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## THE HARTMANN RECITAL

On Wednesday evening Arthur Hartmann made his third appearance within a dozen years in the College auditorium before one of the largest and most appreciative audiences ever packed within its walls. Coming directly from the quiet repose of his home in this village where he spends most of his time in creative and critical effort, yet with the plaudits of his recent continental triumphs still ringing in his ears, he seemed to have reached a consummate mastery of violin technique and ripened maturity of musical interpretation that must place him at the summit of virtuosity.

In listening to any great musician, we take an almost perfection of technique for granted. There may have been those who came to be entertained and startled by brilliant pyrotechnics, and these certainly were not disappointed. From the marvelous flexibility of wrist displayed in the Bravour variations on the G string alone on a theme from Rossini's opera "Moise" by Paganini to the superb bowing and phrasing required in the Ciaconna for violin alone by Bach; from the richly melodious double stops of Tartini's Variations on a theme by Corelli to the ethereal harmonies of Poldini's "Pouppe Val's ante," Hartmann displayed the full possibilities of his magnificent Stradivarius.

But most of those present were interested in having interpreted the heart and soul of the artist, in catching that inspired message that authentic genius always reveals, no matter what the medium employed. Hartmann speaks indeed a universal message. The bow in his hand becomes imbued with life almost. In the pianissimo passages it is a thing of marvelous lightness and delicacy like a fairy's wand; in the forte, it became a virile flashing sword of crashing chords. His is a well nigh faultless art that makes us ordinary mortals acutely aware of our mediocrity. We must ever struggle towards an ideal that he has attained.

His program showed both high artistic taste and adaption to his audience.

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## Stanley Orner on Road to Recovery

It is with gratitude to God that we learn of the improvement of our former fellow-student, Stanley Orner, who so recently underwent a serious operation for appendicitis.

Again we have forcibly brought to us the fact that "prayer changes things." We feel that it is only because of the love and mercy of God that Stanley has been spared to us.

His successful operation was followed by a relapse, at which time Stanley was very near to his Father's Home. It was at this time that he felt himself sustained by the prayers of the Houghton students.

As Stanley goes to his home in Jersey City, there accompanies him the wishes of the students and faculty for his complete recovery to health.

We will look forward to seeing him with us again soon.

## Mrs. Bowen, Dare to be a Daniel!

The ingenuity of our high school principal was manifested in the Tuesday morning chapel talk. We were eagerly anticipating hearing the first "speech" from the fair members of our faculty when Mrs. Bowen introduced Rev. Mattoon of Fillmore as the speaker of the day. Rev. Mattoon gave a very instructive and inspiring talk on the life of Daniel. Two reasons, he gave for Daniel's fearless strength: first, a power transcending that of mere personal determination, and second, prayer.

Those who will speak in chapel next week, provided no special ones appear on Tuesday, will be:

Monday: Prof. Wright.

Tuesday: Mrs. Bowen.

Wednesday: Pres. Luckey.

Thursday: Rev. Pitt.

Friday: Special Roosevelt Chapel.

In the Friday chapel we are hoping to be favored with a vocal solo by Lawrence Woods and a selection from the orchestra.

Mrs. Etta Grey of Cedar Springs, Michigan, is visiting Prof. and Mrs. C. B. Whitaker for a few days.

## Revival Meetings to Open Oct. 21

Special meetings will begin in Houghton on Sunday, October 21st. They will continue at least ten days. It is expected that the meetings will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Pitt, with the assistance of some of the faculty. However, plans are always held open for change according to the manifested will of the Holy Spirit.

Houghton is a holiness college and we are glad to begin the year with a holiness revival. Outward appearances point toward a victorious time. Nevertheless, our trust is not in man, but in the almighty and compassionate God.

## Don't Read This!

First: We are out for greater missionary interest in Houghton than ever before manifested. A study of worldwide conditions, red-hot prayers, and self-denial giving are all on our program. Who knows what the result of our consecrated efforts may be? Twenty words spoken in the fire of missionary passion sent David Livingstone into the heart of Africa. If you don't know what those twenty words are, come to our Mission Study Class and Senior Y. M. W. B. and you will find out.

