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ALUMNI BETTER THEIR PROGRAM

Numbers Show Preparation and Artistry; Two Informal Speeches Highly Entertaining to Grads and Students.

College students, especially sophomores, are sometimes thought to be egotistical about their talents and capabilities. The students of Houghton College had, however, in the annual alumni program of last Saturday evening a chance to learn how very capable ex-college people really can be.

The Program was, of course, of the most significance to those who knew the participants in their collegiate days. An Alumni reunion, by the way, must be a very interesting thing. How enjoyable to meet again old friends that have not been seen for one, two, or three years. And to notice the change! Some of the men have grown bald; hair today and gone tomorrow, as someone has suggested. Some are rich; some are in business; others have become famous. And "yes" some of the men have married: those who wouldn't take "yes" for an answer are still bachelors. At any rate, an alumni reunion is certainly very interesting, and the one at Houghton last weekend was no exception.

This reunion could not be fully appreciated by those who are still students. But along with the alumni they could enjoy the program; and they did. Mr. Hollis Stevenson was the capable master of ceremonies, and the organization of the program was due to the work of a splendid committee headed by Miss Roma Lapham. The other two members were Alton Cronk and Hazel Fox.

The entire program follows:

Vocal Solo, "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose."
Eileen Hawn ('34)
Reading, "The Last Token"
Mark Bedford ('25)
Vocal Solo, "If I Were a Rose."
Edith Stearns ('32)
Talk, "Reminiscences"
Keith Farner ('25)
Vocal Solo, "Jewel Song" (Faust)
Lucile Crowell ('31)

Talk, Beverly Shultz
Piano Solo, "Romance."
Lyle Donnelly ('32)
Reading, "Coon Lullaby"
Ruth R. Hudson
Vocal Solo, "Shortnin' Bread"
Hollis Stevenson ('29)

Each of the solos, whether vocal or instrumental, and each of the readings showed ability, careful preparation, and artistry. The alumni certainly outdid themselves in presenting this excellent program.

The two informal speeches must receive special attention. This second chapter in Keith Farner's escapades was highly entertaining, principally because he lost none of the flavor in the telling. He has promised the third installment next year. Eventually we may get the whole story of those four industrious years Keith spent in Houghton College.

Mr. Shultz recalled the gift of a baby buggy by the student body to President Luckey for the use of his infant son, Robert. Then he continued with an account of what Houghton

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REV. G. B. SHULTZ ADDRESSES STUDENTS

Again Houghton students were given the opportunity of hearing, in Monday's chapel, one of the Alumni speak. The Rev. George Beverly Shultz chose a portion of John 20: 31, "But these are written that ye might believe—" for a comparative discourse on agnosticism and Christianity.

The sermonette was delivered in a rather unusual manner in that metaphors were used to make clear nearly every point. An excellent vocabulary was displayed throughout, and especial attention was attracted to an able use of striking descriptive adjectives. Another novel quality worthy of mention was the manner in which Mr. Shultz approached this subject.

He first explained the difference between agnosticism and Christianity. Then he set forth the agnostic's viewpoint in a clear, unbiased unfolding. At the very conclusion of the talk he paralleled the relative merits of the two giving the reasons why he himself had chosen Christianity.

It is a source of encouragement to the present student body to view the progress which so many of the alumni have made.

Gaoyadeo Council Serves Tea for Alumni

One of the most pleasurable events of Home-Coming was the tea presided over by Miss Kartevold, the social committee, and the council of Gaoyadeo Hall, on Friday, November 30. It was given in the dormitory reception hall.

Visiting alumni and old students frequently find that Friday afternoon of Home-Coming week-end is lacking in entertainment. The Tea therefore, served the purpose of providing both something to do and a place to renew acquaintances in an informally social atmosphere.

Among the distinguished guests were President and Mrs. Luckey whose presence added to the atmosphere a spirit of home-coming. Between thirty and forty were served. Most of the guests were alumni of earlier years and faculty members. However, a few of the recent graduates were present.

Praise is due Miss Kartevold and the girls of the social committee and the Council: Magdalene Murphy, Chairman; Esther Hart, Jane Zook, Arlene Dusch, Gwendolyn Blauvelt, Vera Hall, Grace Smith, Beth Harmon, Betty Sellman, Harriet Sartwell, Marian Whitbeck and Ivone Wright for the beautiful way in which the tea was served.

