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The Crowning Event of the Year Coming Saturday Evening

Again we call attention to the fact that the crowning musical event of the year will occur Saturday evening, Dec. 18, when Madame Gray-Lhevinne, known as the world's greatest woman violinist, comes to the platform of Houghton College where she will deliver another charming recital. We do not wish to merely call your attention to this fact, however; but it is our desire to forcibly impress this opportunity upon the minds of the Star readers, that they may not miss the chance of a lifetime. It is only by good fortune alone that we are able to offer this marvelous program. Madame Gray-Lhevinne has elsewhere previously signed contracts which called for sums as high as \$2,000. You cannot afford to miss it!

Houghton College Chorus

A Huge Success.

Tuesday evening December 14th, a well-filled auditorium listened to an orchestra prelude (Coronation March from "The Prophet" by Meyerbeer.) Then a breathless hush settled down when the soft, sweet strains of "Come, All Ye Faithful," swelled in volume as the singers approached the chapel. The beautiful background of evergreen, green bells cleverly concealing the lights and a huge, glittering star above, made an appropriate setting for the performance in the unrivaled cantata "Bethlehem."

Silas Molyneaux, boy soloist, sang "O quickly the night is falling," in his clear childish treble. Then followed, "How still the night" by the tenor soloist, Mr. Jones. The other soloists were: Prof. P. E. Woolsey, baritone; Hollis Stevenson, bass; Rosalind Churchill, soprano. The full chorus, "Glory to God in the highest," was a grand tribute of praise. The carol "Only a little village" went straight to our hearts with the tender strains. The prayer of submission "Here we offer and present unto Thee" was beautifully rendered. The volume exhibited, especially by the fifty-one sopranos in the triumphant finale, "Highway and Byway Let them all hear it," showed careful training and appreciation of the theme.

The Wise Men's conversation was well given and very effective. The soprano solo, "Sleep little Son," was a touching lullaby beautifully rendered.

The accompanists, Mary Alice Sloan and Alton Cronk performed ably at the piano. Mr. Cronk's Pastorale, so clearly depicted the awkward gait of the camels as they wended their way towards the town of Bethlehem, was especially delightful.

Professor Baker, able conductor, deserves much praise and honor for his careful training, interest, enthusiasm, and his final complete success. The chorus attempted to express its appreciation by presenting him with a ten dollar gold piece.

Special Offer for STAR Subscription

We desire to say that all persons desiring the Star for remainder of this school year, may A subscription makes a very appropriate gift to that friend interested in Houghton.

THE EDITOR.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to the members of the Anna Houghton Daughters, and to the many friends who have so kindly remembered me with their presents and with their prayers, during my illness.

Isabelle S. Fancher

Shakespearean Interpretation at Houghton College Chapel

On Monday evening, December 20, Dr. Henry Lawrence Southwick, distinguished classic teacher, orator, artist, and at the present time President of Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, will give an interpretive recital of Shakespeare's play "King Lear" at the Houghton College Chapel. The following press notice suggests the unusual quality of this recital.

Mr. Southwick is a thorough Shakespearean scholar and a superb elocutionist. . . . Lights and shades always harmonize. He has no tricks of delivery, and reads his lines with such delicacy of finish, such suggestiveness and acute sympathy, that even to those who know their Shakespeare well, his interpretations come with a forceful, light-giving power."

Boston Times

This is the second number of the Houghton College Lecture Course, and you cannot afford to miss the most highly entertaining as well as educational number of the series. Those students who are taking work under the college lish and Oratory Departments of the college should make it a special point to attend this recital.

Follow the Star

By Bertha M. Rothermel

Follow the star, where the wise men are!
Keep following the star tho' the way lead afar!

Thorns in the roadside your pathway may mar.

Jesus the light of life, He is your star.

Follow the star, 'mid the angry deep,
Keep following the star, o'er the rocky steep,
Hold high your Christ, thru the busy street,
God's in his heaven, His vigil to keep.

Follow your star where your Christ was sent,
Keep following the Christ, on his mission bent,

Taunts may assail you e'er time is spent,
Keep scattering the love that to you he has lent.

