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## Outstanding Speaker Discusses Question

Wednesday, March 15, students were privileged to hear another outstanding speaker in the person of Dr. Harry Ironside of the Moody Memorial Church of Chicago. His subject, "The Prophetic Seal on the Bible as a Proof of Its Divinity" was a convincing argument on a question much disputed by some of our contemporaries.

Surrounded though we are by a Christian atmosphere, many of the beliefs of our fathers are in question, and this subject as to whether the Bible is inspired of God or a collection of Jewish folklore, ancient history and religious fables is not the least disputed.

The clearest proof of the divine inspiration of the Bible according to Dr. Ironside, lies in its prophetic element. A lecturer trying to prove that people believe in the Bible merely because of parental influence and teaching caused Dr. Ironside to begin a study of the sacred literature of the world. Having completed his study he found that in spite of many beautiful things, gems of thought, and moral truths contained in the religious books, there was not one which could not be duplicated in the Bible. More convincing yet was the fact that not one of them contained a distinctive prophecy that ever has been or even has a chance of being fulfilled. *The Bible is the only book of prophecy in the world.*

Dr. George Hill on a tour of Palestine had the opportunity of spending two weeks in either Palestine or Egypt and chose the former while a friend went to Egypt. The reason the friend gave was his dislike for desolate Palestine which looked to him like a land "burned over with brimstone". His astonishment was great to learn from Dr. Hill that he was fulfilling a small part of a prophecy of 3500 years, for in the 29th chapter of Deuteronomy Moses tells his people that "the stranger shall come from a far land and say... the whole land thereof is brimstone."

Even more remarkable is the prophecy of the scattering of the sons of Isaac. Moses might just as easily have said the sons of Ishmael or Esau or Jacob, but the ensuing centuries would have proved him wrong for the Ishmaelites are still where they were 3500 years ago. Just as foretold the cities of Edom are long since desolate and the people disappeared. Without divine help how could these things have been unerringly predicted?

No where else does one small paragraph relate the story of one people for 2000 years but in the Bible and that written before the period began. We learn that they "will abide without a king" and history has proven that the Jews have remained a separate people with their own characteristics but without even a pretender to the throne. It is interesting to note

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## Officers Elected for 1934 Boulder

On Wednesday, March 23, a meeting of the combined Junior and Sophomore classes was held for the purpose of electing the Editor and Business Manager of the 1934 Boulder. The results are as follows:

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For Editor:

Keith Burr, 57

Paul Allen, 39

For Business Manager:

Sinclair Gannon, 49

Malcolm Cronk, 47

Congratulations are to be offered to Mr. Burr as Editor-in-Chief and Mr. Gannon as Business Manager. They have attained one of the signal honors of the school year, and face a difficult task, in which we wish them all success. Announcement of the Staff will be made at a later date.

## Palaeolinguists Meet

On Friday afternoon, March 24, at 3:30 will be held the regular meeting of the Palaeolinguists. The purpose of this club meeting is to take up the study of Roman government from the earliest form until the present time. In the course of our study we expect to consider the relationship existing between Rome and the surrounding states at the present time. Latin students are asked to follow the news of the day that they may better appreciate these talks as they are taken up.

## MID-SEMESTER EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

March 28 - 31, 1933

### TUESDAY, March 28, 1933

8:00—9:00 Classes scheduled regularly at 8:00 M.W.F.  
9:30—10:30 German I (Fourth Floor—High School)  
11:00—12:00 Classes scheduled regularly at 8:00 T.T.S.  
1:30—2:30 Ornithology  
3:15—4:15 Freshman English—Ethics (High School Study Hall)

### WEDNESDAY, March 29, 1933

8:00—9:00 Classes scheduled regularly at 10:30 M.W.F.  
9:30—10:30 Classes scheduled regularly at 11:30 M.W.F.  
11:00—12:00 Freshman Mathematics (High School Study Hall)  
1:30—2:30 Classes scheduled regularly at 11:30 T.T.S.  
3:00—4:00 General Chemistry and 1:30 T.T.S. classes (High School Study Hall)

### THURSDAY, March 30, 1933

8:00—9:00 Educational Psychology (High School Study Hall)  
9:30—10:30 Classes scheduled regularly at 10:30 T.T.S.  
11:00—12:00 Classes scheduled regularly at 9:00 M.W.F.  
1:30—2:30 Sophomore English and Hebrew I (High School Study Hall)  
3:00—4:00 Freshman Bible and 1:30 M.W.F. classes (High School Study Hall)

### FRIDAY, March 31, 1933

8:00—9:00 Classes scheduled regularly at 9:00 T.T.S.