Second: Oberlin College erected a tablet to commemorate their honored dead after the Boxer Uprising in China. Plans are on foot. Keep your eyes and ears open. Be ready to do your part! More later!

## New Orchestra A Winner

Houghton is to have a real orchestra this year. The student body was given ample evidence of the above fact, when the new Houghton College Orchestra made its debut, last Friday. Seldom has it been our privilege to listen to such splendid playing as was heard at the close of chapel on that day. A beautiful waltz, "The Spell," and a march, "Marche Doloress," were rendered. In the waltz the harmony and expression were exceptionally good.

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comes more comical than serious. As a rule we will aim to discuss rather than argue. In dealing with local subjects in which the interest is very keen, we will print as far as possible the reactions of the leaders on both sides of the question. Thank you!

**IN YOUR SCHOOL**

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**ONE OF THE GREATEST**

needs of Houghton athletics today is the construction of new tennis courts. In the first place, the courts which we have at the present time will only supply a fraction of the demand. Tennis is a game which is entering upon a new era, as one of the major sports of the schools and colleges of today. There are at least a hundred students in Houghton today who wish to participate. Secondly, the two courts which we now have are in very bad condition and must be repaired immediately if they are to be of any use. Thirdly, they are not built according to regulation in as much as the back stops are to near the base lines. We must either build new courts or repair and remodel the old ones. In as far as the latter is concerned, it would only partly remedy the difficulty. So it would seem that we must build new ones.

What the athletic association wants

is the assistance of the school in the construction of four or five new courts on the plot of ground directly back of the boy's dormitory. Push the proposition if you get a chance. It is a worthy one.

**Bradford Church Dedicated**

It has always been thus. The things that stand out as real achievements are the results of self-denying sacrifice. For many years, the Wesleyan Class at Bradford Pa., have struggled on in the worthy endeavor to have a permanent church home. These years have registered success and reverses but the purpose that finally brings success has been constantly present. And now there stands on a corner lot, close to the very center of the city, a new church, a permanent place of worship. It was my privilege to attend the dedicatory services on Sunday, October 14th. About \$4,500 was raised to meet outstanding indebtedness which amounts will reduce the debt to a figure easily taken care of. Brother and Sister Armstrong, the pastor and wife are well-fitted for the duties of a city church and are loved by their people.

New churches! Why not? And in the city? Yes. The Wesleyan Church has a message that ought to be heard in the city. City people are hungry for a vital gospel. Let's go and God will go with us.

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## High School Classes Elect

Having been separated from the College department, the High School is now prepared to perform its duties with a greater degree of efficiency and is in a place to demonstrate its importance. However, by the above statement, this department wishes to cast no reflection upon the College, for both divisions of the institution have lived in harmony during the past years. Nevertheless, it is an established fact that no organization can do its work effectively if intermingled with members of another party. The High School intends to elect officers of the student body as soon as possible thereby getting into shape for the busy year ahead. Officers of the classes have been chosen and those for the three lower groups are as follows: Freshmen---President, Mabel Armstrong; Vice President, Robert Folger; Secretary, Eva Sawyer; Treasurer, Phyllis Estabrook. Sophomores---President, Madeline Waldherr; Vice President, Olive Benning; Secretary, Erma Anderson; Treasurer, Ruth Rothwell. Juniors---President, Winifred Pitt; Vice President, Ester Newton; Secretary, Dorothy Brooks; Treasurer, Evan Molyneaux. The officers of the Senior class were announced in a previous issue of the "Star".

## Baseball!

The rejuvenated Purple baseball team will again tackle the winning Gold team in an exhibition match for the benefit of the B. A. A. this afternoon. Every one please come prepared to drop some loose change in the collection that will be taken. The game will begin immediately at three-thirty and the captains guarantee a good game.

## Student Body Fails to Elect!

The Student body failed to elect a treasurer in place of Mr. Crandall, who has not returned this year, when they met Wednesday afternoon after chapel. Two hundred and two ballots were cast, of which Miss E. Fero received eighty, Mr. A. Pitt sixty-six, Miss J. Rickard thirty, and Mr. K. Gibbon twenty-six. Another election will be held on the first available date.