Follow the star to the lone cradle fair,
On to the mount of temptation and prayer,
Leave in his garden, Gethsemane's care,
Follow to Calvary, your Savior was there.

Bow at the cross with your burden within,
Let the blood from the thorns redeem thee from sin.

Go to the upper-room where hearts are akin,
Then, forth to the world His victory to win.

Then follow our Christ and fight his foe"
Stand firm for the right wherever you go.
Keep looking heavenward, He cometh and low,

Following His star, has made it so.

Returned Missionary Addresses Mission Study class

On Saturday night, Dr. Ruby Paine, returned missionary from Africa, spoke to an interested audience. She related some of her own experience in the medical work, and mentioned the needs of the field.

Africa is "waking up," and calling for advanced civilization. One who can teach them systematic labor can at the same time teach them the gospel. The mission schools are taking advantage of this opportunity.

The Mohammedans, who menace our work in Sierra Leone, are very influential. They are zealous in personal work, using both fear and cunning to gain converts.

To young people desiring to do the greatest service, the mission field presents an opportunity. Are we willing to sacrifice, and go forth in the Master's name?

Lower Classmen Successful

Freshmen-Junior Girls Tounce Sophmore Seniors; Sophmore Boys Win Over Juniors.

Interclass basketball was resumed last Friday evening when the Freshmen-Junior girls easily outscored the Sophmore-Senior combination 17-6, and the Sophmore boys trimmed the Junior representatives 26-18.

Comparing the two teams man to man or rather girl to girl, one would judge them closely matched with Driscoll and Beattie as opposing centers. Anderson and Mattoon playing forward for the Sophmore-Seniors, while Albro and Davies performed like duties for the Freshmen-Juniors, Cole and Molyneaux doing guard duty for the upper-classmen, Loftis and Ackerman for the lower. The first few minutes of play also seemed to indicate a close, exciting game. However as the game went on, lower classmen proved themselves far superior in that vital essentiality of all successful teams, teamwork.

Davies started her team on the way to victory by scoring on a pretty shot from the side. Not until the last half however did the score become uneven. Then their excellent offensive power asserted itself. Beattie and Ackerman contributed largely to the scoring. Their playing together with that of Davies, corroborates our belief that the newcomers this year should aid invaluable in the approaching Purple and Gold series.

The final contest, between the Sophmore and Junior boys, began with the former taking charge of the contest from the first. Scoring a field basket in the first minute of play. They brought their total to seven at the end of the first quarter, while the Juniors scored once on a foul try by Joe Horton. The second quarter found the Juniors exhibiting improved playing, both teams scoring seven points and making the score at the half 15-8.

On the first period of the second half the Sophs shifted Miller from guard to his customary position at forward and Molyneaux went in at guard. This combination proved effective, making the count at the third quarter 20-10. Only in the final minutes of play did the game become exciting. The Juniors second five points were made in rapid succession and threatened to tie the score. Hussey was

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Stir Me

The missionary meeting Tuesday night was in charge of Clinton Donohue, president of the Senior Y. M. W. B. Most of the time was spent in earnest prayer for the missionary work. However, the leader made a few forceful remarks, based on John 4:35 and Luke 10:2: "The harvest truly is great...." We should send the Gospel, not because the heathen want it, but because our Master's last command was "Go ye." If we felt more keenly the spirit of Christ when He said, "Love one another, as I have loved you," we would not be indifferent to the world situation. But it takes the Holy Spirit to transform cold facts into a passion for lost souls.

"Stir me, oh stir me, Lord—I care not how,
But stir my heart in passion for the world;
Stir me to give, to go, but most to pray,
Stir till the red-blood banner is unfurled.
Open lands that still in heathen darkness lie,
O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.
Stir me, oh stir me, Lord till prayer is pain,
Till prayer is joy, till prayer turns into praise;
Stir me till heart and will and mind, yea all
Is wholly thine to use through all the days;
Stir, till I learn to pray exceedingly,
Stir till I learn to wait expectantly."

"What Shall the End be of Them That Obey Not the Gospel!"

