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## LARGE AUDIENCE HEAR VIOLINIST

**Tschaikowski's D Major Symphony Played with Unusual Dexterity and Ease.**

A large and appreciative audience attended the concert given by Joseph Knitzer, youthful violinist, last Tuesday evening.

The program consisted of three groups the first being from the pen of Brahms. One critic writes: Of all the figures of modern music, brilliant and varied as they are, impressing one with the many sidedness and wide scope of the art, there is perhaps only one, that of Johannes Brahms, which conveys the sense of satisfying poise, self control and sanity. Others excel him in particular qualities but Brahms alone has "Homeric simplicity". Indeed this very characteristic was evident in the Sonata in A Major opus 100 which Mr. Knitzer played, and was responsible largely for the unanimous success of this group. Several in the audience were partial to this first group.

The concerto in D Major opus 35 by Tschaikowsky comprised the second group. Of the composer we may say that he was a man of "peculiar sensitive temperament, quite gentle and inclined to melancholy but with all manly and firm. One feels that his music is an unusually true expression of the thoughts and emotions of its composer". His genius finds expression in his piano and violin concertos of which the one played last Tuesday night is no exception. Perhaps this is the most often heard of any of his violin and piano numbers. The D Major concerto is very difficult technically; however the artist rendered it with unusual dexterity and ease. The fine interpretation which Mr. Knitzer put into this group seemed to bring out the tempestuous melancholy and dignity of the composition.

The third group, while it was very evidently of a lighter nature, received popular applause. *En Bateau* by Debussy was distinctly modern, *Jota* by Falla-Kochanski was a composition in the nature of a folk dance and the *Flight of the Bumble Bee* was a program composition depicting the humming of a bee. The latter was particularly interesting since it was an arrangement by Hartmann who in former years was a noted composer and artist and a resident in Houghton.

Perhaps the most outstanding thing about Mr. Knitzer's performance is his extraordinary artistry or his ability to put fine interpretation into his music. Beyond this his technique compares favorably with his contemporaries. It is the opinion of several who had the privilege of hearing the youthful violinist that he will some day be one of the best if not the best violinist in the country.

"Prayers are heard in heaven very much in proportion to our faith. Little faith will get very great mercies, but great faith still greater."  
—Spurgeon.

"What loneliness is more lonely than distrust?—George Eliot.

## LITERARY CONTEST OPENS THIS WEEK

In certain classes this week the annual literary contest was announced. Since the contest closes in April it was thought none too early to present it. The possibilities of a literary magazine were also considered.

In next week's *Star* the rules of the contest will be given. Suffice it to say here all are eligible to write an essay, a story, or a poem, who have not already won first place in the department which they wish to enter this year.

It is hoped that those who suggested recently that they desired the columns of the *Star* as a medium for the publication of their literary and especially verse, effusions, will present some of those effusions for the contest.

The Contest should attract more good writers than entered last year, and the quality of the material as a whole should be much improved.

## Houghton Church Has Pipe Organ Installed

Houghton students and residents of this vicinity are expected to participate soon in an enterprise of unusual aspect when a pipe organ is installed in the local tabernacle church. Such a splendid opportunity as is provided through the purchase of the organ from the Church of the Ascension in Bradford, Pa. does not frequently take place.

It seems that the Bradford church has recently received a surprise gift, providing for a large new organ. The one already in use was in good condition and must have, when new, cost about \$10,000, depending upon the builder if our information is correct. As it is, we have been privileged to buy, move, and have put into first class condition this organ for approximately \$1,500.

The organ is possessed of a fine tone. Mr. A. Gottfried, world-recognized authority on organ tone has pronounced it an instrument of rare possibilities. Other organ authorities who have inspected it write in the opinion that the "diapason" stops on the organ are among the best they have ever heard—bar none. At present the A. Gottfried Co. of Erie is in charge of moving, repairing, and remodeling the organ to fit our organ chambers. For us, the pipes must be divided. Some of the pipes which are too long for our space must be mitred. Others must be revoiced to fit the acoustical qualities of the church. A few other worn parts must be replaced.

The organ includes two manuals and pedal keyboard, twenty-one speaking stops and seven couplers. The total number of pipes is 1139. Mechanical equipment includes a crescendo pedal with indicator, a Great to Pedal reversible, tremolo, sforzando pedal, and nine combination pistons.

It will take about a month to install this organ which, we trust, will be an instrument which will prove satisfactory in its place and for the worship of God.

"No man can live happily who regards himself alone, who turns everything to his own advantage. Thou must live for another, if thou wishest to live for thyself."—Seneca.

## THE GIBBS RELATE SOME EXPERIENCES

**The Work of Japanese Missionaries Told to Reporter**

One cannot but marvel at the manner in which God has mellowed the lives of his servants in the foreign fields. The gracious, congenial manner with which Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Gibbs greeted the interviewing reporter is a characteristic virtue of such individuals.

It has been sixteen years since these people sailed from the United States bound for missionary service in Tokyo, Japan. At the time of their call, Mr. Gibbs was preaching in Pennsylvania; yet, they knew the need, the opportunity was available, and their capabilities were in the hands of God. Their own testimony would not allow for any alternative. The only question upon their minds was "Why shouldn't we go?" and its answer was made clear.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs told of many interesting experiences and many strange facts about that land. Some of these follow.