Men's Physical Training examination at class period on Monday, March 27.

Women's Physical Training examination at class period on Thursday, March 23.

## Choir Nears 11 Day Tour

Time has been rapidly moving on as far as the Houghton College Choir is concerned. Already they have come through eleven full concerts and are still going strong. To date more than 5000 have heard the choir. And to get to and from concerts about 600 miles have been covered. With the close of the thirteenth full concert next Sunday evening they will be facing examinations and then the tour.

A year ago the choir sang only three concerts before tour. And at the close of the season they had sung to 14000 people and travelled about 3000 miles, singing some 35 concerts. The breaking of the past record seems inevitable.

The choir is really doing some good singing. It is beginning to take on the shape of a finished group of singers. Especially last Sunday evening in the First Presbyterian Church of Franklinville, inspired by an appreciative audience the group almost outdid itself. However, they are not contented to let well enough alone. Constant improvement is the goal of the director.

On Friday, March 31, the choir leaves on a tour of 11 days. During this trip Professor Bain expects to present the choir in at least sixteen concerts and very likely more. Later in this edition is a tentative schedule of the concerts of the tour.

## Expression Club Gives Shakesperian Program

Monday night's Expression Club meeting was devoted to a Shakesperian program, during which readings were given from "Julius Cæsar", "Merchant of Venice," and "Romeo and Juliet". It is to be noted with a great deal of satisfaction that the type of program that this club is putting on is far superior to that which has formerly been the custom, although there seems to be a sacrifice of popular attendance by this revision. This should not be the case.

The first on Monday's program was the tent scene of Brutus and Cassius presented by Spencer Moon and Clifford Weber. This was well presented, though there could have been more and better expression. Kenneth Wright then gave an introduction to the "Merchant of Venice" followed by the speech of Shylock, the Jew. Arthur Osgood followed this reading by a continuation of the play where Mr. Wright ceased and ended with the court scene. Mr. Osgood is developing very good expression. His change of voice in his interpretation was especially good. The last number was the cutting from "Romeo and Juliet" which Miss Barnett has given in public and which has won her a place as a recognized reader here in Houghton. Her interpretation was very good, and she received a very hearty applause from the audience.

## Missionary from India Addresses Students

Rev. Norman of Olean led devotion for Friday chapel, March 17th, with a Scripture reading taken from the sixth chapter of Ephesians. Mary Greene, a missionary from India, whom President Luckey highly praised in his introduction was the guest speaker.

The text of the message was taken from the eighth verse of the second Psalm—"Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen as thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." This is the promise given to every missionary and there are two ways to ask; one of which is to pack up and go and the other is to pray. As for the first method nothing should be allowed to stand in the way of a possible decision since heathendom is looking this way for aid. Nothing is received except through prayer no matter what method is used.

Besides the great need for missionaries there is the even greater necessity for finance for although schools are secondary to spreading the Gospel it is first necessary to educate the people. It is also essential that a place be provided for converts since Christianity naturally severs any heathen relationships. Only a small plot of land, a hut, a pair of oxen and a cart are necessary but all of

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## Library Benefit Concert Held

A good-sized crowd turned out to the annual Library Benefit Concert which was held on March 10. Inasmuch as the Willard Houghton Memorial Library has become a public library open to the use of townspeople as well as students, the amount taken in by the benefit concert will be equalled by the state.

The entertainment of the evening was given by members of the music and oratory departments. As a whole the program was well arranged and given with acceptable performance. Now an entertainment of a miscellaneous nature such as this one is rather unusual and for this reason well received.

There were three readings on the program. Arthur Osgood read well the very humorous and well-known "Betty at the Base-ball game". Miss Ethel Barnett, whose ability at giving dramatic interpretation to heavy readings is well known among Houghtonites, gave a good portrayal of "The Butterflies", by Mary Shipman Andrews. A southern ballad of the old slave days, Dunbar's "Two Little Boots", was recited by Mrs. Velma Thomas with artistic feeling.

The vocal part of the program was new to the audience. Miss Mildred Hernblom made her debut here, singing with dainty tone "Care Salve" by Handel. The Madrigal Singers of Houghton College, organized this year, made their first appearance, singing three numbers, "Sing It and Chant It," "Dainty Fine Bird", and "Sweet Suffolk Owl". This type of singing, which dates back to Elizabethan times, was very well received.