It is a very difficult matter to give any conception in the brief space of a newspaper column of the marvelous message which the Holy Spirit gave to us on Sunday morning through the lips of our pastor, Rev. J. R. Pitt. Truly the word came to us in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. The only thing for those who heard the sermon to do is to recognize the voice of God in it, and square their lives with His Word.

The subject of the sermon was "Obeying the Gospel." Rev. Pitt pointed out the origin of sin, and nature, and the manifestations of disobedience in the world, closing with the unanswered question, "What shall the end be of them that obey not the Gospel?" He said in part: Evil began with Satan and Satan's temptation. It consisted in listening to someone besides God. What a wonderful thing if we would always listen to God before we listen to anyone else. I cannot commune with God in what you think; you cannot commune with God in what I think. The only way we can have fellowship with God is in His Word.

The nature of disobedience in its beginning was that man felt that in some way he could become independent of God. The fall did not consist in man's eating the apple. He ate the apple because he had fallen, because he thought that in some way he could be equal with God. Disobedience is manifested in the daring spirit of men who will have their own way in thinking, in planning, in working. The doctrines presented in Genesis are identical with the revelation of man as shown by history. The manifestation of disobedience is first seen in Cain, the "incarnation of the spirit of evil, who slew his brother because he offered up a blood sacrifice. The great mass of men are of the Cain character. Later, the law was added because of transgressions and was ordained in the hands of a mediator, but the Jews, forgetting the mediator, trusted in the law for salvation. Likewise the heathen when they had the consciousness of God, felt that they needed no mediator, that they could accomplish their own righteousness, and therefore they dragged God down to their level, making images of him like unto corruptible man, and birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. It is always true that man must either accept the mediator between himself and God, or drag God down to his own level. The modern scientists says, "I'll prove God in my scientific laboratory or I will not believe in Him."

Man's rebellion has become more widespread as light has increased. The rejection of Jesus Christ as a Saviour through his blood is the greatest sin since the world began. God in judgment will take "vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel." The fire from heaven will fall on them who represent this agnostic age. The coming judgment at the end of this age will be infinitely more terrible than anything that has gone before, upon those who refuse the gospel through the mediation of His Son that there will be no comparison.

"What shall the end be?" says Peter. He cannot tell. There is nothing to compare it with. No one can imagine it. No one can picture it. God cannot get it into men's minds. Only revelation can tell the story, and revelation can, and does tell the story through the Holy Ghost to those who having the Holy Ghost are in a situation to understand it.

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EDITORIAL

"The Editorials this week have been chosen from those written, as an assignment, by the students in the Freshman English classes."

Being in a quiet little town tucked away in the hills rather than in a noisy, humming city gives one a new outlook. Christmas approaches in a different way, and with a deeper meaning. Here we have no crowded shops, filled with frantic, shoving Christmas shoppers; nor any busy streets lined with display windows of gifts; nor any brightly lighted Christmas signs dazzling us with their splendor; nor any gaudily painted bill-boards inviting us to a Christmas dance or a Christmas show. No, we have none of this to remind us that the most looked-for day of the year is approaching. Instead we hear a group of gay young people discussing the keen enjoyment of an afternoon of skating. They too have been enjoying the refreshing outdoors, as I have been. I am still tingling with the zest of a long cross-country hike. Having been watching each varied aspect of the wooded hills - from the green, through the colorful, then brown, and then the bare stage, their purity in white is inspiring. It was while standing on one of the high hills, drinking in the quiet charm of the scenery in this new white cloak, that I got my first realization of the enchantment of the Christmas season. It seems so fitting that we acknowledge our Christ Child's birth when nature is atune. What a pity that the worried shoppers and tired workers of the city cannot have five minutes of Houghton scenery to give them a new meaning to Christmas, and to sense in a tiny way the infinite generosity of our gift of nineteen hundred years ago! Although we may not be able to take home elaborate gifts, may we take with us some true Christmas cheer, so that every moment of our two weeks' vacation will mean the most to our folks. Let us let them know how much we appreciate them.

Martha York

The Thought Behind the Gift

What is this talk I hear? What topic of conversation is being so thoroughly and happily discussed by groups of girls in several rooms or in the halls? The keynote of the discussion is Christmas. Plans for Christmas conceived in the minds and hearts of these girls must somehow be talked over, ideas exchanged and the approval of others received.