The first work of every missionary to a foreign land, where a tongue other than their own is spoken, is to learn that language together with the customs of the natives. This work is necessarily arduous because the workers feel impatient to contact the people and yet are impotent because of their inability to understand or communicate in the native tongue. The learning of the Japanese language is quite difficult, yet Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs were teaching on a small scale at the end of their first year.

The romance of missionary work in a far country holds an appeal to most Christian young people, but it takes real faith and vision to see romance after the novelty wears off and the work is discovered to be just as prosaically detailed as its many branches in this country. One can visualize Japan as being an extremely difficult land in which to teach

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## Rev. A. J. Shea Conducts the Chapel Devotions

Tuesday's chapel period marked the resumption of habitual routine and the welcome to Houghton College for the new students who have joined her ranks.

On the platform were noticed members of the college Board of Managers, including the Rev. A. J. Shea of Jersey City, Edward Elliot, president of this Wesleyan Conference, E. F. McCarty of Lansing, Michigan, and David Reese of Elmira.

The devotional message was brought by Rev. Shea, the father of one of Houghton's faculty members and two of her students. He spoke convincingly and pleasingly from the passage in Ephesians 2: "We are his workmanship". He brought out the thought that man is wonderfully made in God's likeness to glorify Him, but because of sin, he must adjust himself through Christ to make himself like that which God would have him so that the Trinity may dwell in him. If one would lead a successful life, he must follow God's plan, permitting a change of heart and taking His promises at their face value.

## Purple-Gold Series Divide Wins in Open Clashes

**Gold Girls and Purple Men Take First Game of Series**

The Purple-Gold series, after being delayed by the refinishing of the gym floor, got away to a good start Friday night, January 18, as the Purple divided the opening clashes with the Gold.

The Gold girls opened the series by taking their fair opponents by the score of 14-8. The Gold co-eds came out strong in the first quarter and as the whistle blew were ahead 4-1. They continued this same type of game holding the Purple scoreless during the second quarter and at the half led 6-1. After the intermission the Purple rallied and scored even with the Gold making the score at the end of the third quarter 10-6. During the final period the Gold again outdistanced the Purple and as the final whistle blew were out in front 14-8.

Vera Hall was high scorer for the evening with six points while Green Lee and L. Sheffer were all tied for runner-up position each netting four points.

In the main encounter of the evening the Gold men threw a scare into the purple camp during the first half but were outdistanced during the final half and lost 45-31. The Gold men came out against the Purple second stringers and as the quarter ended were leading 12-7. At the beginning of the second quarter the Purple threw in their first stringers and as the half ended the Gold, although outscored during the second period were still ahead 21-19. Shortly after the beginning of the second half the Gold lost "Dixie" Goldberg in the personal foul route and this may account for the immediate rally of the Purple. At the end of the third quarter they had taken the lead and at the final whistle were leading the Gold, 45-31.

Paul Paine was high scorer for the game dropping in seventeen points and was followed by "Steve" Anderson and "Dick" Farnsworth who netted twelve apiece.

The Purple made a clean sweep of their second series encounter with the Gold on Friday night January 25. The Purple girls did their part when they took the Gold girls into camp 11-8. The game was featured by the Purple defense which checked the Gold forwards very efficiently. The Gold were not allowed a field goal during the first half and got their only two points on two tosses by Lee from the charity stripe. The Purple led 4-2 as the half ended. After the half the Gold rallied but the Purple were equal to the task and led as the final gun sounded 11-8. Vera Hall and Lovedy Sheffer were tied for the scoring honors each counting four times.

In the second fray of the evening the Gold again made it a ball game but were defeated by a spirited last quarter rally on the part of the Purple. The final score was 26-21. The Gold again came out strong during the first quarter and at the whistle were out in front 11-7. However they were held scoreless throughout the second quarter and as the half ended trailed a 12-11 score. After the intermission the Gold came back to score eight points to six for their

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**Gold Men Take Their First Win in Exciting Combat**

The Gold cagers made a clean sweep of Monday night's double bill with the Purple Lions, the Gold Tigers, strengthened by the return to school of "Charlie" Benjamin and aided by the same stellar work of Paul Paine, edged out the Purple 40-36 in a game which was filled with all the thrills and excitement that is good basketball. Paul Paine was easily the star of the evening accounting personally for twenty-three of his team's points and holding Gibbins, elephantine Purple pivot man, to five counters.

In the preliminary encounter the Gold Cards gained a game on the Purple opponents in the race for the championship by the score of 9-5. The Gold defense featured a slow, uninteresting game. The first half was played on practically even terms both teams displaying a ragged brand of basketball, probably due to lack of practice, and the score at the whistle ended the half 3-3. During the second half the Gold scoring machine went into action long enough to net them six points and leave the Purple trailing 9-5 as the game ended. Vera Hall was high scorer with four points and was followed by her teammate Vernita Green who made three. L. Sheffer and Cole accounted each for two points to lead the Purple offensive. E. Donley did a fine guard job holding Ratcliffe scoreless during the game.

The Gold men facing their third defeat which would have practically put them out of the series came through and won 40-36.