Rev. and Mrs. Price Stark to Speak in Local Church

On Sunday evening December 16 students, faculty members, and people of Houghton community will have the privilege of presenting a birthday gift to One who was born some 1900 years ago. Since this One is still living and is giving himself for the well-being of all, it is altogether fitting that we should present to Him the first of our Christmas gifts. Let us head our gift-list with His name.

Rev. and Mrs. Price Stark, recently returned from Africa, will be the speakers at this service.

1250 ATTEND THE DEDICATION

An Impressive Service Brings Inspiration to People Representing Several Communities

Twelve hundred fifty people managed to sit or stand in the new church edifice for the service of dedication. A half hour before the service began the auditorium was comfortably filled including seats on the rostrum and behind the altar rail. The crowd was made up of people from many of the surrounding towns, old friends of Houghton from long distances, Wesleyan Methodist from charges in the Lockport and other conferences, Home-Coming alumni, and local residents. The very crowd made the occasion an impressive one, for it caused Houghton to realize the possibilities of her ministry.

Other impressive features were the reverence on the part of the people, the quality of the music, the stateliness of the dedicatory ceremony and the evident presence and help of God in the sermon. The order of Worship and the dedicatory service follow:

Prelude, "God of Our Fathers"
The Choir and Trumpet Trio
Invocation Rev. Charles Sicard
Hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy"
Congregation

Scripture Reading, Rev. Dean Bedford
Prayer, Rev. Claude A. Ries
Vocal Solo: "Open the Gates of the Temple, Knapp Orven Hess
Sermon, Rev. David Anderson
"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken", Haydn, Trumpet Trio
Offering, Dr. James S. Luckey
Offertory, "Ave Verum", Mozart
String Quartet
Anthem: "Unfold Ye Portals"
Gounod's "Redemption" Choir
Presentation of Church

H. LeRoy Fancher
Salutation, Rev. Joseph R. Pitt
Reading of Twenty-fourth Psalm
Rev. Chas. Sicard
Prayer for the Ministry of the Church
Rev. Chas. Sicard

Responsive Reading
Pastor and Congregation
Minister—To God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that through Him, He might reconcile men unto Himself.
Congregation—We dedicate this house.

M.—To God the Son, the only begotten of the Father, Head of the Body, which is the Church; Prophet Priest and King, who on the cross didst suffer for us, the just for the unjust, who ever liveth to make intercession for us, and who is coming again to receive us unto Himself.
C.—We dedicate this house.

M.—To God the Holy Ghost, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who is the Spirit of Truth, our abiding Comforter and Sanctifier and who takes of the things of God and reveals them unto us.
C.—We dedicate this house.

M.—As a place where men shall humble themselves before God in reverent worship.
C.—We dedicate this house.

M.—To the ministry of prayer— for
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PRES. OF CLASS OF '34 WAS GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Barnard H. F. Howe, president of the Class of 1934, was the guest speaker in chapel on Friday morning. Between twenty-five and thirty alumni were present, an unusually large number for the early part of Home-Coming week end.

After President Luckey extended a cordial welcome to all alumni and visitors, Mr. Howe led the devotions and briefly expressed a few ideas pertinent to this period in Houghton's development. Reading from Mark's Gospel some of the passages describing the last week of the Lord's ministry in Galilee, he cited in order certain events, namely, Peter's great confession that Jesus was the Christ Jesus' teaching on the renunciation of self-life, the Transfiguration, and the teaching of humility by setting a little child in the midst.

Mr. Howe stated that even as this week in the life of Jesus was one of crisis, so is the present period a crisis week for Houghton. In contemplating the progress of recent years brought forcibly to their attention by the dedication of the beautiful new church, Houghtonites may experience something of pride or self-satisfaction, but even today the Master teaches the same lesson of humility and reverence. The "child in the midst" calls each one to remain dependent on God alone and to preserve the vision of the ministry to youth which has ever inspired the leaders of this institution.

Many Prominent Citizens at Dedication Service

All the nearby villages, many of those in surrounding counties, and some more distant ones were represented at the church dedication. A large number of prominent citizens found their way here on Sunday afternoon. So many came, in fact that though twelve hundred fifty were accommodated in the church and many went away for lack of standing room. Among the more distant places represented were Wolcott, Buffalo, Rochester, Batavia, Gowanda, Panama, South Dayton, Syracuse, Utica, Adirondack, Watertown, New York; Smithport, Forksville, Punxsutawney, and Emporium, Pa.; Succasuna, N. J. Los Angeles, Cal.; Lincoln, Neb. etc.