Much of this preparation is made for the loving folks at home who, too, are planning for the home coming and the joy of the season. What is the thought that prompts these gifts? Is it not love? It is a desire to show this love that plans are being made to give to each person just what would surprise and please most. Is not this, then, in keeping with Christmas?

When the little Babe was born in the lowly manger at Bethlehem, the greatest gift was given to men. With it came such joy, such rapture, and such happiness. As the angel chorus proclaimed the message, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will to men," they planted in men's hearts a real fellowship. The birth of Christ marks the beginning of the custom of giving gifts. Some people are sad on Christmas Day because they are not able to give material gifts. They should not be, for none is so poor but that he can give his love and cheer which is by far the greatest gift mortal man can offer.

"The gift without the giver is bare," but he who gives himself and his love, even though unaccompanied by a gift, has shown the true Christmas spirit. Thus, we rejoice to see the groups of girls talk over their Christmas plans as they sew and work, for in each plan and in each stitch is love.

Blanche Gearhart

Have You Heard That

Donald Fergusson is seriously ill in Buffalo hospital.

Luther Grange, of Chicago, is visiting his sister, Miss Bertha Grange.

Robert Molyneux has returned from a hunting trip in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Isabelle Fancher has returned home after spending some time in Utica.

Margaret Lewis has returned from Rochester where she has been spending several days.

Miss Bertha Woodhead of Forksville, Pa., returned home, Wednesday, after spending several days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodhead.

Rev. J. C. Long left Tuesday for Sesquehanna, Pa., where he will conduct revival meetings.

Mrs. Vine Williamson, of Venice Center, is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush McCarty and daughter, Lois, of Elkland, Pa., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lee McCarty.

We are sorry to hear that Goldie Davidson was called to her home in Ford City, Pa., Wednesday, by the death of her father.

An Answer to "the Christian Girl"

The great tendency of the day is to look upon the Christian boy as "old-fashioned". They say that he is tied to his mother's apron strings: first, because he is too cautious to partake of anything that will harm his character and second, because he is concerned for others. A great number carry the idea that the ordinary boy must spend a certain amount of his life in sin. Then, like heroes we read about, he repents of all his misdoings and spends the rest of his years as a respectable man. They think it impossible for a young man to be a Christian and still be a red-blooded boy. Thus some call him "sissy" since he does not enter into things which will cast a reflection on his life or the life of someone else. The fact is that the Christian young man has that within him which shrinks from evil. Consequently, this criticism is unjust, for it takes more courage to stand for right than to follow the crowd.

Likewise he is falsely accused of being cool and unfriendly, perhaps because he is not like the modern boy who spends his time flirting and trifling with the fair sex. Instead, he has a distaste for the flirt and desires to have nothing to do with women of this class. Like the Christian girl he has no use for "necking" and "mugging"; manhood is too sacred a trust—to him it means strength and power.

Furthermore, the Christian young man has forethought for the young women about him. He desires to treat all young women as he would like to have his sister and mother treated, for he knows that as the Scriptures say, "the price of a virtuous woman is far above rubies." He demands a wife that is pure, therefore he wishes to be able to present himself to his future wife, a clean, pure man. For this reason, he would rather be classed as unpopular than to sacrifice his manhood for the follies of sin.

Indeed his honest heart labors to produce sincerity in his friendships with his fellow-men. He chooses friends that will help build up his character. He is kind and helpful to everyone and a true sympathetic friend to those who are worthy of his confidence. His "springs" too are in Christ, so he conforms not to the sinful customs of the world but to the image of his Master.

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Imitation of Carlyle

(Especially his essays)

Undoubtedly the most comfortable things on earth are slippers. However, we must not say that all slippers are comfortable, for it is vain babbling, and portrays an outstanding fallacy to assert that because one thing is good, another of the same family or species must also be good. Machine-made articles are subject to error. What, however, do slippers illustrate? Those slippers that sit side by side by the fireplace while the flames crackle higher, while the cat purrs herself gently to sleep, while the shadows creep longer and longer, those slippers with the silver buckles - what do they portray? Do they not speak of one of the greatest truths of the human race? Do they not talk with a silent tongue urging mankind to rest, urging people to appreciate home to a greater extent, urging young people to spend more time at mother's side? Ah! they are the sentinels which have watched over our father's lives and made them more comfortable. Therefore, understanding their influence and what they mean, we as a people should resolve to carry out their silent commands.