## THE HARTMANN RECITAL

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It is significant that he selected nothing from the compositions of the present century, unless we except Hartmann himself in his famous transcriptions of which he included seven, and also a transcription of Kreisler's. Hartmann is nothing if not a classicist; he is quite lacking in sympathy with the decadent extremes of the modern schools. Not without reason is Hartmann acclaimed as the greatest living exponent of Bach. For if Leonard Merrick may be called "the novelist's novelist," so with even greater justice may Hartmann be termed the composer's composer. It requires a certain philosophic detachment and profound concentration, but rarely found today, to overcome the technical difficulties, coupled with the peculiarly characteristic style of Bach.

Mr. Herbert Krahmer, a member of the faculty of the Eastman School of Music, was the accompanist of the evening. At all times he supported the artist with perfect taste and sympathy.

For his opening number Mr. Hartmann played the always charming Andante and inspiring Allegro Molto Vivace from Mendelssohn's noble Concerto in E minor. In his closing group, he afforded a striking contrast and interpretation of the Slav temperament by playing Tchaikowsky's exquisitely sad "Autumn Song" and immediately afterward his brighter "Humoresque". But in the muted threnody and subtle nuances of his own transcription of Gretschaninow's "Chanson d'Automne" one was fairly haunted by its infinite sadness and poignant beauty, and felt the utter futility of attempting to express his feelings in words. Leonard Van Noppen was trying to express our common emotions, when he wrote his sonnet to Arthur Hartmann entitled "Haunted":

God! I am haunted: all my deeds are  
men  
Of other ages, other lives; who act  
Through me, their instrument, now  
with tact  
Of soft evasions, serpentine, and then  
With some bold stroke of will. And  
this my pen  
Is but the silent tongue of those who  
lacked

Voice to express what I, before the  
Fact,  
Feel with their senses, that in me again  
Live, swimming in the river of my  
mind  
Like minnows, numberless, that, to  
and fro,  
Vividly dart or sleep on the slow waves,  
On, in each thought and passion, I out  
find  
A waking ghost, till in my soul I know  
Thousands of dead men find their liv-  
ing graves.

## NEW ORCHESTRA A WINNER

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Professor Hazlett, who is the conductor, is to be congratulated upon the showing made on this, the initial appearance of the orchestra.

In connection with the orchestra, there has been an organization formed to look after the business interests. Prof. Hazlett is president, Frank Henshaw is secretary and treasurer; and Arden Burt is librarian. This organization has already launched a campaign to raise funds with which to make some needed repairs to such instruments as belong to the school, and to purchase new music from time to time. The opening in the campaign was a tag day, Tuesday. The tags were disposed of without any great effort. This was due, in no small degree, to the Houghton Spirit. However, there may have been an added incentive in that the tags will be accepted for admission to a concert to be given by the orchestra soon after the Christmas holidays.

The personnel of the orchestra is as follows: Pianist---Arden Burt; violinists---Prof. Hazlett, Miss Ruth Foster, Messrs. Scott, Davis, King, and Pitt; saxophones---Henshaw and Wood; cornetists---Mrs. LaVay Fancher and Mr. Donahue; trombone---Mr. Mann; banjo-mandolin---Mr. Kemp; and the drums---Mr. Baker.

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This ruling vitally effects Mr. Floyd Banker, alumnus from our high school department and member of the theological class of the year 1923. Mr. Banker finished school last June, intending to sail almost at once for India, where as we understand it, an expectant bride awaited him. However, the date for sailing has been postponed several times and now Mr. Banker is left stranded as it were with enough utensils for housekeeping to fill to overflowing seventeen or eighteen trunks.

We heartily sympathize with Mr. Banker, both because of the fact that the persual of the life's work that he has chosen for his own has been interrupted, and because the machinery set in motion by cupid has received a slight set-back. However, we are of the opinion that everything will turn out all right in the end.

**ATHENIAN SOCIETY**

The business meeting of the society this week aroused a lively interest and resulted in action aiming at a more efficient organization.

Mr. Crocker was appointed Parliamentary Critic. A change in the Program Committee was necessitated by the resignation of Mr. Lennox due to increased duties along other lines. The new committee stands as follows: Mr. Crocker, Miss Gifford, Miss Driscoll.