The program of the evening was opened by a piano solo, a prelude from Bach, played by Helen Baker. The string quartet, made up of Prof. Sorensen, Ivone Wright, Richard Rhoades, and Harold Elliott, playing first violin, second violin, viola and cello respectively, show a degree of achievement in their performance. This has been organized since school started hence the interpretation and technique which they put into the "Stringed Quartette in D Major" by Haydn is worthy of praise. Perhaps the best performed number of the evening from the standpoint of interpretation was the piano duet, "Variations on a Theme from Beethoven" by Saint-Saens.

## JUST FOR TODAY

Just for today I will use the few talents that I have to the fullest extent and enjoy the privilege of living. I will not burden myself with the idea that all of use are here to accomplish something big, failing in which we are disgraced and doomed to a life of failure. Somewhere there is a place waiting for me in which I was destined to fit. I will prepare myself for that place.

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# EDITORIAL

## LITERARY CONTEST

This week marks the close of the annual Literary Contest, sponsored by the English Department of the college. The contest is one of the not too-numerous opportunities for competition in academic fields offered by the school activity program.

This year's contest gives indications of being one of the best of recent years. The general grade of the work offered is high, and student interest seems to be more than usually keen. The majority of the competitors are, of course, from the two under classes, where participation is compulsory for those registered in English courses, but quite a number of upperclassmen have submitted manuscripts.

The winners of the Literary Contest have their names inscribed on the large silver loving-cup in President Luckey's office—where it stands, an object of rather mild curiosity to the students on registration days, and at other such times as they happen to be in the office. The winning manuscripts become the property of and are published by the *Lantern*.

All this may seem an unnecessary rehearsing of what is general knowledge—but it is a surprising fact that many of our student body have, in years past, been ignorant of the existence of such a contest until it was over. Interest has recently, however, increased—which brings us to the moral (if there can be any such) of this editorial. Simply this: That even if the contest may not offer a definitely material valuable prize, the sense of accomplishment is a reward in itself, and we cannot afford to neglect such opportunities as those presented by the Literary Contest. Let us watch for the results with interest—and more of us enter competition next time.

## Have You Money in the Bank

It has been some little time since our country has faced so definite a critical problem as the banking situation has presented in the last few weeks. Have not the people of the United States again shown that fortitude that has characterized the government from colonial days and which makes it possible for crises to be met and solutions arrived at with an internal calm that forestalls real disturbance?

Sunday night seemed to many as the definite pronouncement that the patient had successfully passed the crisis and would speedily recover. He spoke—"particularly with the overwhelming majority who use banks for the making of deposits and the drawing of checks." He presented a concise resume of the situation and the action taken by the executive department and by Congress.

The President outlined some of the principles of banking and explained that the inability of a bank to pay its depositors in full in gold and currency did not signify that the bank was not sound, for the majority of the depositor's money had been invested in various forms of credit. This credit though sound enough can not be turned into its face value momentarily. "A comparatively small part of the money you put into a bank is kept in currency—an amount which in normal times is sufficient to cover the cash needs of the average citizen."

When the abnormal run of withdrawals came, the amount of currency in the banks became dangerously depleted. To cope with this emergency the bank holiday was declared. Congress granted to the President "authority to develop a program of rehabilitation of our banking facilities."

Immediate steps were taken to enable the banks to reopen for normal business. "The new law allows the twelve Federal Reserve Banks to issue additional currency on good assets." It should be distinctly understood that this measure is not an act inflating our system of currency. "It is sound currency because it is backed by actual, good assets."

The twelve Federal Reserve Banks were reopened Monday while others throughout the country have followed during the week as fast as governmental inspection has proved them fit for operation.

It is hoped that hoarding will continue no longer. In the words of the President, "It needs no prophet to tell you that when people find that they can get their money—that they can get it when they want it for all legitimate purposes—the phantom of fear will soon be destroyed."

The President closed with a plea to the people. "We have provided the machinery to restore our financial system; it is up to you to support and make it work."

The good-natured co-operation of the American people through the inconvenience of the bank holiday indicates that the nation will stand of the President and its government with the same confidence that it has shown in the past.

## Alumni Seen

Some of the Alumni seen in Houghton during the past week are:

Alvin Densmore, Edith Davis, Golda Farnsworth, Ruth Kissinger, Lucy Joslyn, Emelene Ballard, Mary K. Thomas, Cyril Little, Alta Albro, Ione Driscoll, Lowell Fox, Catherine Benjamin, Margaret Loftis, Robert Folger, Howard Lane, Katherine McCarthy, Willet Albro, Marion Fox Kemp, Erma Anderson, Joseph Kemp, Alice Folger Fisk, James Fisk, Frederick Hauser, Hugh Thomas, Frank Lane, Bertha Williams, Margaret Carter, Esther Tomlinson, Mary Maher, Ira Roth, Theos Cronk.