Paragraph in Imitation of Thomas Carlyle

In the college, Houghton, as we at length discover, some have become Seniors, though how, by what means, or through what Trials and Tribulations will perhaps never be disclosed with the smallest certainty. But is not this, at any rate, an inkling of what mental and intellectual Capabilities may, let us say, what breadth and depth of Wisdom must have been kindled within those mystic walls? They who entered but four short years ago have suddenly become the Domini of occasions - yesterday poor Sophomores allowed to possess nothing above a C plus in Sophomore English, to-day they find themselves at the top of the ladder. True, great Souls go about under all manner of disguises now. How comes it, I say: how comes it? Is it not amazing?

Imitations of Chaucer

A clerk ther was Hotone of College also,
And thogh of geten English hadde noght a sho.

In trying ther-to coude he muchel helpe,
By cure of studie, ne rage lyk a whelpe.
Each night him have at his beddes heed
Ful forty bokes, al in blak or reed,
Of English pokes, on which he gan thinken.

Ne had much time to go to mete or drinke;

This porre seoler he studie al he can,
He rys up erly, a ful solemful man.

W. S. Austen

A Prof ther was of Houghton schule last year,

Who made Sophomore English rele harde,
But sin he yedest awaye to Columbia,
Wher he eke has studies rele difficulte,
And how his conscience hurte him nowe
For what he left behind for us to doon-e;
So much so that he endyte backe,
And seyde that we doon have revenge;
For that we thank Columbia verrey muche.

And hope they doon't quite worke him to dethe.

Frank Lane

Committee—"Van, I guess we'll have to send you to the Wesleyan Church to preach instead of to the one we planned.
Van—"No, siree, I can't preach in a Wesleyan church, my sermon is for sinners."

WHO SHOULD JOIN THE CHURCH

As is readily observed the question, "Who should join the church?" may easily be interpreted as meaning two entirely different things. That is it might mean, "who is fit, or who is good enough to join the church?" However the former of these may have the strongest implication.

One always feels out of place when he allies himself with a group of people with whom he is not entirely in accord, as regards opinions on various subjects. Yet, since no man can see, exactly as another, such classifications or groups of individuals should be guarded or a revolution is certain to occur. For instance I would not feel as though I were in my natural element if I should ally myself with such a group as "The Russian Society for the Advancement of Bolshevism" because I would not believe in the very foundations upon which that institution is founded. Likewise, it may be an individual and a church. Some people foster the idea that it is better to belong to some religious organization than to none even if they did differ radically from you in their intents and views. Yet, I would say that this individual would be doing himself incredible harm and would do the church or institution to which he joined incredible harm. For does not the church have enough of foes to contend with without adding internal enemies to itself? Surely, an internal enemy is the worst kind of an enemy.

The second way in which the topic could be taken is that of co-operation. Individualism if carried out to extremes is sure to bring destruction to any individual. The man who thinks he can do more for God alone than he can with others is like the man who went to annihilate the Germans on his own resources without the aid of his fellow men. Certain kinds of genuses of animals kill themselves in this way because they do not unite. On the other hand, the difference in individuals is so great even in the religious realm that co-operation in order to be successful must have a single deep-seated purpose as the motivating energy of each unit or individual. Every person who finds the church that comes nearest his ideal, nearest to what he honestly considers best in life, to that church let him belong. On the other hand if he only wished to join the church for show or to take authority into his own hands to be used for his personal service only, then let that man remain outside of the self-respecting church.

Evan W. Molyneux

From the name "Christian Church" we would naturally say that only Christians should join the church. But the question arises: who is a Christian? Many people think a Christian is one who is morally good and Christlike after a fashion. Many churches allow people to join who are good citizens and have a good reputation. I believe that as long as Christ is the Head of the Church, only those who know the saving grace of Christ and are following closely after His word should join the Christian church.

