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## 'BOULDER' UTILIZES ALUMNI & CHORUS

Choice Selections Presented by Miss Remington, Walter Ferchin, and Madrigals.

It seems to us now to have been a very wise move on the part of the Boulder staff to schedule their annual benefit concert for the Friday night of Home-Coming week-end. The alumni considered it a distinct privilege to hear some present student talent as well as that of a much-beloved former student, Harriet Remington.

Together with the student body and alumni, the crowd was a good-sized one and seemed to be generally enthusiastic.

The Madrigal Singers, that smiling group of interpreters of the songs of a by-gone age, made their first appearance of the year as the first number of the concert. In the organization are included Ruth McMahon and Ivone Wright, sopranos; Elsie Gibbs, alto; Silas Molyneux, tenor; Wayne Bedford, baritone; and Alton Shea, bass.

The first composition, "Sweet Suffolk Owl", is one of the three reprinted ones of an old seventeenth century writer, Thomas Vautour, who very successfully strove for originality and displayed a peculiar fondness for strange musical devices. Although Vautour was not on as high a plane as were many of the English musicians of his day, he deserves more recognition than is generally given him.

In the second number, "The Turtle Dove", an interesting Baugn Williams arrangement, Wayne Bedford very skillfully and artistically handled a solo while the other singers formed a very lovely humming background.

The last composition, Thomas Morley's swift-moving "Fire, Fire My Heart", was a fine finish to a very fine performance.

It is not needful to comment extensively on the next number only to say that Walter Ferchin, played with that deep feeling and all-round good musicianship which characterizes all of his performances. This time it was Schumann's captivating "Novelette in E major". It might be said that Walter was called back several times but would not consent to an encore.

Hearing Prof. Bain sing again was indeed a rare treat as this was the first time in many moons that he has so actively taken part in a concert. The number at this concert was "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" by Victor Herbert, sung as a duet with Miss Johannsen. A universally well-liked number sung by such talented people naturally called for an encore.

## Houghton College Orchestra Announces Series of Concerts

The orchestra has been granted the privilege of giving four concerts—one on each of the following dates: February 14, March 13, April 24, and May 22.

Ten cents admission will be charged and the money used to purchase orchestra music. A season ticket may be purchased for twenty-five cents.

## SOPHOMORE MEN LOSE TO FROSH BY ONE POINT

Championship of Class Series Taken by Sophomores Girls.

As the current class series was continued on Wednesday afternoon, December 4, the Houghton audience saw two sophomore teams perform in a very creditable manner. In the preliminary game the soph girls' team completed their schedule with another victory, thus winning the inter-class championship. They swamped the only other contenders for the title, the frosh girls, 20-5. In this game, as in other of their schedule, they showed defensive power that none of the class teams had been able to do much against. The freshmen were allowed only one field goal, which made a season total of two field goals scored against the team led by Margaret Watson. In this game they also showed the best of defensive playing that they have done this year. Shaffer, the brilliant forward from Erie, Pennsylvania, ran up a total of 10 points to lead both

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## Rev. Paul Roy Discusses Problem of Being Good

Alumni of Houghton gathered in the chapel on Saturday morning, Nov. 30, to take part in the annual alumni chapel. After the invocation a floral tribute was offered to President Luckey in appreciation of his efforts toward gaining admittance to the Middle Atlantic Association of Colleges.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Elmer Davidson of Boston, who read from the 12th chapter of Romans. President Luckey spoke a few words of welcome to the alumni, after which Dorothy Trowbridge, ex '37, sang "How Beautiful upon the Mountains".

The speaker of the morning was the Rev. Paul Roy, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Dexter, N. Y. Rev. Roy, better known in college days as the "Little Elder", spoke on the subject, "Why Be Good?" and based his thoughts on the statement from Amos, "Seek good and not evil that ye may live."

Rev. Roy stated that man needs both an ethical life and well founded belief. A positive theology, which is man's discoveries about God, will lead to an ethical life. After stating conventional definitions of "good" he arrived at a meaning which includes both the ethical and Christian conception. Good, then, is harmony with God and one's fellow men. It is difficult to be good due to the inability to see its results, the fact that being good is a minority business, and to the organized force of propaganda against good and for evil.

Why, then, be good? In the first place there are physical and legal sanctions for being good, but the real reason is in the realm of the ethical. Virtue is its own reward. The sanctions of God are even more important, the "more abundant life" here on earth being as inductive as a heavenly hereafter. The fundamental reason for being good lies in preventing the breaking of the relation and communion of God with man

## MANY ALUMNI AND OLD STUDENTS ATTEND THE HOME-COMING BANQUET

One of the outstanding features of the Home-Coming season was the Alumni Banquet, at which over two hundred alumni and old students gathered to renew old friendships and pay homage to their Alma Mater. Following the concert by the former choirs, the guests gathered in the Reception rooms of Gaoyadeo Hall, and, led by President Luckey, descended to the dining hall.

Dinner music during the meal was furnished by a small orchestra, conducted by Professor Cronk. Toastmaster Willard Smith first introduced the class of '35, who sang their class song. Professor Wilfred Bain sang a solo, "The Nomad", with Professor Cronk accompanying at the piano. Mr. Smith then introduced the Reverend John Wilcox of Coldwater, president of the Rochester conference of Wesleyan Methodist churches. After reminiscing with respect to past experiences in Houghton, Rev. Wilcox feelingly introduced the main speaker of the evening, President James S. Luckey, who was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

After greeting the alumni in characteristic fashion, President Luckey spoke of Houghton College and the great step that has recently been made in the admission of the college to the Middle States Association. "However important a step was the chartering of the college in 1923," said President Luckey, "this step just taken is even more important and entails greater responsibility; and I am becoming more and more convinced that greater things for Houghton lie ahead." He reminded the alumni of their responsibility in upholding Houghton, and called for continued support in the future. He spoke of the immediate steps to be taken in the construction of new buildings, of which perhaps the first will be a new theological building. Demonstrating in the applause their pledge to uphold "A Greater Houghton with a Grand Ministry", the alumni sang the Alma Mater and then dispersed for the evening concert.