The game was close and exciting from start to finish the Purple having the edge during the first half and the Gold dominating the last half. Both teams came out fighting and with their guards leading the attack the Purple led 12-10 as the first period ended. The game continued very much the same during the second quarter and the Gold trailed 22-18 as the half ended. It is hard to say whether the rest during the intermission or a pep-talk by Capt. Vogel helped them but the Gold came back to outscore the Purple 7-6 during the third quarter. However, they still trailed going in to the last quarter 28-25. The last quarter was played with the score tied much of the time. With about two minutes to go a foul shot by Dave Paine put the Gold in front. Benjamin followed this with a field goal which with so short a time to go seemed sufficient to take the game. However, Anderson was fouled and made both his shots good. This brought the Purple within striking distance again. Immediately Glen Donelson killed the hopes of Purple followers by sinking a shot from scrimmage and Benjamin followed this with a foul shot to put the ice. The final score was 40-36. Paul Paine scored high for the evening by netting twenty-three points while his teammate Benjamin followed him with twelve points. "Jack" Crandall led the losers' attack with ten points and turned in a creditable game at guard.

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## Editorial

It was interesting to note Tuesday evening the conduct of the audience at the violin recital given by Mr. Joseph Knitzer.

From the time individuals entered until the close of the concert there was shown a sense of appreciation and respect for the artist. During the numbers there was an absence of whispering so that each one was given an opportunity to obtain the most from the concert. The students are to be complimented for this splendid manifestation of their conduct. Even after the last number, when the audience was leaving the room, the students did not push and shove to be the first ones out, but waited their time, showing respect and courtesy to those about them.

We realize that there are certain phases in which there is room for improvement. Nevertheless, since noticing the conduct at the recital we feel that we have shown that we really do possess good manners.

P. K. B.

Along with examinations and other troubles we seem to be beset with another plague in the form of three-day measles. We should be thankful it is nothing more serious than this but unless extra precautions are taken even this insignificant illness may result in serious inconveniences in school as well as individual activities.

It is true that it is extremely contagious, and having been definitely exposed, there is little to be done except wait for the blow to fall. However, there are precautions which we should already have incorporated into daily habits. Keep up body resistance by regular meals, sleep, and exercise. Use particular care in the use of articles with or after. Avoid crowds if possible and especially individuals who show any symptoms of headache, sore throat and etc. More important even than these, is the individual responsibility to report to the infirmary if you suffer any of the symptoms yourself. This can be stopped. Make yourself a committee of one to see that you don't get the measles, and if you fail in that, don't give them to someone else.

K. J. B.

## BASKETBALL

### Last Game

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### Girls

	FG	FP	TP
Gold			
Hall f	2	0	4
J. Donley f	1	0	2
Green c	1	1	3
E. Donley g	0	0	0
Lee g	0	0	0
Total	4	1	9
Purple			
Ratcliffe f	0	0	0
Stone f	0	0	0
Sheffer c	1	0	2
Shaffer g	0	1	1
Cole g	0	2	2
Total	1	3	5

### Boys

Boys				
	FG	FP	TP	
Gold				
Donelson f	2	0	4	
Benjamin f	4	4	12	
P. Paine c	11	1	23	
Goldberg g	0	0	0	
D. Paine g	0	1	1	
Hopkins g	0	0	0	
Total	17	6	40	
Purple	FG	FP	TP	
Anderson f	2	3	7	
Schogoleff f	2	0	4	
Gibbins c	2	1	5	
Thompson c	0	1	1	
Houghton g	4	1	9	
Crandall g	5	0	10	
Total	15	6	36	
Scoring by quarters:				
	I	II	III	IV
Gold	10	8	7	15
Purple	12	10	6	8

## ALUMNI NEWS

### ALUMNI GIVE BOOKS TO LIBRARY

During the past semester several valuable additions have been made to the book stock in the library. Among them we note the following:

History of the Wesleyan Methodist Church by Rev. I. F. McLeister a gift from the author, is a very interesting record of the rise and progress of the Church from the stormy days of the abolitionists to the present time. The book is profusely illustrated with pictures of leaders of the Church, missionaries and our educational buildings with the presidents of the various schools. Every Wesleyan young person should read this book for the inspiration it brings to heroic living.

Miss Harriet Meeker of Succasunna, N. J. was one of the alumni who came home last fall. Shortly after her return to her school, she sent the library a 1932 edition of the National Encyclopedia in ten volumes. Later she has promised to send book-plates which shall be in memory of her brother, Harry Meeker, who was a student here until 1918 when he was called to the soldiers' training camp where he died with flu. The encyclopedia is much appreciated and answers many questions which our older sets do not.

Quite a number of books have been contributed for the recreation room but owing to the lack of a book case they are still held in reserve. Who wants to give a book case?

### Harriet Meeker Writes

My calendar reminds me that weeks ago I promised to write you a letter after Christmas. It was so easy to succumb and promise to do something safe in the future. Now that the moment is upon me, I am trying to blot out all the crowded hours of the Holiday season and return to the Thanksgiving Homecoming.

Let me recall the so-called purpose of this communication—my impressions of Houghton after fifteen years of absence. Since I did not go about with a notebook in hand, don't for one minute expect to read a scientific report; anyhow I could not write one, for I am not scientifically-minded.

My most distinct impression of Houghton is the thoroughly enjoyable hours I spent on the campus and in its vicinity. I admit frankly that I had expected to feel somewhat like a strange cat on the campus, but the friendliness of those I did not know and the warm welcome of those I did know left not one uncomfortable, getting-adjusted minute. It was great fun to see the changes which have been made in the buildings and on the campus. And the new church is indeed a thing of beauty, an inspiration to anyone who pauses on the roadway outside or lingers in the hushed quiet inside.