## H. S. Faculty Party

On the night of Friday the 18th, the high school faculty entertained the high school Juniors and Seniors at the annual Junior-Senior party held in the annex of the dormitory. The party was entirely informal, and the faculty amazed their guests by their adaptability to the occasion. Especially did two of the teachers surpass themselves in writing and reading "press reports" in which each of those present was eloquently described as to dress and bearing. Much credit must be given also to Mr. Steese who played the detective to perfection and was able to discover who committed the atrocious murder while the lights were flashed off.

The crowning moment of the evening was the announcement of the Senior Class honors. Miss Esther Fancher is valedictorian and Miss Hazel Fox, Salutatorian. Esther and Hazel have been friendly rivals and intimate chums for a number of years. Everyone extends to them hearty congratulations.

After generous servings of ice cream and angel food cake the party disbanded to look forward to their next great social event, the Junior-Senior banquet.

## Heat Class Go to Olean

March 15th, through the kindness of Mr. Howard Eyler and Professor Marvin J. Pryor the Heat Class was privileged to inspect the Glass works at Olean. It proved to be a very instructive trip. They were shown the various steps necessary in making glass bottles beginning with the materials which are used to make the liquid glass and ending with the method of preparing the bottles for shipment. Those who accompanied Prof. Pryor and his wife were: Mr. and Mrs. Eyler, Prof. Perry Tucker, Philip Anderson, Carl Stamp, Mr. and Mrs. Weslev Moon, and Donald Molyneux.

## Missionary Addresses

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these require finance.

Miss Greene's message was interspersed with humorous and interesting incidents of her life and work in India and several references to Mr. Doty. Her sincerity and individuality made her plea for missionaries strike home to her listeners in spite of the number of times it is repeated by returned missionaries.

## Chapels

### MONDAY CHAPEL

Miss Kartevold lead devotions.

### TUESDAY CHAPEL

Miss Burnell lead the morning assembly and based her thoughts upon a Scripture reading from the seventh chapter of Matthew, a portion from the Sermon on the Mount. The keynote seemed to be struck in the words "Beware of false prophets".

With this thought in mind, Miss Burnell presented some striking facts from the field of advertising in which she exposed the tendency of many producers to misrepresent their products to the gullible public through the medium of advertisements. From this discussion rose the question, "Are we really what we pretend to be?"

Attention was then turned to the application of that principle to Houghton. In order that the individual might represent his school properly a list of qualities was enumerated. Briefly, they include: High standards of preparation, cooperation, honesty and sincerity in every day life, courtesy, work, self control, and service. "Train for true values and matters of dress become less important."

As a final thought the question was asked, "Am I as a Christian in my daily life misrepresenting the true teachings of Christ?" "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

### WEDNESDAY

Prof. Leroy Fancher read verses depicting the Gospel story of the humiliation and crucifixion of Christ.

### TUESDAY PRAYER

On Tuesday evening, March 21, the student body enjoyed another splendid prayer service under the direction of Miss Helen Wiltse. We realize that good prayer services are beginning and not at an end. As a group we resent the fact that at various times we hear that Houghton is becoming "lukewarm" spiritually. Anyone who regularly attends these Tuesday evening services cannot truthfully voice such opinions.

Miss Wiltse chose for the Scripture lesson, Isaiah 26:3—"I will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee." Around this promise the remainder of the service was centered.

### Dr. Ironsides

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that even in America, "The Melting Pot" there are no Jewish-Americans but American-Jews. They have been 2000 years "without a sacrifice", "without an image", and "without an ephod", and yet without these religious elements to bind them together they are still one people. Today it is not the Jew who hangs the horseshoe over his door for scripture prophesied that he should "go without a terraphim".

One verse from the Bible predicted the history of a race for 2000 years and centuries have woven out the patterns of other nations just as prophecy foretold. Jesus Christ himself fulfilled 27 prophecies in 24 hours of his life and every thing else the Bible tells of Him is just as true. All Scripture is inspired by a divine hand.