## Wright-Fuller Wedding Is Publically Announced

For over a month rumors have been flying about a certain marriage. Has "Ger" Wright been married, or has he not?

Here is the official data: The Bride—Reba Fuller. Place of marriage—Buffalo, New York. Date of marriage—October 26.

Reba has been working at Dr. Greene's Sanatorium in Castile and is continuing to work there. Gerald is continuing his scholastic work. He is a member of the class of '39.

The rumors about the marriage having taken place in Niagara Falls, Ont., are unfounded. Gerald and Reba attempted to get into Canada but were stopped on the Peace Bridge because they lacked the owner's license for the car they were driving. But when the officials, who knew something of Houghton, learned that the couple was from here, they forbore either to lock them up pending investigations or to charge the intended \$25 fine.

## SELECTIONS PRESENTED BY ALL FORMER CHOIRS

Choir of First Season Is Represented by Ten Members.

A fairly good-sized audience of students and alumni gathered in the chapel Saturday afternoon to hear the former choirs perform once more. This part of the alumni week-end program was perhaps one of the most interesting to those who had had the privilege of singing in this organization which has helped to make Houghton better known to the outside world.

The first choir of the school year 1931-32 was just a little bit diminished in comparison to its original size, there being ten on the platform Saturday afternoon, namely such old standbys as Hawn, Mable Farwell, "Clissie", Murphy, Dick Farwell, "Ken" Eyer, Hess, Dick Hale, "Ally", and "Mac" Cronk. It was indeed thrilling to hear this, the remnant of a good beginning of a great organization, as Prof. Bain led them in three old favorites, "Bless the

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## Alumni Purple Victorious Over Gold in Both Games

Purple-Gold rivalry between the old grads was renewed last Saturday afternoon and the Purple Lions clawed the Golden Bears in both ends of a double-header. The Purple women nosed out an 18-17 victory while the men thoroughly crushed the Gold team 51-22.

In the opener, the Purple girls, after trailing thruout the first half, rallied sharply in the third quarter to score enough points to take the lead with a good margin and then staved off a last minute Gold attack to win 18-17. At half-time the score was 8-6 with the Gold in front. The points were evenly divided between Alpha Babcock, English, and Coe as each counted six times. Vera Hall flashed some of her old form as she led the losers with five points.

The main clash of the afternoon featured a very fast game in which the Purple floorwork and basket-shooting completely snowed under a Gold team consisting partly of undergrads. The Gold basketesters started out strong and got the jump on a somewhat bewildered Purple squad and had outscored the Lions 10-4 as the first quarter ended. After this, however, the Gold did not have a look-in as the Purple turned on the pressure and counted twenty-one times in the second period to lead 25-13 at half-time.

The Purple scoring spree continued after the intermission and the Gold defense was powerless as their opponents' hot pace continued and basket after basket swished through. It was only a question of how large a score the Purple would run up in the remaining quarters rather than who would win the game. The fray ended with the Gold on the short end of a staggering 51-22 count.

Elmo Corsette, tall pivot man, led the Purple attack with fourteen points and was followed by Lowell Fox, who rang up five field goals for a total of ten counters. Dunckel and Eyer led a ragged Gold offense with seven and six points respectively.

## GREATEST NUMBER TO SIGN REGISTER

Faculty Members of Former Years are Well Represented.

The alumni Home-Coming register was signed by 141 persons this year as compared with 121 in 1934 and 104 in 1933. In 1933 fifty guests were seen and recorded who did not sign the register, and last year sixty. This year those who failed to sign have not been counted. But it seems safe to say that this is the largest Home-Coming up to this time. However, it is not yet as large as it ought to be, considering the fact that over four hundred have been graduated with degrees and that there are nearly a thousand old students and graduates of other departments.

Among those of the older graduates and students seen on the campus over the week-end were the Rev. Clark Bedford and his wife, Mrs. Mae Lord Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Castner, Mrs. Emma Johnson Mathewson, and Mr. Elmer Davidson. Among former faculty members were Gertrude Brockett, instructor in mathematics, 1931-32; Paul Steese ('27), an instructor in mathematics and athletics, 1932-34; and Ruth Zimmerman Steese, instructor in vocal music, 1929-31. Mr. Bedford was also a teacher here from 1900-1914.

From Houghton Mr. Bedford went to Central where he held the office of President. He was President of Marion College, and for a few years held a pastorate in the Friends Church of Richmond, Ind. Since then he has been President of Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He is now living at West Webster, New York. Since the death of Dr. Willer he is the oldest graduate of the Advanced Department, having graduated in 1902. His one classmate was Florence Yorton.

Mrs. Sprague was graduated from the high school in 1906. She has spent several terms as a missionary to Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague returned from their last term in 1934 after having been there two years as a supply in the absence of Rev. F. R. Birch, who was on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Castner were both students here. Mr. Castner was graduated from high school in 1921, and Mrs. Castner from music in 1920. They live in Succasunna, N. J., where Mr. Castner is in business. They have three children—Jean, Daniel, and Ruth.

Mr. Elmer Davidson was graduated from Theology in 1916. Since then he has lived in New York and in Boston. He has formulated a method of records being used in C.C.C. camps throughout the country and, himself, though a civilian, holds an important office in connection with them. Further, he preaches occasionally. He has promised a letter for the *Star* to be published in January. With Mr. Roy Washbon he is going to assist in getting choir dates in New England.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the Faculty, music students and others for their kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to us in our recent bereavement.

Prof. and Mrs. A. D. Kreckman



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## Editorial

### ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

Through the untiring and sacrificing efforts of our President Luckey, Houghton College has reached another era in her forward advance. The recognition of being listed in the Middle Atlantic States Association of Colleges is of the utmost significance and value to us as students. It will mean much to those who are desirous of entering any large university in the United States after they leave here, especially if they intend to enter a professional school. But the greatest benefit will be to the graduates who wish to teach in other states. Heretofore Houghton graduates have been able to teach only in New York and Pennsylvania but now this limitation has been removed and graduates can secure positions in any of the distant areas.