Visiting clergymen included (besides those on the program): the Reverend Messrs. Arthur Gregson, Bolivar; C. P. Van Deventer, Belfast; A. J. Taylor, Cattaraugus; John Mann, Scio; Price Stark, Gowanda (recently from West Africa); Eddie Zuber, Pittsford, Mich.; Theodore Pagett, Machias; Edward Rupert Freedom; Royal Woodhead, Fillmore; H. C. Bedford, Rochester; J. R. Jeffrey, Sonyea; G. B. Schultz, Succasuna, N. J.

Among the many present from our of town not mentioned elsewhere in the Star were observed: Dr. Theos J. Thompson, Director of Student Affairs, University of Nebraska; L. S. Bedford and son, Bruce Bedford; Chas. Kettering, former instructor in voice at Marion; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fagan, (former missionaries to Africa); Guy Comfort editor of the Perry Herald.

Don't Miss the Services in the New Church

LARGER GROUP ATTEND BANQUET

President Luckey Cites the Improvement in the Village during the Past Year.

An overcast sky with occasional showers could not keep Houghton's sons and daughters from the evening dinner on Saturday, which was outstanding as one of the bright spots of the Home-Coming Celebration. Among the one hundred seventy-three individuals served in the dining-room of Gaoyadeo Hall (forty-eight more than last year) were a number of banquetters of particular interest, Rev. and Mrs. Price Stark who but a few days before returned from the African Mission field, Rev. George Beverly Shultz, of the class of '19, and Miss Harriet Meeker, long absent from such gatherings in Houghton. Other noteworthy guests were Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Sicard, Shirley Keyes Thompson, Mrs. Ralph Davy, Max Reed, Florence Reed Matheson, Edith Hogg Fenton.

The banquet hall was made more cheery by the colorful banners of the various groups, and the long tables, artistically decorated with sprigs of hemlock and bittersweet berries, added to the spirit of good fellowship. A pleasing menu was served, rendered more agreeable by the soft strains of an instrumental trio arranged by Professor King. A male quartet also provided mirth and enjoyment.

Varied moods were in evidence, reflecting the mingled feeling of the diners, but the prevailing spirit was that of good cheer and camaraderie. Only one class, that of 1928, ventured to make themselves known as a group, and they were led in a class song by the Rev. John Mann. Other classes would doubtless have followed suit if the seating arrangements had permitted it.

The able toastmistress of the occasion was Miss Josephine Rickard ('25), President of this year's Home-Coming Committee. She first presented to the alumni President Luckey who extended greetings of welcome to all the visiting children, expressing pride that the Alma Mater could show as evidence of progress since the last Home-Coming the new church in the valley, and the \$5,000 sewer system, made possible thru the Federal projects of last winter. The two-fold aim that the President hopes to achieve, he says, before turning the reins over to his successor, is to secure for the College admission to the Middle Atlantic States and Maryland Association, and to arrange for the accrediting of the Theological work so that degrees may be granted in this field.

The toastmistress then introduced for popular discussion the questions proposed in the Alumni Bulletin. Mr. Ellsworth Brown ('30) speaking on the first of these, "What can Houghton do to prepare her graduates better for the teaching profession?" suggested that more opportunities for developing social leadership, more inter-collegiate activities, and more emphasis on the different techniques of teaching under the regents system would help. Suggestion from others included some help along the line of dramatics for the prospective teacher of English, and more mathematics courses to develop

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COME AGAIN

No event of our school year is quite so much looked forward to in advance, enjoyed while it lasts, and remembered with pleasure when it is over, as the annual Home-Coming of our former students.

Commencement has its sad feature, in that so many whom we have learned to love leave us to face an uncertain future. But Home-Coming brings them back, and, whatever anxieties we may have felt when they left are dissipated when we see them again and hear them tell of the successes that have been theirs.

The recent Home-Coming was particularly enjoyable. More of the alumni came back than ever before. Some came for the first time in several years, in fact for the first time since the event became a regular feature. The dining room was filled with men and women who talked and laughed as gaily as though they were again college freshmen instead of successful teachers, principals, dentists, business men, lawyers and home makers.

One matter of extreme satisfaction to their alma mater, is the number of alumni who came back in pairs; which is as it should be. Where can a student look for a partner to his, or her, joys and sorrows with a greater certitude of finding just the right one than among his own classmates?

But whether you come singly or in pairs, we hope to see every one again next year as well as those who did not come this time.

M.B.M.

WHAT PRICE THE NEW CHURCH?

Among those basic laws that govern human life is the law of recompense. Bestowment demands return. The "talent" is given for "increase" and "return." "Where much is given much shall be required."