## Open Forum

My dear Mr. Editor:

"Ideals" may be cumbersome excess baggage. But just the same, some people have lived with certain ideals so long that the suggestion of a divorce from them causes the most intense pain. Eight years spent in school at Houghton, once upon a time, sent the writer of this article forth into the world with some rather clearly defined opinions. Among these was the idea that Houghton was a place where a person could come and be guided more by what he was than by what he wore; where fervor of spirit counted rather more than fashion of dress; where studious habits attracted quite as much attention as style of attire. These were among the things that sent this man forth to be for twenty-three years as loyal a supporter of Houghton as he has known how to be. Perhaps you can imagine, then, the deepening depression with which he read last week's "Open Forum", and wondered whether he had lived to see the day when the opposite of all this would be true in Houghton.

Now, statements that may pass in a classroom, as a certain figure of speech, assume entirely different proportions when offered to the reading public in any reputable magazine. Your humble servant believes that he earns money enough to clothe himself in the height of fashion, at least for a part of the year. But he knows he cannot do this and also do some other things that seem to him very much worth while. He further believes that he could afford to clothe his children in like fashion. But he knows he cannot do that and also give to them the start in life that he sincerely hopes they prefer to the clothes that he could otherwise buy them. He further knows that his thought in this matter agrees with that of the whole group mentioned in last week's Forum as "the faculty". He happens to know that that group is contributing \$7500 a year to the relief of human suffering and the propagation of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus. He further knows that in addition to this that same group is spending \$3525 a year to enable young men and women to continue their work in Houghton College and Seminary. If it really irritates too much the aesthetic sensibilities of the one who leaped into last week's Forum to associate with such a group as that,—this group stepping forth out of the "Dark Ages"—since they cannot carry on such philanthropic projects and still meet his expectations in the way of dress, then he will have to seek his company elsewhere. For there is not a chance in a thousand that these people will change their thinking or practice in these matters. Nor is it readily admitted that the aforementioned group presents quite the bedraggled appearance that must have been visualized in the minds of those who read the Forum and did not see the group.

The remainder of the article needs little comment. At least it is unified. The usual pass is made at "association". Now this writer has no idea as to who wrote that article. He hopes he may never know. However it carries the earmarks of being backed by the wealth of information possessed

by the ordinary College Freshman. But even at that, it is one to assume the rather questionable responsibility of committing such opinions to an unsigned article, it seems only fair to expect sufficient research to enable one to mention the names of two or three reputable colleges that would meet the authors' expectation in this respect. In such a case that paragraph might have remained unwritten.

No, very definitely, Houghton College is not in the race to "catch up with the rest of the world in social conditions". God forbid! (Forgive the term "catch up") If that is the height of one's ambition, then that one errs greatly not only in choosing to attend college at Houghton, but also in choosing to attend college at all.

Stanley W. Wright

### A Matter of Age

Dear Editor,

Frogs, having slept all winter come out in the spring with the same old croak. A certain species of genus homo — having apparently slept all spring, summer, autumn, and winter woke up on March 10 with a startlingly new idea—the one he went to sleep on a year or so before. But even at that, it was only one twentieth as out of date as the costumes of Houghton College Faculty and students of which he wrote.

Yours truly,

J. R.

Dear Editor,

I realize the importance of the "Open Forum" in the Houghton STAR. I believe that that column should express the feelings of the student body and that measures should be introduced within its space which are of importance to all. I hope this letter will measure up to those standards.

As a student I have had the opportunity to observe many excellent qualities derived from student life in Houghton, but that is not what I intend to write about. It is, rather, a more delicate and important affair in which every student is or should be interested—that of personal possessions.

I think you will agree with me when I say that a college student has not money to throw away after he has outfitted himself with the necessities connected with his college life. By "necessities" I include hats, coats, rubbers, books, pens, pencils, lip-stick (necessary to keep the mouth closed at improper times—well, you know what I mean anyway), etc. I have no doubt that a student would be willing to loan any of his possessions if asked to do so, but he rather resents the method employed by some thoughtless folks who take these articles without consulting him. The inconvenience in which the owner is placed is, I believe, not thought of. For this reason I have used the term "thoughtless" instead of "dishonest" or any similar descriptive word. College young folks are generally thoughtful, but as the saying runs, "an exception proves the rule".

I have been rather interested in our new bulletin boards. In connection with the general theme of this letter I have been watching the "Lost and (one) Found" ads on the board just outside of the College Dean's office. I don't intend to give out

basket-ball scores in saying that recently the ads were L9; F1. What is the cause of this ratio? Is it because Houghton students are suddenly becoming blind and can no longer see articles which have been lost? No, we are not becoming blind, but rather we are drifting toward the serene state of "thoughtlessness".