The student body should fully appreciate the efforts that have gone into making this advantage possible and we can show this appreciation by making Houghton College the college that President Luckey and the faculty desire it to be.

Over a span of fifty years Houghton has been raised from a Seminary of elementary instruction and meager equipment until today she has climbed to a position of noble standing. What joy would come to the heart of Willard J. Houghton if today he could open his eyes upon the college of his name that was founded in 1883. It is no exaggeration to say that his vision, combined and realized by Dr. Luckey, is one step ahead in the advance toward its completion.

In '98 the need for an institution of advanced learning began this upward climb. With the coming of Dr. Luckey in '08 credit was desired with other institutions and soon three years' work of the undergraduates was accepted at friendly colleges.—Then the big moment of the charter dawned in '25 and now this top stone of Houghton progress has been reached in '35.

To the faculty it means greater responsibility and deeper joys coupled with true scholarship and sacrificing effort.

To the church it means a stronger fortress for the defence of truth and the implanting of Christian ideals in the living spirit of her on-coming generation.

But to all it means that such has been achieved not by our efforts alone but by the hand of God who for us has wrought great things. Prayer has played no small part in what today we see.

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## CALENDAR

### Friday, Dec. 6

8:15 p.m. Muriel Kerr, pianist (Lecture course)

### Sunday, Dec. 8

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
4:00 p.m. Vesper Service  
7:30 p.m. Evangelistic Service

### Monday, Dec. 9

6:45 p.m. Social Science Club  
Mission Study Class  
Chorus Practice—"The Messiah"

### Tuesday, Dec. 10

7:00 p.m. Students' Prayer Meeting

### Wednesday, Dec. 11

3:30 p.m. High School vs. Juniors (Basketball game)

### Friday, Dec. 13

8:00 p.m. Party at the Markee Cottage

### Sunday, Dec. 15

11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dr. Harry Strachan of Costa Rica

### Tuesday, Dec. 17

8:00 p.m. Christmas party at Gaudete Hall

### Wednesday, Dec. 18

### Thursday, Dec. 19

7:30 p.m. Freshman-senior game  
8:15 p.m. Christmas Chorus

### Sunday School Discussion

#### Led by President Luckey

When President Luckey teaches the Sunday School lesson to the entire group, strict attention is given, everyone is interested, and everyone goes away with a real message. The President taught it on Home-Coming Sunday, and while he was presenting it, he suggested something of his method:

"Set a goal if you want to get anywhere," he said. "Shoot with a rifle, not a shotgun. In other words, aim not to hit everything in the lesson, but one central thing. Then apply it to current needs."

The President used other methods of effectiveness, namely asking questions of the small boys of the audience, and using illustrations that they could easily understand.

The one point he chose around which to center the lesson is found in the words "the good hand of our God was upon us." "How marvelous is the Comforting Hand," he remarked, and continued, applying the lesson locally, "It is evident that God really helps us today as He helped men in the time of Ezra. As God prepared the hearts of Cyrus and Xerxes so that the mission of Ezra might continue, so God prepared the hearts of Dr. Downing and Dr. Ferry that Houghton might continue to expand and flourish. The hand that was upon those men of the post-Captivity days is the identical hand upon God-fearing people of today."

In portraying the hand of God in its protecting and guiding qualities, Dr. Luckey reminded the students of the wealth carried by Ezra's followers, the distance of their journey, and the numerous hazards of their journey. "The hand of God that protected and guided them safely," said the President, "can do the same for us now." "How many of us," he asked, "in these days of traveling ask God to guide us on our journey?"

As a closing statement the President challenged the student body saying, "Let us go out with a little firmer faith that the hand of God is upon us."

During the opening exercise Mr. Skinner played a flute solo.

## MALCOLM CRONK BRINGS SUNDAY EVE'S MESSAGE

"The whole cosmopolitan city of Jerusalem was shaken when the Apostles of Jesus Christ, having received the Holy Ghost at Pentecost, preached on 'this Life' Acts 5:20)" was the opening remark of Malcolm Cronk's sermon at the evening church service last Sunday. "People began questioning this new preaching, for it was different from Judaism," he said. "What is this Life?" they asked. Peter says that the life you see here is that set forth in the prophecy of Joel: 'It shall come to pass in the last days I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh.'"

"This life is the normal expression of the Holy Spirit through you," he stated. "The Holy Spirit is here to carry on the work Jesus left undone to make our living, conduct, and speaking vital."

"The Holy Spirit," he continued, "is waiting for a chance to express Himself, but we get ourselves in the way. What He wants us to do is to yield to Him unreservedly and He will do the rest. If we do that, then there will be no danger of Houghton College ever getting worldly now that we have been accepted by the Association of Colleges, for this Life is able, irresistible and indispensable! Every one who walks in the spirit-filled Life finds it a reality!"

Mr. Cronk spoke with unction, and his message, which was eminently scriptural, was attended with conviction. Upon the urgent altar call given by the Rev. Mr. Pitt, four persons presented themselves as seekers.

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but the couple refused to concede to the wishes of the audience.

The high-spot of the evening came when Harriet Remington, with Prof. Cronk at the piano, took the stage to present a musical reading, "Aux Italiens", the story of a man's struggle to be true to a memory. The "one girl" in his life had been taken away by death and as in many another case someone else came along. However, one night at the opera completely brought him back to a time when she had been with him. Hearing the memory-stirring music of "Il Trovatore" made him visualize his old sweetheart up above in one of the boxes. Miss Remington, in her usual dramatic way, took us with her as she visited the man at the opera, saw and understood how he came to decide that "old things are best". We had a feeling of supreme satisfaction as the man made his decision to be true to the memory of his "one girl". All together it was a splendid presentation and Prof. Cronk deserves no little credit for so fine an accompaniment. By request Miss Remington repeated the reading for which she seems to be famous to Houghton people. "Naughty Marguerite".

