is a member of the class of '48. The wedding will take place in December.

### Larson-Fisher

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fisher of Dixonville, Pa., announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth to Mark Larson of Bradford, Pa.

Dorothy was graduated from Houghton Bible School in June, 1943, and is now employed by the College. Mark is a member of the class of '47 and in the fall will assume the pastorate of the Wellsville Wesleyan Church. The wedding will be in August.

### Council Takes Trip

The Student Council, accompanied by their advisors, Miss Beck and Dr. Luckey, spent Saturday in Niagara Falls and Buffalo. They went to East Aurora for lunch and spent the afternoon in Niagara Falls and Canada. Returning to Buffalo at night they enjoyed dinner at Tuyn's Restaurant. They then went to the Youth for Christ meeting at Kleinhan's Music Hall.