There are too many varieties of impressions for me to attempt to set them all down. To many alumni and present students it is unbelievable that one could stay away from Houghton for fifteen years. One of my most amusing recollections is the look of astonishment on the faces of—well, many when I confessed how many years have slipped by since I last visited the campus during the college year. (It was well for me that I had no desire to pretend that I belong to any recent crop of students, for to my amazement I found that even some of the profs remember just when I was a timid frosh!)

I had expected all my friends on the campus to be too busy for much visiting, but I found everyone cordially willing to be interrupted for a chat, and was I eager for the news! Bess Fancher just forgot her engagement book for the afternoon and took me "downtown" and all over the campus to point out in reality what I had been reading about in the *Star* or hearing at the Chapter reunions. Crystal Rork and Belle Russell Lang answered a whole book of questions, at the alumni dinner.

Anticipating the strange cat feeling—which never clutched—I besought some Houghton pals of years ago to join me and they responded generously—Fliss Reed Judd with whom I roomed in "Hurricane Alley" (which became "Vesper Lane" at the sound of the ten o'clock gong), her brother Max who teamed with my brother (and what an irrepressible team!), Leone Lilly who could make all the pianos talk, and Deedee Hogg Fenton who tarried but one year in Houghton before she went to Cornell. Their presence too, helped associations of other years to come tumbling back. In spite of all the merry making, I could not crowd out, nor would I have it otherwise, thoughts of other friends who once strolled the Houghton paths, some of them never to join us anywhere on this earth again. I knew I should miss them and I dreaded the missing, but somehow their felt—tho—unseen presence added to the genuine pleasure of this return to Houghton.

Not only for what Houghton represents and for what our great President Luckey is striving to do for young people but for many many treasured recollections and associations is the name to me. Neither the miles nor the years between Houghton and me have dulled my interest, and now the 1934 Homecoming has whetted my enthusiasm to return before—the rough, old creek bed becomes a lovely, little brookside park!

Sincerely yours,

Harriet Meeker  
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New York City

### William Cullen Bryant

by Professor McDowell

Announcement has just been received from the American Book Company of the American Writers Series, seven of which are now ready, and three of which will be ready early this year. Among those three is *William Cullen Bryant*, by Tremaine McDowell of the University of Minnesota.

Last year there was published in the *Star*, "The Political Faith of Bryant of *The Post*," which is one chapter in this new book. Professor McDowell kindly gave us this part of his unpublished manuscript upon request for literary material.

Prof. McDowell is the son of Rev. H. W. McDowell, who was Dean of Men and Professor of History of Houghton Seminary from 1900-1915. He himself was a student here in the Seminary from 1907-11 and in the college from 1911-14. He taught English here from 1917-19. Since receiving his Ph.D. from Yale University, he has been an Associate Professor of English in the University of Minnesota, and a specialist in the field of American literature.

He has also written a number of articles for magazines and has edited an anthology of American Literature for the Romantic Period (1830-1860). This book was added to our library last year.

## GLIMPSES

For your edification we wish to present a more or less comprehensive survey of the outgoing class of '35. We hope you will excuse any incoherences in write-ups, which may be blamed on breathlessness incurred in pursuing said Seniors, and on the hard struggle to discover what meagre facts we could about their past deeds.

Presenting first: L. Roscoe Fancher

Mr. Fancher, better known as "Rockie" or "Lucius" was born in Houghton on April 26, 1915. (He says he died immediately after semester exams this year.). He learned his ABC's in Houghton Grammar School, displayed a retiring spirit in Houghton High School, and is now making a name for himself as an outstanding member of the class of '35.

While in college, he has participated extensively in extra-curricular. He is a member of the Student Council, the A Cappella Choir, and the College Chorus. He has been a member of the Boulder Staff and orchestra, a Junior Class officer, and played on the Senior Basketball team. In expressing his ideas of Houghton, he says: "Having been born and brought up virtually in the shadow of the college buildings, it may seem to some that Houghton has been forced upon me. Perhaps this is true, but I am so far from regretting it that I anticipate with pleasure another year in these surroundings, and only wish it were to be longer.

Presenting DeLaurus Laureat Brink.

DeLaurus says she was born in Clarence, Iowa, on April 25, 1910. She attended Ten Broeck Academy at Franklinville, graduating with the class of '27. After attending Delevan Training Class, she taught district school for three years, and earned for herself an enviable record as a "schoolma'am." She came to Houghton College in the fall of '31 and has graced the campus ever since.

While in college DeLaurus has been a member of the Boulder Staff 2nd choir, chorus, Expression Club and French Club. Speaking for herself, DeLaurus says: "Though I have often been told that I never possess a serious thought. I do appreciate a school which stands for high ideals and consider my four years of college work one of the happiest periods of my life."

Presenting: Paul Allen

Mr. Allen was born on June 3, 1912 and claims as his birthplace Rockland, New York. He attended Walton High School and Walton Training Class, after which he taught district school for a year. He cast himself upon Houghton in the fall of '31, and for a year was most modest and retiring except for the fact that he showed himself an efficient speaker, and that he walked away with an astonishingly large grade. Since then he has stepped into the limelight as a Varsity and Class Debate man, Associate Editor of the Boulder Staff, President of Student Council, Forensic Union and Y.M.W.B. and class treasurer. He has also played on the class basketball team and is an active member of Expression Club. In his own words: Houghton is a great place! Doubtless it could be improved but after all, we would be in a sorry plight if we could not constantly improve. The thoughts Houghton has forced me to think, and the problems Houghton has forced me to solve have been her greatest contributions to me. I believe I could not have gained a better education elsewhere, and I am sure I will never regret the days I have spent in Houghton.