A fitting climax to the concert came in the form of the first appearance this year of the college "Oratorio Society" under the direction of Prof. Bain when they sang Gounod's "O God, Hear Our Prayer". This is a very tuneful oratorio and interests almost any type of audience. It was definitely in a lighter vein than many of the oratorios of the past years, but Houghton very distinctly appreciated it and in spite of the fact that it is not as heavy, it is still to be considered as very good music. The solo work of the evening was handled by Ruth McMahon and Doris Bain, sopranos; Carl Vanderburg, tenor; Wayne Bedford and Walter Ferchen, baritones. As was noticed, this is an entirely new group and, for at least two, the first time

## SPEECHES & MUSIC OF ALUMNI WELL RECEIVED

We sometimes wonder in our "wondering times" just how talented our talented people will be after they leave Houghton and just how far they will go towards the success they have dreamed of. Saturday night, students and alumni gathered in the chapel to discover a few things about some of those people.

The first number on the evening's program was a group of three compositions presented by the choir. They included two very sparkling negro spirituals which appealed strongly to the audience; namely, "Chillun Come on Home" and "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray". Their third number, "Lullaby on Christmas Eve" was of an altogether different nature, as can be gathered from the title. The sopranos sang the very lovely solo part while the other parts formed a humming background, coming in with an occasional "kling-klang" as the bells in the tower chimed the Yuletide season. The whole performance was thoroughly enjoyed.

Prof. Stanley Wright, with his inimitable humor at his fingertips, acted as master of ceremonies, and very "ceremoniously" introduced the first speaker of the evening, Mrs. Hugh Thomas, nee Erma Anderson, who gave a most interesting page from her diary in limerick, reviewing the little stories which interested the student body in her day—for instance the one concerning "Wiffie" Bain and Mary strolling down "lovers' lane".

The second speaker, Miss Lavina Mullen, successfully endeavored to show us that although we cannot tell exactly why Houghton has an influence such as she does, we certainly feel that influence keenly.

It was interesting to note the smiles of anticipation on the faces of the audience as Malcom Cronk, now a student at Biblical Seminary, New York, sang "Coming Home", a very fitting song for such an occasion. "Mac" was called back and for his second number offered Manna-Zucca's famous "I Love Life".

The master of ceremonies then gave the next speaker an "embarrassingly" good introduction in mentioning one of the events of her school life. However, Mrs. Opal Gibbs is equal to any occasion and immediately the audience was listening to her every word. It seems that the key note of the program was the influence Houghton exerts and Mrs. Gibbs went on to show that Houghton does more than merely cultivate our sense of humor, she gives us ideals and teaches us the value of really valuable things.

After Mrs. Gibbs' interesting review, the old college quartet, complete with the exception of Barker, whose place was filled by Dick Farwell, sang in "their way", "When Love Is Done", and as the expected encore, "In the Gloaming". The other members of the quartet were Hess, Cronk and Smith.

The last speaker of the evening, Clark Bedford, had chosen for his topic "Scrapbooks". He took from his mental scrapbook bits of interesting pictures of school life in his student days and then went on to show how Houghton has developed since that time. Mr. Bedford com-

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they had appeared in any solo work as extensive as this. Last but not least we would mention the painstaking work of Mrs. Edith Arlin who has acted as accompanist for the chorus for some time.

All in all, it was a fine performance. We feel sure that all those present, both students and alumni, were not disappointed.

## ALUMNI CORNER

*Culled from My Diaries*  
ERMA ANDERSON THOMAS ('29)

(By special request, the verse read by Erma Anderson Thomas at the Saturday evening program is reprinted here.)

Listen Alumni and you shall hear  
Of the happenings of many a bygone year,  
Culled from my diaries, worn and old,  
Where on each page a prank is told.

"Twenty-five was a memorable year  
First college degrees were granted from here;

First Frosh caps introduced on the scene;  
And the campus was dotted with green.

Ho'ton won that year her first debates—  
Hearken to Rickard as the tale she relates

\*Of how the affirmative at Chili won,  
While the negative here the same trick had done.

The gift of the seniors of '25,  
As among themselves they did connive,

Was the enduring monument of humble stone—  
A memorial to the man we've known  
As Willard Houghton, who in '83  
Made college possible for you and me.

The Christian Workers then raised a fuss  
And in '26 bought a bus.

The Gold teams won in basketball,  
With Gwendolyn Fancher as mascot small.

And Storekeeper-Cronk's eldest son  
From the Music Department was the only one  
With completed work to graduate.  
(A "chic" musician he does make.)

The Lecture Course brought Grey-Lhevinne  
With talent rare and technique supreme.

With graceful gesture she tucked under her chin  
Mozart's very own violin.

Successive years she came to charm.  
Then the faculty "viewed with alarm"

A Hungarian orchestra, with music okay,  
But the backs of the dresses were cut away!

The grand opening of the Bedford Gym  
Called for a female faculty swim.

From a watery grave B. Rothermel  
Was rescued with an un-oratorical yell.

Mrs. Woolsey gave scarce a look,  
then a dive  
(It's a wonder she ever came out alive).

Burnell followed with resounding splash,  
And to her aid Mart York did dash.

The things that happened to that old pool  
Made it yearn for a less active school.

Miss Fancher entertained with syrup on snow;  
Miss Gillette had measles and couldn't go.

Lavina Mullen was serving at College Inn  
When Andy Warden appeared with a grin.

He gaily inquired, "Soup good today?"  
"Sure—14 carrot", Lavina did say.

The hospital drive was in '28  
And Perry Tucker took the cake  
By holding shares all stored away  
Until that last dramatic day.

Then Leonard Houghton's check

forth he drew  
And over top the Gold side flew.  
When "Prexy" asks for money, you know  
Hands at once into purses go.

In psychology class one fine spring day  
Mary Freeman to Frank Wright did say,  
"Is it true that women live longer than men?"