Our first act in return for the New Church was the dedication of the church to God. We accounted in this act for our possession of the New Church. In no other way could we justly possess or hold the new building. It is ours to hold only for Him.

But the final and greatest obligation that lies upon us in return for the new place of worship is in its use. We must use it. It is not ours to abandon or to neglect.

In the use of our New Church lie possibilities of service and of ministry, of moral and of spiritual increase yet to be revealed. For these we must sometime in full measure give account to God.

Hence, the task that lies before us as stewards of this gift from God, is in the investigation of those possibilities, in their full discovery, and in their utmost development, that in the day of our accounting with God we may bring to Him from this trust a worthy return, an increase great and manifold.

J. R. Pitt

The Alumni and Home-Coming material in this edition was edited by members from the Alumni Staff of the "Star".

"Self-Control" Theme of the Tuesday Prayer Meeting

Self-control as the duty of every Christian was emphasized by Merritt Queen in his talk at the Students' Prayer Service last Tuesday evening.

Considering the third chapter of James, Mr. Queen said that Christians should control their tongues. Too often they speak lightly and loosely to others and thus set themselves up as judges, whereas they should look only to Christ and measure their own lives by His. "Christians must remember that there are few above reproach and fewer beneath commendation."

Mr. Queen stressed the fact that every cutting remark a Christian makes bites into the heart of the One whom they confess as the Savior and Lord of their lives. He stated that if one really has the love of God in his heart, one should prac-

tice self-control.

Willard Smith led the hymn singing assisted by J. Stanley King at the piano.

Names Omitted from the New Church Bulletin

From the list which appeared in the recent church bulletin of those faithfully serving the church, some names were inadvertently omitted. Among those who have recently gone from our midst are Rev. and Mrs. A.F. Moses, and Miss Susan Baker whose faithfulness and whose testimonies were a continual inspiration to all. Others which may have been missed were possibly listed with the building committee, the choristers, or the ministers. Present workers were largely omitted because there was not room for all.

Two of the more recent evangelists were also omitted: Revs. E. W. Black and George Bennard.

THE DEDICATORY SERMON

By Rev. David Anderson
Bradford, Penna.

Text—Ps. 93:5 Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever.

The worship of God is characteristic of the lives of mankind from the very beginning, although congregational worship as we have it today was not the lot of the children of men until perhaps two thousand years after the creation of Adam. In the beginning it was mere family worship or individual worship. From the time of Adam to the time of the flood and Noah, no churches were built as we know them to-day. During the period of 1650 years to the time of the flood, the world had grown worse until there was only one family left to worship God. Then God decided to wipe the entire race of human beings from the face of the earth and to begin again. It would have taken several hundred years to re-populate the earth to any degree, so that congregational worship as we know it to-day did not occur until the time God chose the Israelites as a nation. The Israelites went down into Egypt when they numbered seventy people. They remained there four hundred thirty years, and the people chosen of God became a race of slaves—a race of slaves who worshipped God in their own homes, without tabernacles or churches. But God sent a deliverer who brought them out of Egypt, and ordered this deliverer, Moses, to build a tabernacle where the people could worship God. The building of the tabernacle occurred about 2500 years after the creation of Adam.

As time went on, the tabernacle was superseded by the temple of Solomon—mentioned in the 93rd Psalm which was our Scripture reading. That was about three thousand years after man was created, so that it was only about one thousand years before Christ when the temple of Solomon was built. The people worshipped there for several hundred years.

Then the Israelites were carried into captivity and while they were away from their temple in Jerusalem they began to worship idols. They finally came back to the worship of God in temples and synagogues, and these lasted until the time of Christ.

Jesus Christ preached his glorious salvation and inaugurated the New Testament dispensation in the synagogues. However, the Jews rejected Christ, and forbade him and his people to worship there. When the apostles preached God and Jesus Christ, they went from house to house, and the people worshipped in their homes or in the open air. Not until after Christianity was recognized did they have churches, and to-day houses of worship dot our land in most every village and city, and in the country places as well. But as we compare the congregational worship of the Old Testament with the congregational worship of the New Testament, we rejoice in the fact that God's people can meet together and worship in spirit and in truth.

In the beginning God wanted to favor His worship with His presence at all times, and He wanted the same to-day, for true worship is having God in our midst. If however, God is not present in worship, our worship is useless. If our worship is pleasing to God, He desires to emphasize His presence in our midst so that we may know that we are different from the heathen. God does not want Christians to be like the heathen who bow down before their images and never have answers to their prayers from their powerless deities, but come away just as they went, with their heavy hearts and burdens. From the beginning it was

God's design to meet with His people and commune with them, and the people in their worship knew that God was listening. Those who were righteous knew that God was with them because we know of one man who lived and walked with God for three hundred years—who had the conscious of God in his life.