The church, I believe, is called to preach the Gospel and is to be a life-saving station. Therefore, it should not be a place of entertainment where the pleasures of the world can be satisfied. It should not try to compete with the theater and restaurants, but should be a place where the people can come and find food for their souls and not for their stomachs. Of course, I do not mean that Christians should not engage in social functions, but that the church should not be used as a house of business except that of the business of the Lord. A true church should have an uplifting effect upon the social and moral life of a community as well as the spiritual.

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What Boys Think of Girls

Of course everyone will admit that the excerpts from the boy's opinion of the girls was a good deal exaggerated, and more humorous than truthful. The question that now arises is what the boys really think of the girls. What do we think of their whims, their actions and their ideas? True, some of them may be extraordinary, but most of them are sane and the cause for action can in most cases be easily explained.

The male population of the Freshman English classes claimed that they thought that girls are to be shunned and to be excluded from society, yea, even killed. The reason for this startling announcement was that the English teachers gave them a wonderful opportunity by giving them this subject for a theme. They immediately jumped at the chance to "slam" the girls. Why not, the girls did the same! Some of the astounding facts just lately revealed by the girls in their themes would shock anyone. Just to think that us poor innocent freshmen were capable of such monstrosities! There is no objection to this, but what do the boys really think of the girls?

The modern girl has many faults. So do the boys, the men and women, the grandfathers and grandmothers, yes, all but one, who set an example for all to follow, have so many faults that they could never be tabulated. Of course there have been some substantial foundations for everything that was said about the girls. (I was the chief offender). But we cannot draw out a few exceptions from the multitude and point them out as the majority.

Let us think over their faults, but let us not dwell too long on them. A vast majority of the girls of today are as serious minded as the boys, and in some cases more so. They are frank kind, discreet, even tempered, in fact, all that could be demanded of them. Remember, I do not say that all girls have all these traits, or even a fraction of them, but a girl is very rare who does not possess some qualities in their character which boys always admire.

The Gospel still Effective

The party who went to the Olean Evangelical Church December 12, consisted of the mixed quartet, who are Alfred Kreckman, Wilfred Bain, Ruth Williams, Leona Verbridge; and William Sallsburg, leader; Elsie Chind and Harold VanWormer, speakers; Ivah Benning, Professor Wright, Mr. Cronk and his son Malcolm. Never did the Christian Workers meet with a more attentive, appreciative audience! Eight individuals came to the altar for help, while three others raised their hands for prayer. The pastor, Rev. Bunts, and his people were unusually friendly. Best of all, God's Spirit gave to the whole service that inexpressible glory and unction that His people love. We humbly praise our Jesus.

No services were held the two previous Sundays because of vacation and the stormy weather. Next Sunday, D. V. a service will be held at Niles where Rev. Bunts has another charge. Pray! and victory will attend.

Lower Classmen Successful

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fouled on a successful attempt for goal and he added one more to his cause in his two free tries from the foul line. Horton followed this with another field goal and the game began to be interesting. Dyer, stellar Sophomore guard, came to the rescue at this stage of the game by making all three of his free throws from the fifteen foot line. Lane immediately followed with the third goal of the game a little before the final whistle blew ending the game at the apparently inevitable score of 18-26, this being the score of three or four preceding games recently.

Alumni Notes

Ira S. Bowen is again this year following his chosen kind of work in the field of Physics in the California Institute of Technology. In this institution is the best equipped physics laboratory in the world. We are glad to learn that Mr. Bowen finally consented to receive his doctorate but not until after having completed twenty-two scientific articles, each of which was worthy of the degree. He is now instructor of the Sophomore classes, but more important, he is doing extensive research work with and for the noted Dr. Millikan.

Harold J. Lee, class of '18, and family are living in Rome, New York. Mr. Lee, after receiving his degree in Chemistry in Oberlin College, is doing testing and research work in the chemical department of the Rome Manufacturing Company.

Prof. Claude A. Reis, class of '18, and family reside in Houghton. Prof. Reis is serving his Alma Mater as teacher on the College Faculty for the third year after completing courses in Asbury College and Syracuse University.

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