(Can't you see Prof. Wright's face then?)  
With answer characteristically conservative.  
He replied, "Paint is a great preservative."

Dr. Southwick, reader of fame,  
With *Julius Caesar* as leading name  
Heads the lecture course of '29  
Also violinist Hartmann, with music sublime.

And Jane Williams passed her spelling test  
She then retired to a well-earned rest.

The Feder-Plume, a modest Club,  
Organized and sponsored by Jo and Prof. Doug.

Heard literary outbursts superfine,  
But I notice it went into decline.

The '29 seniors skipped to Watkins Glen—  
No wild floods had demolished it then—  
All day long it poured down rain,  
And Bill Sallberg's was the only brain

That bro't him equipped with coat and cap.  
Steve sang 'mid raindrops wet  
While Kitty Secord did fume and fret.

What tho' the weather be a trifle misty?  
We had good "chaps"—Rach and Christy.

Do you by any chance recall  
The famous faculty basketball?  
Rickard came in with a soph note-book,  
And Burnell her chemistry bottle took,

And Rach carried compass and chalk,  
And Helen looked stern with dignified walk,  
While Rothermel puffed and shouted "Whoa"

As down the court Belle Lang did go.  
When Hussey was editor of the *Star*

The office door was left ajar.  
His good friends would wander in,  
Presumably to study—more likely to "chin".

Tubby Clark, good natured chunk,  
Tho't vacations were quite the bunk.  
"Me and Scottie", he was wont to say,  
"Are going to test mattresses, by-the-way."

Mussolini can't be all bad at the core,  
For in the days of the great World War,

He sent Dr. Woolsey a medal fine  
For keeping food supplies in line.  
Woolsey is reticent and modest, you know,  
But the story is true, as I've told you so.

Townfolk who take students to room  
Surely in heaven deserve a home.

The pranks those lads easily devise  
May be original, but not always wise.  
The Moses family had their share.  
With Thomas and Eiss—innocent pair!

Able abetted by sage Van Wormer  
(Who, tho a theolog, was an able performer)  
Down the register on a string  
Would go the alarm clock—Ting-a-

ling-Bing!

Mr. Moses, awakened with a start,  
In accents clear and unmistakably tart  
Calmed down those mischievous boys,  
And the rest of the night held no unseemly noise.

Inspiring messages from God's own Word  
From talented evangelists were often heard:  
Hotchkiss and Whitcomb, Mingle-dorf and Shea.

And how we loved to hear Dr. Willett pray!  
Chapel and church influences throughout the year  
To questioning hearts bro't comfort and cheer.

When Price was courting our fair Dean,  
A picture rare in the Boulder was seen.

Helen once posed with a scarecrow queer,  
Its weird old head to her own quite near.

When in the Annual the vision came out  
Miss Davison gave an un-dean-like shout.  
Price's head in place of the scarecrow's appeared  
With smiling lips and clean-shaven beard.

Tho Helen wasn't very happy over the lark,  
She eventually became Mrs. Price Stark.

It seems to pay to be Ho'ton's dean—  
Look what happened to Alice Jean.  
Her honeymoon began in Anderson's home,  
While they in Canada one summer did roam.

Mischief always did my Dad entice,  
So he left a supply of uncooked rice.

So the "Match Factory" upholds its aims  
And links together many names.  
You could always see Whitney Shea  
Strolling about with his fiancée,  
And ever there'd be Mister Wiffie Bain  
Strolling with Mary down Lover's Lane,

Followed later by Stan and Vee,  
Or Ellsworth Brown and slim Gee-Bee.

Bill and Edna; Marj and Steve,  
Even Van and Ivah—would you believe!

Queen and Curly, Marion and Joe.  
Also down that Lane did go—  
That Lane that sheltered in days of yore  
Many a pair now wed forevermore:  
Royal Woodhead and Nora Mattoon;  
Even Banker and Hazel there would spoon.

Harry Kitterman and Almeda Hall—  
Both of them stars in basketball;  
Matthew Gosbee and Ella Lane  
From the call of spring could ne'er refrain.

Alice Buchholz and Wilcox's John,  
"Little Elder" and Wilma—the list goes on.

Myrt Mattoon and Arden Burt,  
Harold Douglass and—anyone pert.  
Dory and Chind, Kluzit and Steph.  
But I better stop or I'll be out of breath.

Midst these memories of college years,  
With their work and play, laughter and tears,  
There walks one figure with head now gray,  
Who in our hearts is enshrined away,  
Whose leadership, inspired and plucky,  
Makes us revere and honor our  
PRESIDENT LUCKEY

\*(Of course, the affirmative won at North Chili, but they didn't get the decision!—Note by one of the debaters on that famous March 20 occasion.)

## INFORMATION BITS

## Interviews Shed Light upon College Problems

It appears that Lloyd McGowan ('33) has been married to Wenola Frank, sister to Devello. The when and the where have not been learned.

Christine Van Hoesen ('35) has recently been on a trip to Washington and New York. While in New York she visited Edna Roberts Saunders ('33).

Howard Lane ('32) is teaching fifth and sixth grades in the Erie Bay school, a private institution.

Mary Edith Miller (postgraduate 1933-34) is teaching science and mathematics in the Farmersville High School.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Densmore ('30) on Nov. 26, a son, Alvin Peter. Mrs. Alvin Densmore was Edith Davis ('29).

It was learned from Clair Carey ('26) that Clarence Lorenzo Dow, one time pastor of the Houghton Church, former owner of the present Steese home, and the man for whom one of the cottages on the camp ground is named, is now teaching geography in the Clarion State Teachers' College, Clarion, Pa.

Devello Frank ('35) is teaching English and coaching at Knoxville, Pa. He attended summer school at Mansfield Normal.

Willard Houghton is reported as being in Texas on a business trip.

Gladys Fawcett (ex '28) of Forks, Pa., expects to leave for South Carolina in the near future. She expects to go into restaurant work with friends, for the time being anyway. Miss Fawcett thinks this will be a welcome change from nursing, the work she has been engaged in for several years.