God manifestly visited his people so that they knew God. When they were on the march out of Egypt He led them by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire during the night. God manifested Himself to the people at the time of their sacrifices. Cain and Abel in their sacrifices knew that God was present for God accepted Abel's and rejected Cain's. God designed not only in Old Testament times to manifest his presence among his people, but all the more in the New Testament period when Christ came preaching His gospel. He wanted men to know that there was something real in worship.

Now, God in Old Testament times dwelt in the temple, and preceding the temple, in the tabernacle. "O Thou that dwellest between the cherubim, shine forth." The people went to Jerusalem because the religion of God was confined to one place—the temple. When they were carried into captivity, they looked back toward the temple. Their hearts were there. There God had met with them many times. Daniel prayed with his windows open toward Jerusalem three times a day. Throughout Old Testament history God was with them so long as they kept the covenant and were not in idolatry. "I will worship toward thy holy temple."

The woman of Samaria began to argue with Jesus as to where people ought to worship. "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain, and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." But Jesus said that that system had passed away. "Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, and now is, when true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth." Now men do not have to congregate in a certain place such as in the temple of Jerusalem where they could meet God in worship, but man can worship God in the open air, in his home, or anywhere, as long as he worships in his heart. Jesus wanted all mankind to know that God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Now what is befitting or becoming to the house of God? Our text says, "Holiness becometh thine House, O Lord forever." In the Old Testament the tabernacle and later the temple was holy. It had the holy place, the most holy place. Those who ministered in the temple were holy. Because He is holy, He designs that the lives of the children of men should be the same, for holiness becometh God's house. The church building is set apart for sacred use. It becomes entirely the property of Almighty God. It is His and when we take that stand with our church buildings all over the land, feeling that they have passed out of human hands into the hands of Almighty God to be His property, we shall realize how carefully they ought to be used for his honor and glory. He will dictate the policy of the church, for it is consecrated to His service. It is not a play house. It is not a place for money changers. It is a place set apart for the worship of Almighty God, and for the salvation of immortal souls. It is the place where divine power should dwell.

What we need is a church building dedicated to the service of Almighty God and to that end Jesus Christ His Son must have rightful place in the building that is so dedicated. God wants his only Son, Jesus

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Rev. Eddie Zuber Speaks at Sunday School

On Home-coming Sunday the alumni again fell into the good old habit of going to Sunday School. The college chapel was filled with many familiar faces of yesterday—Clair Carey, Beverly Schultz, Hazel Sartwell, Alice Buckholz Wilcox and John Wilcox, Gracia Fero, Glenn Molyneaux, Edith Stearns and many others whom the "old timers" were glad to greet once more.

After the opening prayer by Clair Carey, Dr. Woolsey, the Superintendent, gave a few words of welcome to the fine audience, and among other thoughtful remarks voiced this: "In proportion to our investment is our zeal and enthusiasm." Perhaps he was referring to the new church which was to be dedicated in a few hours. At any rate the next speaker, Reverend Joseph R. Pitt, directed his brief and pointed talk toward that theme, offering three propositions: "The church is a symbol of faith." "The church is a place of spiritual occasions." "The church is a memorial." With other observations, he said, "Nothing has ever produced so many fine things as the faith of Jesus Christ"; also, "The Church is established that, therein and thereby, men may dedicate themselves to God."

Mrs. Paul Steese then sang the lovely and appropriate, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains" by Harker. If only she could know how much the audience enjoyed her fine tonal qualities and spiritual interpretation! Following her song, there appeared a very friendly and enthusiastic young man from Michigan known as Eddie Zuber, who spoke on the third verse of the lesson, "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith—" "I formerly regarded faith as a passive asset, but today I think of it as something militant," he began. He ended with a very interesting story of a young friend, a minister, who was badly injured and healed by faith.

After President Luckey had made the announcements, the classes passed into their familiar rooms for a twenty minute study of the lesson: The Christian As Witness. And so ended a happy hour.