The good Lord gave us excellent brains or we would not be in college today. My suggestion is that each of us utilize this gift more advantageously and thereby help reduce the number of "Lost" ads and increase the "Found" ads.

—One interested in Higher Standards.

### SCHEDULE OF CHOIR CONCERTS FOR TOUR

For the concerts of the 1933 tour of the Houghton College Choir definite arrangements have been completed for the following dates:

Homer Avenue Methodist Church, Cortland, N. Y., March 31, 8 p.m.; Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, April 2, evening; some place in Jersey City on Monday; Wanamaker's Store, New York City, 4 p.m.; April 4th; Tuesday evening, First M.E. Church, Lynbrook, N. Y., 8 p.m.; Trinity Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, April 5, 8 p.m.; First Wesleyan Methodist Church, Glen Falls, N.Y., April 6, 7:30 p.m.; Wesleyan Church, Syracuse, N. Y., April 7; April 8 in the evening, a Methodist Church in Endicott and also Sunday morning in the same place; Park Church, Elmira, N. Y., April 8, 7:30 p.m.; Monday morning April 9, South Side High School, Elmira, N.Y.; April 9, First Methodist Church, Olean, N. Y.

### Is There Anything You Want to Know?

Well, just ask us! The Owl Club in dignified conclave assembled have agreed to offer to the world at large the benefits of their owlish wisdom.

Any and all questions which any member of the student body wishes to place in the box in the STAR office will be printed—and answered in a column.

If you can ask it, we can answer it.

### French Club Convenes

"Le Cercle Francais" met Friday afternoon, March 17. After the opening prayer by Miss Hawn and a brief business session, a miscellaneous program was presented under the direction of Alma White. Smith was the first number. Following this several members were asked to give impromptu discussions of various topics. Two games, "Les Antonymes" and "Les Emplettes" completed an interesting and constructive program.

Mistress—So your matrimonial life was very unhappy? What was the trouble? December wedded to May?

Chloe Johnson—Lan' sakes, no, mum! It was Labor Day wedded to the Day of rest.

## Church Services

### Pastor Pitt's Message for Sunday the Twelfth

A believer is a temple of God, and all believers are the temple of God. God's only tabernacle on earth under the New Testament dispensation is redeemed humanity. God has only one way of distinguishing men—whether or not they are fit for His use, for His indwelling.

The only barrier that keeps God out of a life is a stubborn will. A man filled with the love of God is distinguished with a distinction which none can compare. When God places His hand on anything and says it is His, it is holy because it belongs to Him.

In order to clear ourselves from those things which are defiling the temple of God, we must come to an agreement with what God has done and with what God is doing. The things which unmake us spiritually are our own contacts. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? What communion hath light with darkness? What accord hath Christ with Belial?"

The man or woman who will not come out and be separate and refuse to touch the unclean things will not have the full life to which he is entitled. The steps to holiness are: be not unequally yoked, have no fellowship with unrighteousness, and touch not the unclean things. "Come out and I will be a father unto you." If a person is not willing to do all these things without counting the cost in his life, he is not worthy of Christ. If a person has to have all his problems explained to him before he meets them, he will not grow in the love of God as he should. It is necessary to yield oneself wholly to God and have faith that He will take care of us in every emergency.

### "The Chastening of the Lord" Topic on Nineteenth

Chastening is a corrective means, usually of an unpleasant character, by which a child is brought to fellowship with its parent in its viewpoint concerning his duty and privilege. God was dealing sternly with the Christians in Judea, and in the twelfth chapter of Hebrews, Paul writes to them concerning the chastening of the Lord.

The chastening of the Lord is not to be despised. This is contrary to our habit because we are apt to look down on those who are punished. We like those experiences which exalt us rather than those which humiliate us.

Chastening is proof of the love that God has for His sons. "Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. Sometimes this may be the only way God has of getting us alone with Him.

Chastening is used in the administration of sonship—"What son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" A true son has blessing in sorrow and correction.

It is also the true function of the divine fatherhood. "We have had fathers of our blood, which correct us, and we gave them reverence: shall

we not much rather be in subjection unto the father of spirits, and live?" The Lord chastens us for our profit that we may become partakers of His holiness. Our earthly fathers chasten us for a few days but they are not able to make us better than they are. God chastens us to make us better.

There are many paths to holiness, but only one true way. God's pathway is by way of chastening. This chastening brings peace. "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

Nobody amounts to anything except through sorrow. Suffering sent by God brings us peace which passeth understanding, both to the individual and to the church.

## Science Questionnaire

QUESTION I: Would it ever be possible for a person to have less than 8 great grandparents?