## Fancher Home Chosen for 1935 Class Reunion

The class of 1935 spent a very profitable and enjoyable week-end during the Home-Coming season. The first actual "get-together" was on Friday, immediately after an exciting chapel, when twelve of the members who had already arrived gathered at the College Inn for lunch and an exchange of experiences. The features of this event were chicken salad and Malcom Cronk.

On Saturday the class gathered at Miss Fancher's home at twelve o'clock, with an attendance of twenty-four, besides several visitors, "addenda" of members of the class proper. An excellent lunch served by Miss Fancher plus tales of the latest escapades of the pupils of budding teachers made the time pass swiftly.

At the alumni banquet the class distinguished itself by singing the class song, which fittingly accompanied the display of the class banner, a beautiful silver and blue creation decorated with the Bible insignia and the words "Fiat Lux". This banner is a recent acquisition, and very timely.

Among those present we recall Paul Allen, Ernestine Austin, Loyal Baker, Keith Burr, Malcom Cronk, Purla Bates, Roscoe Fancher, Kenneth Burr, Vernon Saunders, Janet Donley, Vera Hall, Eileen Hawn, Willard Smith, Alden Van Ornum, Gertrude Wolfer, Lois Munger, Doris Lee, Magdalene Murphy, Harriet Pinckney, Grace Smith, Florence Smith, Helen Dentler, and Orven Hess. Not present at the reunion but seen during Home-Coming was Carl Stamp. Letters were read from Pritchard Douglass, Beth Harmon, and Lovedy Sheffer.

Two brief interviews during the alumni tea brought to light some interesting information.

"What are your outstanding impressions of the Biblical Seminary of New York," Malcom Cronk ('35) was asked.

"The recognition of the right of the individual to his own opinion," he answered, "and also that nothing is important except what one gets for himself."

Mr. Cronk proceeded to illustrate by mentioning the first assignment: "Read the Book of Genesis. Do anything you want to with it—except to read a commentary. In studying the Bible, you should get out of it first everything you can for yourself. Then, and then only, should you use a commentary."

Clair Carey ('26) was questioned regarding intercollegiate athletics at Clarion State Teachers' College. The query followed his delineation of the excellent intra-mural system in vogue there, a system which includes virtually 100% of the student group.

"Do you then have no intercollegiate sports?"

"Yes," he answered, but both the athletic coach and the president of the college are opposed to them. Because we have to play out of our class, we always lose; because we are small (a little smaller than Houghton), the expense is too great."

## Class of '34 Hold Reunion

The Class of '34 held their reunion at the College Inn Saturday noon. Fifteen members were present, including the class adviser. Each one wrote a note about himself for the *Star*:

Dr. S. W. Paine—still at the same stand.

Kathryn Johnson—language teacher at Findley Lake, N. Y.

George Press—living in or near Houghton; job seeker.

Richard Hale—Rural music teacher, Canadea.

Winona Carter—P. G. at Ho'ton—substituting whenever possible.

Betty Coe—district school teacher at Bennington; 16 pupils, all grades.

Mable Farwell—pedagogue, Belvidere; primary work, 20 pupils. (Work with St. Anderson, '32.)

Bill Farnsworth—teaching and coaching at Angelica.

Dick Farwell—unemployed, but not on relief—yet.

Bill Joslyn—teaching at Machias—rural school.

Addie Belle Bever—teacher at Little Valley rural school.

Bea Swetland—unemployed—substituting cashier at Sears & Roebuck, Rochester.

"Romie" Lapham—drygoods dispenser et cetera at Cronk's general store.

Orrel York—principal at Chester-town, N. Y. Includes being nursemaid to the young and soft soap to the old.

Edna Robert (who was not present) is reported as being first cashier at Montgomery Ward & Co., Albany, N. Y.

## Home-Coming Selects Officers for 1936

Willard Smith has been elected to the chairmanship of the Home-Coming for 1936 by a heavy vote. Roscoe Fancher is vice-chairman; Florence Smith, secretary and treasurer; Josephine Rickard, reporter; William Farnsworth, men's athletic director; and Vera Hall, women's athletic director.

With Willard Smith's experience in handling affairs, and his known ability in that line, and with the efficient staff elected to work with him, next year's Home-Coming should surpass even this one.



## SPORT SHOTS

The annual Home-Coming clash between the members of old Purple and Gold teams occurred Saturday afternoon with disastrous results to the old Gold cagers. The Purple trotted out ten men to carry on their warfare while the Gold could not present a full team and was forced to play the game with a team made up partly of undergraduates. Although the encounter ended in a 51-22 rout of the Gold by the Purple, it was an interesting game to watch as it was probably the fastest game seen in Houghton this year, with the Purple team especially flashing some good basketball. The old grads still have a few tricks that it would do well for the youngsters to follow.

Most football teams sang their swan song of the season over the past week-end, either in traditional Turkey Day games or on Saturday afternoon. Only three major teams are now in the unbeaten and untied class: Southern Methodist, Princeton and Minnesota. Southern Methodist established itself as one of the outstanding teams in the country by beating Texas Christian, unbeaten and untied before, and virtually clinched a Rose Bowl bid from Stanford, the coast defender. Princeton dropped a courageous Yale team to remain in the select group, while Minnesota closed an unbeaten season a week ago. On Thanksgiving Day an inspired Fordham team routed N.Y.U. from the unbeaten class. Holy Cross wound up its season with a victory over Boston College and remained unbeaten but tied by Manhattan. Army's first half scoring spree sunk Navy in their traditional battle.

It now remains to pick the All-American team and to play the annual Rose Bowl game and another grid season will be history.