'25 Reunite at Miss Davison's

The class of 1925 met for an informal party Saturday, December 2, about ten thirty o'clock. The place of meeting was Rachel Davison's well kept apartment. Those present were, Rachel Davison, Helen Davison Stark, Josephine Rickard, Pearl Russel, Clarice Spencer, Laura Steese, Laura Baker, Keith Farnar, and Mark Bedford. Two guests of the class were Price Stark and Helen Crosby. Many items of interest were learned about different members of the class. Helen Davison Stark and her husband brought interesting statements to the group from the African mission field where they have been laboring for the Master. Letters had been received by the class president from Mamie Churchill, Arthur Bernhoff and Fred Bedford. Mamie wrote that just to be reminded of Houghton Home-coming brings back many pleasant memories. Arthur sent best wishes or regards to fellow classmates and faculty members. Fred's letter is published complete.

Those who had been at the previous class reunion were glad to have present some who had not met with them for a long time.

An enjoyable evening was spent and tentative plans were made for another get-together.

Born on Nov. 22 to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moore of Enid, Oklahoma, a son, Willard Mitchell. Mrs. Moore was Goldie Davidson.

TWO PORTRAITS

(Hanging in a College Chapel)

THE FOUNDER

The cruel and credulous world may slight thy name,
As thou renounced the world, though not in scorn:
Yet in each scholar's face that greets the morn,
And answered roll, lies more immortal fame
Than poets' praise or princes' proud acclaim.
Thy brow shadows the scar of that same thorn
That tortured Lincoln's soul, and One once torn,
Whose blood can cure all ills—else ours the shame.
Thy deep-set eyes reflect the lambent light
That haunts Dante ere meeting Mantuan guide.
On thy face is Moses' prophetic look,
David's tending flocks, Milton's minus sight,
Or the boy Wesley's at his mother's side—
And in thy hand Paul's sword—the open Book.

THE PRESIDENT

Palimpsest of the Soul's projected arc,
Whose living presence, gracious, wise, urbane,
Adumbrates still this narrow stage mundane,
Thy rapt gaze claims thee kin of every clerk
Who strove to free men's minds from dungeons dark:
Utopian dreamers all, divinely sane,
Like Newton humble, like Bacon humane—
Lone patient watchers of the sacred spark.
Through Euclid's eyes and Galileo's glass,
We view incarnate Nature—History—
That trace in lineaments and life God's graph;
And when from space thy astral part shall pass
To scale the tangent of infinity—
The school, our lives—be these thy cenotaph.

—R. W. Hazlett

DEDICATORY SERMON

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Christ, to be recognized as the only redeemer of mankind, for there is no other name given under heaven or among man whereby we can be saved. His holy character should never be questioned. People should accept Jesus Christ as the son of the living God and put Him to the test as to whether His blood is all-meritorious or not. The reason why some people say that Christianity is a failure is that they have never given Christianity a trial, for if we will confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. If Jesus Christ could only have the right of way in lives He would revolutionize every life, for Jesus has tasted death for every man. We are in perfect harmony with the teachings of God when we believe in Blood Atonement.

Then the Holy Ghost must be recognized as the administrator of redemption, as the third person in the glorious Trinity. God wants the Holy Ghost to come into our churches and superintend the worship. He wants the blessed Holy Ghost to take full charge of every part of the service and glorify God. He wants the Holy Ghost to inspire the worshippers because when we meet together in church we come to meet God and to worship God; to enjoy the presence of God, and to receive His blessing and grace in order to be permanently qualified for every emergency of life.

No man or woman is qualified to cope with situations of this life unless he has Christ within and unless he has the power of God in his life. The Holy Ghost is a person and should always be recognized as such. For "When He, the Spirit of Truth is come, he will guide you into all truth."

The holy ministry becomes God's house, for God is the author of holiness. It is vitally important to guard against the danger of professionalism in church life to-day. That which prepares a man for the position of physician, dentist or lawyer, will never adequately qualify a man to preach the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. Unless man is born of God how can he teach men and women the way of salvation. God calls his men to the sacred ministry. And he expects every man so called to be born again. Jesus said to his dis-

ers of the Sabbath School should be subject to you, but rejoice rather because your names are written in heaven. Rejoice because you are regenerated. These were the men whom Jesus called to the ministry. Jesus prayed for the sanctification of these converted disciples. Then He wanted those who were converted to experience the sanctifying power of the Spirit. Jesus prayed before His Ascension "Sanctify them through thy truth". He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem until they had received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Every man going into the ministry, should be Scripturally converted and then baptized by the Holy Ghost. Degrees from all the colleges and universities in the world are but poor substitutes for the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire in the life of the Christian minister.