## Evangelical Student

### Sunday School Program

On Sunday morning in Sunday School occurred an excellent example of harmony in program. Dr. Woolsey's programs are always well harmonized, but this one was particularly good in this point because the song leader chose hymns which bore directly on the theme of the lesson: Peter's denial. The hymns were: "Yield not to Temptation", "Take the Name of Jesus with You".

Church services have been held in which the sermon dealt with sin and the hymns with heaven, and quartettes have been known to sing "I know He Watches over Me" at missionary meetings.

Christian workers should take this matter under especial consideration. If the choice of hymns is made a matter of prayer by consecrated souls, the Spirit directs to those which parallel the message of the hour. This has been observed again and again.

When a subject is printed, appropriate hymns can always be selected, and when it is not printed the leader is always glad to make it known to the song leader.

Another thing that was especially good on Sunday morning was the fact that the songs were chosen before the service, so that the time of the service was not taken.

—J. G. R.

### 506 Testimonies Given in 11 Prayer Meetings

Two statistically minded young women have combined their efforts to make a survey of the Tuesday evening prayer services. Their attention was centered on those who have taken part in audible praise.

Twelve prayer meetings have been held, two nights having been taken up with revival meeting and two others with missionary meetings. No account was taken of the testimonies on the first night. During the other eleven, 506 testimonies were given an average of 46 a night, 80 being the largest and 27 the smallest. One hundred seventy four different ones have taken part, 7 nine times, 5 eight times, 11 seven times, 10 six times, 11 five times, 23 four times, 23 three times, 35 twice and 49 once. If anyone wishes to know how many times he has thus honored the Lord with the fruit of his lips, the editor of "The Evangelical Student" will be glad to give him the name of the compiler of these figures.

Those who have attended the prayer meetings for a number of years feel that those of the current year have not been surpassed at any previous time. The spontaneity of the testimonies has been marked. Not for years before have so many been on their feet at once, nor has there previously been less of the conventional and stereotyped than there is this year. The testimonies are sincere.

No account has been kept of those leading in prayer. It would be safe to say, however, that the number of individuals participating would be comparatively small. Of late, especially, there has been considerable repetition of personnel, and something of long-windedness. It is said that those who pray longest in private pray shortest in public. Possibly that would be a remedy for the present condition. Of course, walking in the Spirit is a remedy for every discrepancy in the corporate or personal life.

Another encouraging thing is the large number who attend, the average being close to 150. If this 150 would sit five rows further front, it

might be better for the leader, the appearance of the room, some shy ones who might want to slip into the back seat unawares, and the general sense of fellowship.

A similar account of those testifying during the second semester will be kept. Two other records of these spiritual transactions are also kept, the one in the consciousness of the believer and the other in Heaven. Some have been defeated because they failed to obey the voice of God, and those thus defeated have been sorry God, too, has been disappointed in whatever we have said or done, or failed to say or do wherein we have fallen short of His glory.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Rev. 12:7)

Contribute

### INTERVIEW

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Christianity when the actual experiences of such workers are related.

The Japanese are impassive, logical race of taciturn individuals. To quote Mr. Gibbs: "One can be talking to a Japanese who is nearly boiling over with wrath and yet be only aware of a smiling countenance and courteous behavior; or, he might be extremely happy or sad with no outward evidence of different emotions." This trait is certainly a handicap in contacting the people.

The logical turn of the Japanese mind is the cause of many other problems in the routine of missionary life. "Why", the intelligent Japanese ask, "don't you people go back and make United States Christian if it's such a good religion? We are as good as you. We have our religions, you have yours, what's the difference?" To refute this argument requires not intellectual reasoning, but spiritual living.

The Japanese watch every move of the "Christians," and if the missionaries exhibit only true Christian characters they will inquire after the source of their moral strength. Then when the Japanese come seeking the missionary is given his first opportunity to preach Christ.

To live a Christ-like life in Japan is not an easy matter. Daily troubles arise which require much patience and exercised will power. For instance: the laundry man has promised to remove spots from a tablecloth; he returns the cloth with holes where the spots had been. Or, only the sleeves of a once good shirt are returned in the laundry. The plumber would promise to come to patch up a broken pipe and stay away for days.

In these things the missionary must always be gracious and never lose his temper; to appear angry would lower to the moral status of the Japanese.

The work of the Gibbs' consists now of managing and directing the various projects which they started when first they entered the work and of editing a very widely circulated paper for that section. The natives are competent enough to preach and efficiently direct in their own churches with the help of Mr. Gibbs as an overseer. They support the missions and street meetings to a great extent, but always they need the moral support of having someone over them to keep the work moving.

The present furlough which these people are enjoying is their second the first one being occasioned by Mrs. Gibbs's contracting tuberculosis an almost inevitable disease coming upon Americans going into that climate.

Mr. Gibbs but narrowly escaped the great earthquake of 1923, which was so disastrous to the people of Tokyo. Just 24 hours before its oc-

### NEWS ITEMS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eddy of Castile a daughter. Mrs. Eddy was Mary Maher ('33).

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Masker of Warwick, New York on Jan. 1 a daughter, Shirley Layton. Mrs. Masker was Rena Potter ('32).