Each individual usually has 4 grand parents and 8 great-grandparents. But if two own cousins marry, their children will have only six great grandparents, since two of their grand parents will have common parentage.

QUESTION II: Why are men more apt to be affected by colorblindness than women?

Each cell of the human body contains 24 pairs of chromosomes or bearers of heredity. In the male one pair of these is known as the XY chromosomes. The pair similar to these in the female is known as the XX pair. The Y chromosome of the male is not supposed to bear hereditary factors. The person of male sex has the formula XY. If the X chromosome carries a gene for colorblindness, the individual is colorblind. A woman on the other hand, possesses two XX chromosomes. Colorblindness is recessive to normal eye sight and the woman may have the factor for it in one chromosome, but because of the presence of the other X chromosome, she is not colorblind. She may however be a carrier for it and can transmit it to some of her sons. A colorblind man normally does not have colorblind children.

QUESTION III: What causes sap to rise to the top of a tree 200 feet high?

Several theories have been suggested, namely, those of atmospheric pressure, root pressure and capillary action. None of these is sufficient to raise the sap a distance of 200 feet. However, water has a very great cohesive force. It also adheres to the sides of the tubes. It thus forms, despite air bubbles, which do not entirely fill the vessels, a veritable rope of water. The energy of the sun is thought to pull this endless rope up the tree.

Grimm: Do you think that candidate put enough fire into his speech?

Harry: Oh yes. The trouble was he did not put enough of his speech into the fire.

Dad: Your boy friend talks too much. He rattles on like a flivver. I'm afraid he's a flat tire.

Daughter: I know, Daddy dear, but his clutch is grand.



Our illustrious reporter again shows what he's made of. When told his coffee looked muddy he decided that was because it was ground.

We've been wondering about this chapel speaker being widely heard throughout the United States. He must have quite a voice.

#### FRIDAY RADIO PROGRAM

7:00 A. M. McCott Cornflake Hour  
8:00 Fiske, the songbird of the air  
10:00 The care of the unweaned weasels  
12:00 Hales Hungry Five  
1:30 P.M. Filtered Precipitates  
2:30 Airs from the Arcade  
3:30 Our own toot and saw ensemble  
4:30 How to keep healthy though harried  
5:30 Houghton's hash habits  
6:30 Slaughter House Quartette  
7:30 Every man for himself  
10:00 All quiet on the western front

From the coughing in chapel one would judge that the sale of cough-drops would be a good business in the book-store, or maybe its the effects of Doc. Frank's radio. Speaking of Doc, did you ever ask him to describe his pet house-cat? It has feet like boxing gloves and is at least three feet long—according to Doc.

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#### A Few Observations Concerning Water

1. For quenching thirst water has no equal.

2. Water and proteins are the chief ingredients in protoplasm. So important is water for protoplasm that an entire discussion of life on other worlds is based on the possibility of liquid water existing on the stars and other planets than the earth. Where liquid water cannot exist, astronomers are satisfied that no life like our own can exist.

3. Water is termed the universal solvent. As a liquid for general dissolving purposes there is no equal. It is, for this reason, used extensively for washing—most dirt is dissolved by it.

4. Swimming or bathing is a much loved sport. Suppose, however, that water were as heavy as mercury; then a person, if he weighed the same as now, would scarcely sink at all in it. He would be unable to get his arms and feet in it so as to push himself forward. If it were but a little less heavy it would be impossible to stay afloat. It's bad enough for many people now.

5. Water accommodates us in winter. When the sun goes south giving us long dark nights, that which fell as rain then comes to us as snow. Since snow is a white substance it is much easier to see during winter evenings.

6. Water moderates weather. It takes more heat to change a certain mass of water through a given range of temperature than almost any other thing. It is because of this fact that our best fruit belts are along large bodies of water. The water maintains a much more constant temperature than land, therefore the winds off the lakes keep the neighboring regions more constant than in other places. Hence the fruit trees do not blossom too early in the spring and suffer from late frosts.

On freezing water gives off eighty percent as much heat as it takes to raise it from the temperature of ice to that of steam. Freezing is, then, a warming process and melting is a cooling process. Without doubt the formation of snow and ice does much to prevent the temperature from falling abruptly. Tubs of water are often placed in cellars to prevent vegetables from freezing because the cellar is warmed by the heat given off when the water freezes.

Boiling is a cooling process. Water which is boiling cannot be raised in temperature because the energy is all used up in changing the water to a gas.