The committee elected to investigate the question of the frequency of programs to be given, submitted a report which seems to be the opinion of nearly every one, i. e. to continue the old policy of weekly programs. Steps were taken toward instituting a membership committee to have charge of soliciting members and of receiving and presenting before the society for action the names of those desiring to join. They also would have the power to judge as to the adequacy of the excuse of any one who refused to take part in the program when called upon. In this way "dead" members would be gotten rid of by dropping their names from the roll. Amendments establishing such a committee will probably be voted on at the next regular meeting which will be held after the close of the revival services.

**Baseball Letter Men**

The B. A. A. presents a 4 inch block H to each member of the series winning baseball team. If the Gold wins the colors are gold on purple, and if the Purple wins vice versa. In as much as the Gold swamped the Purple in the three games for the third time in succession, once more the baseball letters will be Gold on Purple. However the association also provides that one man cannot possess more than one letter for the same branch of sport. Consequently, on account of the successive wins of the Gold, only the new members of the squad will receive letters. They are as follows: Chas. Howland, Kenneth Wood, B. Armstrong, and D. Schumann.

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**NEOSOPHIC SOCIETY**

Our organization was a little handicapped at the beginning of this year as there was such a few of the old members who returned. But after having had a meeting and electing officers, we took steps towards enlarging our enrollment. Mr. Sallberg was elected president, Miss Lois Eldridge, secretary, and Miss Agnes Lapham, treasurer. Our attendance has been greatly increased at every meeting thus far; this week there were over fifty present.

The programs have been of much interest and benefit to all, including those who took part. For example, this week the following program was rendered:

Reading,	Miss Pitt
Vocal Solo	Miss Churchill
Piano Solo	Mr. Kreckman

Of course this is short but so also is the time we have in which to stage it, and the quality makes up for the lack of quantity.

During the coming revival services our meetings will be taken up but when opportunity is again offered we will continue with renewed vigor and make this year the best one the Neosophic Society has ever known.

**SENIOR NOTES**

The class of '24 started out with a party at the home of Perry Tucker. Every one reported a fine time. So far there has been a lot of class spirit. And we desire to keep it up. The class of '23 set us a good example.

We hope to be one of the biggest and best classes that ever graduated from Houghton Sem. There has been one class of twenty-one members but with the return of Stanley we will go them one better.

Members of the Senior class will be glad to hear that our classmate Stanley Orner is much improved and expects to return to Houghton.

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**The Glee Club Organizes**

Our first chorus rehearsal was held Tuesday afternoon at three-thirty with an attendance of forty. This is a fine beginning, in fact more than we had dared hope for, but we are not satisfied yet. Alto, tenor, and bass voices are especially lacking. We are studying Gounod's "Gallia" and expect to give it at the library concert. It is a short work, but melodic and interesting. If you sing come and join us. You will have a good time, and at the same time help to make this the best chorus Houghton has ever had.

A baseball game between New York students against Pennsylvania students resulted in a tie, the score being 10-10.

**BASKETBALL OUTLOOK**

Although basketball practice has not as yet begun owing to the unfinished gymnasium floor, still basketball is in the air, and the outlook is better than ever before. The members of each side are predicting easy wins and each has good grounds on which to base their hopes.

Among the Gold regulars who have returned, we find Hussey, star center; Rees and Henshaw, crack guards; Williams, utility guard and forward and the only four point man in school; along with Howland, crack forward and captain of last year's team. If the faculty ruling, concerning the non-participation of any one from their own number in series games, holds, the Gold will have met an almost unestimable loss in Kitterman, star center and captain of the team in 1921-1922.

The Purple aggregation will truly be a dangerous one, and theoretically, it looks better than ever before. We find many of the oldsters returning. Enty who has been rated as the first ranking guard in Houghton for several years, is again with us. There is Steese and Burt, crack forwards and members of the Purple team for two successive years, and Morse who is a star center and who has been the greatest individual aid to the Purple side for the last two years. There is M. Enty and F. Bedford, excellent men and members of the winning squad in 1922-1923. Among the Purple recruits, we find Bentley who however is a recruit only as far as the side is concerned, and who will add at least one hundred per cent to the efficiency of the team.

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