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gross ('33) a son Harry Jr.

Rev. and Mrs. A. C. King are moving from Monongahela, Pa. to Erie where he will be pastor of a Baptist Church.

Jean Trout ('34) is spending January and February in Florida and Georgia. In March she will be in Washington, D. C.

### Good English Campaign

Freshman composition students in sections A, C, and D are listening for errors in grammar and pronunciation of spoken English. Each week the lists of errors will be assembled by representatives of the three classes and the results posted on the bulletin board. The names of the erring ones will not be published.

Everyone from now on, at least while the good-English campaign continues will have to watch his P's and Q's. Faculty members are not exempt.

Mr. Gibbs was in the very center of the enormous city; however, when it took place he was well on a journey from the city. When he heard of the catastrophe his first impulse was to return to do relief work, but a message from his co-worker in the city warned him that the natives had gone almost mad with frenzy and were accusing the Gibbs' of harboring foreigners who had set fire to the city. Their house was searched and if they had been in it, they probably would have been injured if not killed. When Mr. Gibbs did return, a little later, the relief workers were piling the thousands of dead bodies like cord wood along the river. These they poured oil over and burned. The awfulness of these thousands dying without Christ was not without its brighter side. One woman, who was converted and had been a faithful friend of the Gibbs, was caught in a falling building and pinned in the wreckage. Only her head was visible among the debris. Unless she were loosed from the wreckage she would be burned, yet she called to her would-be rescuers not to stop but to save themselves, since she was not afraid to meet her Master. She continued to shout encouragements to those fleeing the horrible fire until she herself perished in the flames. Numbers of their Christian helpers died with groups of people around them, preaching until the last minute in order that some of those doomed people might not die without hope.

Mr. Gibbs made the statement that themodernistic idealists who have nothing but a social, ethical sermon, have no place in Japan as missionaries. Those that do go to help the "heathen", as they suppose, quickly find out that the Japanese have as high a moral code as we do. They know what they should or should not do, but they lack the strength of character to carry on as they should. It is only by the working of the Holy Spirit that these people can really be changed in their lives. This working of God they crave, and this same working has brought about the conversion of many souls through the ministry of the Gibbs.

The duration of the furlough of these people is not certain, though at present they are residing downtown in Houghton.

## Sunday Services

January 20

The Sunday morning sermon was based upon words found in Acts 1:8 and Ephesians 6:10, dealing with the subject of power as a spiritual function. This power in spiritual function is shown in man's need of power; God's promise—the source of power, and in the effect of this power on human lives. Then the need is shown in man's weakness and the need of power in spiritual function.

It takes a strong soul to absorb the teachings of Jesus, and the sublime challenge of the Epistle calls for our best efforts. Most people are weak when compared with what they should be, and when they should be moving up into the Acts and the Epistles, they are forever concerned about their own justification and sanctification, while the wealth of experience lies ahead of them.

Man is weak in his resistance to sin and in his accomplishments. Man's need is not as he feels it or imagines it to be; but as God sees it; and the measure of God's promise is the measure of man's need. The Christian will be incapable and conditions will drag him down, unless he has this power of which Christ is the source.

The demonstration of the Holy Spirit is not primarily in outward emotion, but the Holy Spirit in man makes the word effective in the life of the believer. Speaking of the manifestation of the Holy Spirit the Rev. Mr. Pitt said, "When you can't pray and the Holy Ghost comes in and you can; when you have no passion for the word of God and the Holy Spirit comes in and the Bible becomes a new book—that is the demonstration of the Holy Spirit."

Everyone who has ever amounted to anything for Christ has had to break away from custom and learn of God how to do things. If any man needs power he can have it, if he needs light and help and guidance, it is in the Word of God.

A very unique and inspiring praise service was conducted Sunday evening by Merritt Queen. The service consisted of congregational singing of favorite hymns and songs requested by members of the audience, who expressed briefly the significance of these selections to their personal religious lives.

Special music was rendered by a mixed quartet followed by the pastor's message based on II Cor. 7:11. Rev. Mr. Pitt said, "A revival is a thing of spiritual prosperity." There was a great need of a revival in the Corinthian church. The fault the apostle finds the people is not that they are doing badly, but that they had not mourned and that they were not sensitive enough. There are some people who have no sense of wrong, and while they trust God for their own salvation they live in the midst of those who do not know Christ and never feel a care about them. The apostle attempts to bring the church to a higher level of sensitiveness.

Repentance works carefulness and as one becomes sufficiently careful about anything in the range of his Christian experience we can have it. For a church the pathway to a revival is a pathway of carefulness. Wesley said that when a man loses the spirit of repentance, he loses his Christian character. If one wants the foundation upon which to praise God, let him lay it by the frank confession of the things in which he can do better.

January 27

"What I Owe" was the topic for the Sunday morning message by the Rev. Mr. Pitt, the text being Romans 1:14 "I am a debtor both to the

### First Game

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opponents and lead at the end of the third quarter 19-18. During the last period the Purple men rallied and were out in front 26-21 as the final gun roared.

Glen Donelson and "Father" Gibbins were tied for scoring honors each splitting the drapes for twelve points. Paul Paine was runner-up netting eight points.

Line-Ups.