With Christmas vacation only two weeks away and the first Purple-Gold clash scheduled for the day after the holiday recess, we take a look at the prospective chances of the teams. The Gold basketball team, captained by "Marve" Goldberg, have Donelson, Harlan Tuthill, "Bev" Taylor, White, Hopkins, "Dick" Wright, Murphy, Paul Paine and Dave Paine. On the other hand, the Purple cagers, who have not yet elected a captain, will have Anderson, Farnsworth, Schogoleff, Luckey, Gibbins, Churchill, Thompson, Stevenson, Crandall, "Ger" Wright, and Whybrew. With this great advantage in manpower and with better reserves, the Purple seem to have a definite edge. However, the Gold boys won't quit without a scrap and an interesting series is practically assured.

News now comes that Southern Methodist has been picked for the annual Tournament of Roses game on New Year's Day, opposing Stanford. Although many think that the Princeton Tigers are a stronger team, the Mustangs surely deserve the honor, having won eleven straight games from some of the toughest teams in the country. They climaxed the season with a sparkling win over Texas Christian, hitherto considered one of the best in the country and unbeaten until they met the famed "aerial circus". The colorful Rose Bowl clash will be greatly enhanced by the presence of Bobby Wilson lugging the ball for SMU and Bobby Grayson toting it for Stanford.

#### Permission Granted for Change in Club Meetings

The faculty have permitted band practice on Thursday evening from 6:45-7:45, and upon request have changed the hour of the Latin Club to the first Monday evening of each month at the regular club hour.

## FROSH-SOPH GAME

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teams as high scorer. Scott took the tip consistently at center, and Donley and Stone performed creditably in guard berths.

The freshman team's floor work was very good but they could not seem to penetrate the sophomore defensive further than the outer edge of the foul circle—in fact, Higgins, the freshman forward, scored their only field goal from outside the circle. Hess was the best defensive player for the losers. Higgins led the losers with a total of four points, which was below her usual scoring total. It will be remembered that it was she who practically won the frosh-high school game by scoring 8 points in the last half, but with the experienced defensive playing against her she was kept below her usual game.

In the second game of the afternoon the fans saw a real scrap. The sophomore boys, who had lost every game, put up a brilliant game against the admittedly stronger frosh team, but their best wasn't quite good enough, the final score in favor of the frosh being 29-28. The freshman team seemed a bit disorganized without the services of their Michigan captain, Dunkel, but Murphy, Tuthill and Crandall performed well enough to beat the sophomore team by one point. The honor of winning goes to Whybrew, who dropped in a long shot from mid-court in the last minute of play. Murphy scored the highest number of points for the winning team but his play at certain periods in the game was erratic.

The rejuvenated soph team, under their new coach, Doctor Paine, looked good. Dean Thompson, who undoubtedly played the best game of any man on the floor, ran up a total of 19 points. He and captain Hopkins worked well together at several times during the game; Hopkins gave Dean some beautiful passes which were converted into points. It's regrettable that some other members of the team could not have shouldered the burden of scoring a bit more, for if they had they would have won the game.

The sophomore team led at the half 14-12.

## LINE-UPS

## GIRLS

SOPHOMORES	FG	FP	TP
Watson f.	0	0	0
Shaffer f.	4	2	10
Bohlayer f.	1	0	2
Scott c.	2	0	4
Stone g.	2	0	4
Bassage g.	0	0	0
Donley g.	0	0	0
	9	2	20

FRESHMEN	FG	FP	TP
Smith f.	0	0	0
Higgins f.	1	2	4
York f.	0	1	1
Hadley c.	0	0	0
Fox c.	0	0	0
Hess g.	0	0	0
Van Skiver g.	0	0	0
Lucas g.	0	0	0
	1	3	5

## BOYS

SOPHOMORES	FG	FP	TP
Hopkins f.	2	0	4
Slater f.	0	0	0
Webster f.	0	0	0
Thompson c.	7	5	19
Wright g.	1	0	2
Eyler g.	1	1	3
	11	6	28

FRESHMEN	FG	FP	TP
Schlafer f.	0	0	0
Gilbert f.	1	0	2
Murphy f.	3	1	7
Thompson f.	2	0	4
Tuthill c.	3	0	6
Whybrew g.	2	0	4
Donaldson g.	0	0	0
Crandall g.	3	0	6
	14	1	29

## The Love of God Is a Mystery to World

The congregation for Home-Coming Sunday morning was not so great as it would have been if the threatened storm had not turned many an alumnus homeward. But a well-filled church greeted the pastor as he arose to speak.

"One of the greatest mysteries of the world is the love of God", he declared.

"To most of us the story of divine love is an old one. It is a personal love and no one has yet brought out its full meaning to us.

"In men there is an instinct for righteousness. But in its development, this instinct yields personal esteem", said Mr. Pitt. Jesus won men by showing them that God loved them. Never did He try to make himself popular. He hid Himself behind the power of his message.

"John 3:16", the pastor said, "gives words by which to communicate to men the experience of God's love. God loved us; we ought to love Him. Yea, God is willing to redeem us if we are willing to let Him come into our lives, for," said Mr. Pitt, "the most effective instrument in bringing our lives to perfection is the Love of God."

Rev. Paul Roy ('29), known among the alumni as the "Little Elder", read the scripture and offered prayer. Mrs. Paul Steese, former vocal teacher, sang "O Divine Redeemer".

## ALUMNI CONCERT

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mented on our successful entrance into the Middle States Association and was very definite in saying that it meant much to the institution. In closing, he challenged us with this statement: "America needs the Christian College today if she ever needed it."

The third part of the program consisted of selections by the orchestra. This is the orchestra's first "home appearance" of the year. Their first number, *Raymond Overture* by Thomas, was very well done and throughout the entire composition never failed to thrill the listeners. The second offering, selections from Sigmund Romberg's "New Moon", pleased the audience even more with such well known favorites as "Stout-hearted Men", "Lover, Come Back to Me" and "Wanting you". For an encore they gave the ever-interesting, dashing "Huckleberry Finn" from Grofe's "Mississippi Suite".

## JOIN THE CHOIR

The Church Choir extends an invitation to all who wish to take part in the special Christmas music. They rehearse each Saturday evening in the Church from 7 to 8 o'clock.