In order for holiness to become God's house, the Christian minister must be faithful with the sin question. The Old Testament prophets were to "Cry aloud, spare not; declare unto Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin." This was God's method of procedure in the Old Testament and this is God's method of procedure to-day. There is no holiness in the House of God among the members of the church unless we deal with the sin question and if the sin question is not adequately dealt with we will still remain slaves to sin. Every minister, sent of God, is a doctor of depravity. He is called to diagnose, and he is called to prescribe. He knows the disease and he knows the remedy, and the only thing under heaven that can deal with the sins of mankind is the blood of Christ. In order that holiness may characterize the house of God, the minister must not cater to the whims of Society. He is an ambassador from heaven in a strange land.

God's words to His ministers, like those to Ezekiel of old, are: "Thou shalt hear the word from my mouth." The minister should get his message from God. God's man will deal with the sin question. He will preach salvation for the penitent, and damnation for those who reject.

The officials of the church should be holy. The church at Pentecost had an holy officary. "Wherefore look ye out from among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost. The officers and teach-

'Thanksgiving' Theme of Alumni Chapel Address

"Do we have to go to chapel to-day?" enquired a composition student of his teacher last Saturday, December 1. "Go or not, just as you please," was the answer (*mirabile dictu*). No, the only Saturday chapel of the year is not compulsory, but those who missed it this year missed an inspiration.

The inspiration began with the President's sheaf of announcements. Just to think there was to be so much going on! Edith Stearns conducted "Fairest Lord Jesus", after which Eddie Zuber ('31) read the scripture, Luke 17:11-19. Eddie's reverent delight in reading the Word added to the inspiration. "If I had had the privilege of choosing any part in this program, it would have been the reading of the Word of God," he said.

David Rees so presented the thought of thanksgiving that the audience was stirred to serve their God from day to day in the spirit of gratitude. He recounted Houghton's sense of gratitude in the building of the new church and the enlargement of the school, and the cause everyone here has for the same feeling when he compares his state with that of the poverty-stricken or the sick. Then he asked the question "Why be thankful at this time of year?" and answered it by the scriptural injunction to be thankful at all times for all things.

He showed further that gratitude is shown not by word of mouth, but by prayer and by life, and illustrated the point by reference to the Pilgrims. The man who is truly thankful will not do anything that will grieve God, or hinder his own service for Him. To "go and sin no more" is putting thanks into active life.

Giving one's life to God to show gratitude is not the matter of a few days, but of a lifetime. In the living of this life, those who are weakest find the strength of God assist them. If one will tackle the job Jesus Christ will see him through.

Mr. Rees made an appeal for a life-time consecration in the spirit of thanksgiving, and in faith.

As the concluding number Hollis Stevenson sang the very appropriate song, "The Voice in the Wilderness," by John Prindle Scott.

holy. This is particularly true because of their influence.

A holy membership becometh the house of God. The church of the New Testament at Pentecost is God's pattern for all time. They were soundly converted and filled with the Holy Ghost. Holy people are like soldiers in their places. The work of God is greatly hindered by inconsistencies of church members.

The Bible as the inerrant Word of God becometh His house. The injunction is, "Preach the Word." Some propose to edit a better Bible. What is needed, rather, is to drink the living water from the one which has been given.

Spiritual worship becometh God's house. Spiritual singing is part of that worship, and spiritual singing requires more than trained voices and perfect harmony. Human attainments in divine worship are mechanical without the Spirit of God. Spiritual praying becometh God's house, for without it there is not the atmosphere of worship.

The church is a soul-saving institution. Her mission is to save sinners and sanctify believers. May this beautiful edifice be the birthplace of thousands of souls, if Jesus tarries. May this be a place where people from miles around will hear the glorious gospel and give themselves to God.

Plans Made for a June Reunion by Class of '25

The President of the Alumni Association is hoping to make a good deal this June of the first class to graduate with degrees, because it has been just ten years since that event.

The red scarfs, handkerchiefs, and ties which constituted that class's distinction may all have disappeared but the class is alive yet. The president, Mark R. Bedford, has already spoken to members of his class about the event, and is planning to urge the return of every one possible. Alice Hampe McMillen may not be able to get here from Africa or Herbert Lennox from the Dakotas (or Montana) but no one else is to be excused, and not these if airplane can bring them!

50th COMMENCEMENT

This is the occasion of the fiftieth commencement exercises. Plans should surely be under way soon to make this the greatest commencement in this history of the school.