First Game

Girls			
	FG	FP	TP
Gold			
Fall f	3	0	6
Green c	2	0	4
E. Donley g	0	0	0
J. Donley f	0	0	0
Lee g	2	0	4
Fuller g	0	0	0
Total	7	0	14
Purple			
Ratcliffe f	0	0	0
Scott f	1	0	2
Sheffer c	1	2	4
Shaffer g	1	0	2
Paine g	0	0	0
Cole g	0	0	0
Prentice g	9	0	0
Total	3	2	8

Boys			
	FG	FP	TP
Gold			
VanOrnum f	2	0	4
Hopkins f	3	2	8
P. Paine c	7	3	17
D. Paine g	1	0	2
Goldberg g	0	0	0
White g	0	0	0
Total	13	5	31
Purple			
Grandall f	0	0	0
Anderson f	5	2	12
Luckey f	3	1	7
Schogoleff f	1	0	2
Gere c	1	0	2
Gibbins c	4	0	8
Churchill g	0	0	0
Farnsworth g	4	4	12
Haight g	0	0	0
Houghton g	1	0	2
Total	19	7	45

Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise."

The Christian should have a fully consecrated life, and ideally, the Christian is possessed by Christ. Paul said that Christ was his master. A master can give a slave where he will and as he will and Christ makes of the Christian's life an instrument for the bestowal of the Gospel. Present day Christianity is mostly a mere recitation; but God can make each one such a Christian as Paul.

There are many people who need Christ badly and they want Him; but they will never know the Gospel until it comes to them in a life poured out.

The evening prayer and praise service was conducted by Winton Halsted and special music was offered by William Foster and a male quartet. The theme of the evening message was "My Neighbor" based on the story of the good Samaritan. The good Samaritan does just what Jesus would have done. Two others had passed by who did not have the disposition to do it. The man who did it, did not do it for show; but need and because he had the means of ministration.

The perfectly rounded preparation for Christian service involves a personal vision of a neighbor's need compassion for that need and the means with which to minister to that because he responded to a common need.

### Card of Thanks

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the kindness shown me during my illness and the prayers of the Christian people also the beautiful cards and tokens of love which were sent to me at Christmas time.

Mrs. E. L. Rathbun





## Food for Thought

It is most enlightening, dear reader, how utterly and completely some people have proved that they can't take a joke. Judging from the howls arising during the past few weeks, the Inquisition had nothing on this column. We wipe away some straggling tears with the remark that such people would kick if their names were listed in a telephone book.

The Choir was freezing (literally) into attention, in the process of having its physiognomies, et cetera, photographed. In the deep silence, while everyone was concentrating on the birdie, Mrs. Bain shouted: "Mr. Ferchen, pull down your shirt!"

Exams are now a thing of the passed, and also, sad to say, a thing of the failed. We present a set of answers that might have been given:

### Latin conjugations:

Bluffo—bluffere—faili—flunktum  
Worko—workere—passi—passtum  
Dogo—dogere—barki—bitum  
Pigo—piggere—squeali—gruntum

### French vocabulary:

mal de mer—trouble with one's mother-in-law.  
tres bien—three beans  
pate de fois gras—fathead  
Notre Dame de Paris—"lady-about-town"

### History

Who was buried in Grant's tomb? Lincoln  
In what year was the war of 1812? 1775  
What was Napoleon's first name? Tony.

### Literature:

Who wrote Plutarch's lives? Rousseau.  
Synecdoche is not far from Troy.  
Charles Lamb used to have awful nightmares and so he wrote, "Dream Children."

### Math.

A polygon is a dead parrot.  
A straight line is the hardest distance between two points.  
Angle ABC plus angle DEF plus angle Y equals alphabet soup.

Whereupon comes the very latest Scotch joke. It seems that a son of Aberdeen, having decided to take unto himself a wife, was in much perplexed as to a method of escaping paying the preacher. When the knot had been tied, he kissed the preacher and slipped the bride a five-dollar bill.

Prof. Sicard says the new choir picture is quite the swanky thing, if one doesn't look too hard at the alto section. OF course, we'd never accuse him of scowling at the l'il girls.

Speaking of altos reminds us that Loraine was mistaken for Willard Smith's other day. (I mean, someone heard her talking and tho't it was he). Shows what a bass person an alto can be.

We tried to put something about the sign on a certain Assistant's door in the Star, but they censored it. We offer this as an excuse to the 57 people who asked us to put it in. That shows just how notorious is Prof. Si—oh, that's right, we made a resolution not to use anyone's name more than once per week.

"Clissie" (Music student, y' know) is worrying about having to take Brass this semester. Says she doesn't have enough yet.

—No remarks, please—

## These are Arthur "Gusto" Lynip's Chapel Write-ups:-



### VARIORUM

John Day publishing house offers a new book by Mrs. Pearl Buck whose *Good Earth* won the Pulitzer prize in 1932. This book, *A House Divided* completes the trilogy of fifty years of modern Chinese life begun in *Good Earth* and continued in *Sons*.

Perhaps Mrs. Buck means most to Houghton readers as the missionary who became involved in a theological controversy with the Presbyterian Board of Missions for questioning the personnel of the missionary force and the truth of some of the fundamental tenets of the Church. Although, before her resignation, she was branded a heretic, she returned to China exclaiming, "I am still a Christian."

One wonders what sort of a person she is and what sort of a background produced her. We are told she is a slow-moving, silent, patient woman who read all the novels of China, including the classics, in ten years. Her life has all the thrills of a best seller. She grew up in interior China, awakened to the beautiful by her mother, and seeing life through Chinese eyes so that she considered herself a Chinese until she went to boarding school. Educated in the formal sense of the term, at a boarding school at Shanghai, by travel in England, Europe and America, and at Randolph-Macon College, Virginia, she was glad to return to China because she found college "too confined."