## Organ Vesper Service

To many the gloom of an early winter afternoon became a source of inspiration in the quiet dignity of Sunday's vesper service. The majestic tones of the organ, gray light softened and mellowed as it sifted through stained glass, and the quiet reading of the twenty-third psalm brought to the worshippers a keen realization of the nearness of God.

The organist, Miss Murphy, was assisted in the program by George Failing, who read the psalm, offered prayer and spoke briefly on the theme of the service—worship. "Worship", said Mr. Failing, "is the expression of a devout soul God-ward. Many who are not Christian can not understand the joys involved in worship. But to the Christian every phase of life may become an expression of worship."

## Sacrificial Giving Is Still Being Carried On

In a letter Miss Davison recently received from a friend in Oberlin is an account of the large gift of a very poor man for the work of God. The letter said:

"Mr. Burgess is such a comfort in the Lord's work... He has sent out of his deep need \$200 to Esther Lindeman to help her back to Africa. He canned forty quarts of tomatoes for us, to say nothing of chicken and other fruits and vegetables."

The person of whom this letter speaks supports himself and his son on the proceeds from a few chickens. His home is bare and comfortless. Indeed, he is so poor that he cannot afford electric lights. But he can afford \$200 for foreign missions.

A private interview with the treasurer of the Y. M. W. B. brings the information that two of the college men whose being in school is almost a matter of question, have given more for missions this year, with one exception, than anyone else.

Though pledges are not due until June 1, it would be a great blessing to the mission work if some of them could be paid before Christmas. Houghton College is giving \$1,200 this year.

## Freshmen Take Series in Football Struggles

On Friday afternoon, November 29, the freshmen wound up an undefeated season in the class touch football series and clinched the championship by nosing out the sophomores 6-0 in a keenly contested game.

The gridders battled to a scoreless tie in the first period with neither team having much of a chance to score. In the final half the frosh counted on a long pass from Whybrew to Crandall and the game was in the bag. Kingsbury's kicking kept the sophs in the game and Whybrew's kicking and passing were a big asset to the frosh.

## Former Choirs in Concert

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Lord, O My Soul" "In Joseph's Lovely Garden" (in which we had the pleasure of hearing "Hawnie" sing again) and "Jesus, Friend of Sinners".

The second year choir, more complete to the extent of boasting about fifteen more voices, thrilled and were thrilled as they sang again "All in an April Evening", "Benedictus" and "Beautiful Saviour".

It seems safe to say that the third choir was practically complete. Their numbers were "Vision of Christ", "Offer unto God" and "O Blest Are They".

It is only natural that last year's group should be the most complete of all, there being only three or four absent. "I Beheld Her Beautiful as a Dove" and "Cherubim Song" rang through the chapel again to bespeak an even more successful future for Houghton's Choir.

Prof. Bain had hoped to have a massed performance and we feel convinced that we should have been the victims of unexpressible emotions if we could have seen the combined choirs on our platform, could have heard Eileen thrill us once more with "Song of Mary", and last but not least, feel the benediction of the Christ who is leading Houghton as they lifted their voices in that ever-glorious "The Lord Bless You and Keep You".

We trust this is not the last choir reunion but that in the years to come every Alumni Week-end Program will include a concert by the "have-been" choirs.

## VILLAGE NEWS

The parents of Mrs. Ray Perry from Pittsburg, Pa., have been recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Perry in their home in Houghton.

Miss Rita Wright, suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is reported as recovering from her illness.

Loyal Wright senior, father of Richard Wright, is now working with the school on its financial campaign. Mr. Wright's home is in Chazy, New York.

— H C —

## Alumni Purple Gold Games

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## G-i-r-l-s

PURPLE	FG	FP	TP
Babcock f.	3	0	6
English f.	2	2	6
Coe c.	3	0	6
Rickard g.	0	0	0
Lapham g.	0	0	0
Austen g.	0	0	0
Total	8	2	18
GOLD	FG	FP	TP
K. Babcock f., g.	2	0	4
Hall f.	2	1	5
Albro f.	2	0	4
Donley f.	1	0	2
Miller c.	0	0	0
Fuller g.	0	0	0
Lee g.	0	0	0
Swetland g.	1	0	2
Total	8	1	17

## B-o-y-s

PURPLE	FG	FP	TP
Fox f.	5	0	10
Rork f.	3	0	6
Farnsworth f., g.	2	0	4
McCarty f.	3	0	6
Miller c.	0	0	0
Corsette c.	5	4	14
Folger g.	1	0	2
York c.	1	0	2
Albro g.	3	1	7
Mein g.	0	0	0
Total	23	5	51
GOLD	FG	FP	TP
Dunkel f.	3	1	7
Eyler f.	3	0	6
Strong f.	0	0	0
Reed c.	0	0	0
Wright c.	2	0	4
Dolan g.	2	0	4
VanOrnum g.	0	1	1
Frank g.	0	0	0
B. McCarty g.	0	0	0
Total	10	2	22

— H C —

## Alumni Tea Greet First of Home-Comers

It is not always the big things that bring our alumni together in just the way they should be brought together. More often it is the very informal gatherings, of which one was the lovely tea given for the visitors by the dormitory council of Gao-yadeo Hall from 3:30 to 5:30 on Friday afternoon. Between sixty and seventy attended, so that the girls who were responsible were kept very busy practically all of the time.

Miss Kartevold as hostess very graciously served as pourer, assisted by the other members of the dorm council. The atmosphere was made more fitting by the subdued playing of the reception room piano by Beatrice Bush.

It was certainly a time which those who were present will not soon forget, since they were brought together in a way similar to that in which they met in student days.

— H C —

## Largest Attendance at Thanksgiving Service

The largest Thanksgiving service ever held in Houghton occurred at the church on Thursday morning. At least 150 were present.

When the Rev. Mr. Pitt gave five minutes more for testimonies of praise, thirty-five were taken. It seemed almost impossible to terminate the expressions of gratitude.

The offering given made possible the mailing of a check for \$30 to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Blanchard of Zion's Hill Mission.