7. By being different than most things water saves life. It expands when it freezes while most things contract upon solidifying. If water contracted upon freezing, ice would be heavier than water. The ice would sink as soon as it froze and soon the bottom of lakes would be solid ice and if the cold weather persisted the entire lake would freeze solid. Now fish can stand being frozen for a time but little heat could reach the bottom of the ice so it would likely not melt in lakes even by fall. Fish and fishermen can be glad ice floats that is, they must be thankful that water expands and forms a protecting blanket on top of the lakes.

8. You have noticed that an auto

## Sports Chatter

Well you Alumni that didn't come to that Alumni-Varsity game missed one of the best games played in Bedford Gym for many a moon. If you think those varsity players weren't scared toward the last of the game, ask any of the boys.

We saw the Bliss High School defeat Groveland High in the County eliminations at Perry last Friday night. As many Houghton students know, both teams are coached by "Houghtonites"; "Joe" Kemp at Bliss, and "Coach" Connor at Groveland. Not so bad, having two championship teams in this part of the country trained by former Houghton students!

Perhaps we can't get a rise out of the student body in regard to sports but anyone who read the letter from Professor Hazlett, former head of the English Department, will have to admit the Alumni sometimes express their feelings.

We were glad to read Mr. Hazlett's criticism of the various departments of the STAR and certainly appreciated his comments on our column, even though we do believe he was unduly harsh and somewhat out of tune with the situation here.

For the benefit of those who did not read Mr. Hazlett's criticism we shall reprint that part of his letter which referred to sports. Mr. Hazlett advocates a column dealing with items of interest about the village and the towns-people and says, "such a column would be vastly less obvious than your rehashed comments on World Athletics, which from a distance seem just a bit naive and redundant. A column of 'snappy' comments on your own local athletic celebrities and events would be much more refreshing."

We want to thank Mr. Hazlett for this criticism, as all criticisms which are meant in the way we are sure Mr. Hazlett means the above, are greatly appreciated. In answering the criticism we must, however, state our position and give Professor Hazlett reasons why we believe he is somewhat in error.

Let us start on the first statement, that in regard to "rehashed" comments on "world" athletics. Well, rehashed is a good word, we admit that some of the information used has been taken from newspapers, but we wonder where the sports announcers sponsored by the Kendall Refining Company, the Clarke Teaberry Gum Company and many others get their information. We might be wrong but we'll venture to say that they don't have private correspondence with the sports celebrities they talk about on the air. Industries evidently believe the public is interested in world athletics enough for them to pay for these programs. Now in regard to "world" athletics. Are we to believe that Mr. Hazlett doesn't approve of college students having a knowledge of what is going on in the world? Not only in sports but in every branch of news we believe it is the duty of every college student to have a knowledge of world affairs. Newspapers of various cities can be read in our library, but we believe that it can be safely said that the great majority of present day college students do not read the daily newspapers. It is based on this belief that many of the bits of news find their way into "Sports Chatter" in condensed form. All of Houghton's athletics are based on world athletics. All athletes judge their performances against those records made by athletes all over the country. Does the fact that a new pole vault record was set a few days ago, not interest those who are interested in sports here? Will not those who take part in pole vaulting in the coming track and field meet measure their success by that same record?

Now in regard to a "snappy" column about our local athletics, and athletes. One thing a sports writer must do in Houghton, that is if he wants to remain happy, is to exercise care on who he selects for the outstanding stars in the various sports. We are of course, a member of either the Purple or the Gold side, and if we designate a Purple man as a hero and do not also praise the other side we would immediately be accused of favoritism. It is for this reason we have held aloof from individualism in this column.

Lack of material is another reason why we are forced to go outside of Houghton for sports news. We have but one sport at a time here. Most schools have five or six all functioning during the same season. The basketball series has been over for several weeks and nothing is scheduled for some time to come. Where is the news to come from for this "snappy" column? What a life!

track in the snow is more slippery water present we could not see as is than at either side and that snow noted when it condenses to form clouds and fog.

11. Under proper conditions water can be formed by burning Hydrogen, yet it is very effective in extinguishing fires.

12. When it hinders wheeling on roads by piling up in the form of snow, it makes sledding possible by being nearly frictionless.

Have you seen the craters on the moon? Make an appointment and see them when the moon is in first quarter again.

A headline says "Purdue Professor's Theory Simpler than Einstein's" But then, whose isn't?

—The Arcadian, Arcade, N. Y.

Stranger: I've come out here to make an honest living.

Native: Well there's not much competition.

The only time when liquor makes a man go straight is when the road curves.