When, after her return, she married John Buck, agricultural missionary and author, she returned to Northern China where the famines, battles and banditti of her books were realities.

While she has taught English literature in the University of Nanking and Chental University, she claims a dislike for teaching except as a contact with students. She has many Chinese friends, ranging from dwellers of straw-thatched huts to those of governmental mansions.

The following review of *A House Divided* was written by W. A. Marten for the *Buffalo Evening News*.

"In these three books Mrs. Buck presents various types of life in China: the professional warrior, the merchant, the student and the revolutionists, through whom China—with much travail—is coming to a new birth. *A House Divided* has not the same sort of appeal as *The Good Earth* or *Sons*, but it has more immediate value as a social document."

Wang Yuan, only son of Wang the Tiger—the professional war lord—rebels against his father's plan to make him a soldier. His sympathies are with the revolutionists, his father's enemies; but the fact is that he hates all war. Rent by fear and love and hatred of his father, he finds refuge in the original earthen house of his dead grandfather. Shortly after, terrified by his father's arrangement of an unwelcome marriage for him, he flees to his father's second wife in a coastal city. This lady—unlike Yuan's peasant mother—is educated and sympathetically understanding. She grasps the significance of the change the country is undergoing.

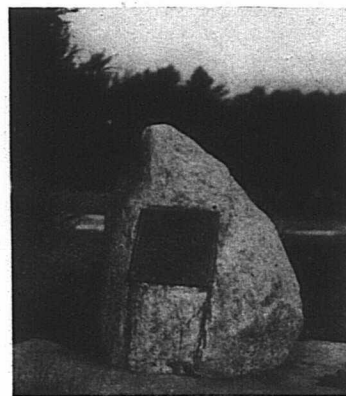
In this coastal city, East meets West. Ai-lan, the pretty, vivacious pleasure-loving sister of Yuan, brings him into a social set in which European and American dress and manners are rather flamboyantly aped. But Yuan finds little joy in this social whirl; his nature is contemplative and his tastes are intellectual.

## Speaking of--

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Moreover, while he resents many of the entrenched ancient traditions—especially that of parental power over children—his roots are still largely in the past. Consequently he seems destined to be forever divided within himself and unable to reach definite conclusions."

While at school, Yuan is won over to the revolutionists by his fiery cousin, Meng. However, Wang's association with the revolutionists is betrayed by a girl firebrand to whose love he has failed to respond, and he is imprisoned. Through relatives, he escapes to America with another cousin, Sheng. Sheng is the third significant type of the younger Chinese generation—the cynical, aesthetic dilettante. He later becomes a drawing-room pet in certain groups of the American intelligentsia. The family has traveled far since the early days of Wang Lung.

In America Sheng remains in a big Eastern city. Yuan goes to an inland University, where he specializes in Agriculture. The account of his six years in this country is by far the most revealing record we have of American life from the standpoint of an impressionable young Chinaman of superior intelligence. At first he is enraptured by the American scene. But gradually, one experience after another begets in him a deep-seated hatred for American ways. His patriotism—tinged, no doubt, with nostalgia—makes him almost morbidly sensitive to imaginary, as well as real, slight on China. The American women no more than slightly grazed his emotions.

Back in China, Yuan does his bit for the new social order through an educational contribution. He devotes his time to teaching young men scientific farming.

He persists in making his own choice of wife, who happens to be Mei-Ling, a product of the founding asylum which his stepmother has founded, supported and directed for unwanted girl children. Mei-Ling is now a member of his stepmother's family and is a student of modern medicine and surgery.

But Mei-Ling refuses him until the dramatic and symbolic moment

of his father's death. In this girl—who started life as an outcast—more than in any other character in the book, Mrs. Buck embodies the soundest elements in the transition from the old order to the new in China.

The qualities that, above all, characterize Mrs. Buck's book are sympathy, fairness and a complete convincingness."

## Hokum Quire

The morning dawned ... brite and fare an' about 15 below ... whereupon we swallowed muffins and coffee and pulled out at about 7:45 ... carried on heated conversations, so we wouldn't get cold feet ... Brockett displayed good track talent at Middleport—ask any choir member ... deacons still wearing bath robes—tsk ... noted surreptitious use of hankies in the audience, after Eileen finished the *Song of Mary* ... home town girl makes good again ... we concentrated on apple pie and what not, after which Prof. Bain pronounced himself and the choir exceedingly replete (he said very full) ... we set out for Niagara Falls, where the more ambitious toured down to the Falls ... Queen and Alberta got into much difficulty as to their American citizenship ... regular convocation around the organ ... sang a lovely, lovely concert, no less ... and put on the rush act to get to Buffalo ... only to arrive half an hour early, with time out for welcome relaxations ... an' so we marched in ... and the first line reversed for much needed directions as to their logical positions ... glad to see former Hokum folks in the crowd ... return trip featured monologues by Kopler and snores from the rest of the gang ... dearth of fan mail, this trip ... Steve had a sore throat, couldn't maintain his usual record ... an' so we hit Hokum at twelve bells ... dashes for emergency door, and double-quick time in hittin' the hay ... no runs, no hits, no errors ... but a successful choir day, so they say.