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ton did for him, that it taught him teamwork. He said in part: "Where I was brought up, the big man was the one who could get the most out of life without giving anything in return. One 'labor' (arbor) day I put the philosophy into practice. I stayed in bed until noon. But when I appeared for the picnic dinner, one of the fellows led a cheer for me: 'Three cheers for Shultz, sssss; three cheers for Shultz, sssss; Three cheers for Shultz, sssss.' I didn't like it very well but it taught me a lesson. I knew if I should get into the spirit of Houghton, I would learn to give what I could. Houghton gave me a start and then pushed me off."

The preparing of this program was easier than that of last year, but still the alumni could show better cooperation. Many letters of the committee were not answered at all, and many found themselves unable to take part. If this program is to be given by alumni, then alumni will have to give it. Someone—yes, some ten or a dozen—will have to be good sports.

Thanksgiving Service

The Thanksgiving service held in the chapel Thursday evening was characterized by a spirit of real thanksgiving to God for the marvelous blessings that He has given. About a hundred alumni, students, and townspeople together lifted their voices to God in praise. Surely, He daily "loadeth us with benefits."

The pastor spoke of the two-fold act of thanksgiving. He said that the Christian gives thanks for the blessings that God has given to him personally. One thanks Him for what He has done, and for what He is to the individual soul. The second phase is spoken of in II Corinthians: "that the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God." One may also promote thanksgiving among other people. When a person renders loving service to others, does not God rejoice and shed His joy abroad in his heart?

This service was a true thanksgiving service inasmuch as the testimonies were both numerous and spontaneous. Young and old participated freely to such an extent that the number of testimonies reached forty or fifty. The quick response of the people showed deep sincerity.

The keynote of the testimony service was praise for personal experience in Christ. Nearly every person spoke of what God had done for him either through the Holy Spirit or through the Holy Word, and assurance of the truth of the Gospel predominated.

Fred Bedford Writes of His Activities

To those of you who were so fortunate as to get to the Home-Coming, Greetings from Tarrytown. I anticipate the time when I may join you and be again a son of Houghton College. It is a far stretch of time from those college days to now, and a like stretch from that carefreeness to the multiplicity of duties of 1934.

Since from you I would like to hear of doings, goings, and successes, I'll write a bit of my actions. I'm teaching mathematics in Washington Irving High School in Tarrytown, New York. I'm assisting in the mathematics department at Teachers College, Columbia University. I'm taking work in administration. I now have 108 hours of graduate work. I'm a scout master, and I teach a men's Bible class. Recently I spoke to a mathematics club at Rockville Center, L. I. I've written a book, *Field Work in Mathematics*, published by the American Book Co. My hobbies are Catherine, fine China (Lenox, principally) cut glass, making articles of wood, and writing checks. Other hobbies I have but I don't want to tell you.

Merry Christmas and a great new year to you all.

—Fred

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top greater powers of thinking.

The second question, "Should a student loan fund be instituted by the alumni?" after some discussion was crystallized by the President who mentioned that a very definite way for the alumni to help toward this end would be to encourage people of means to make bequests to the College in the form of scholarship funds. The final question—Campus improvements—brought an interesting letter from Mildred Stevenson Fero which was read to the group. Some very worthwhile suggestion for landscaping the side-hill facing the state road were presented.

Singing of the Alma Mater, led by Dr. Hollis Stevenson, brought the dinner to an end.

Seasonal Program Given at French Club Meeting

On Friday afternoon, November 30, the French Club held its bi-monthly meeting. It was the occasion of the thanksgiving program which was conducted by Gordon Stockin. The program was carried on entirely in French idiom, each member telling that for which he was most thankful.

The jumbled names of Thanksgiving foods were unscrambled to a humorous game while the room was being transformed into a French hotel. As American tourists, the French Club members ordered a Thanksgiving dinner explaining to the French waitresses the American custom of observing the festival.

'30 Meet at Luncheon

The representatives of the class of '30 at the noon luncheon on Saturday were "Andy" Warden, "Bill" Albro, "Brownie", Hugh Thomas, "Diz" Densmore, "Margie" Donley Stevenson and daughter Jane, and Elsie Bacon Hotchkiss.

Others seen on the campus that day were Eleanor James VanGilder and Erma Meade Chappell.

The class could hardly expect to see John Kluzit from way down on the Hudson and Florence Knapp Lunde from Pittsford, Mass., but they would have been pleased with the presence of the other nineteen all of whom live within a hundred miles.

Star Sport Flashes

The class basketball series will be featured to-night (Friday) by the clash between the Juniors and the High School. This game promises to be thrilling and hard fought with much at stake for both quintets. The High School must win to remain in the championship running while a win for the Juniors will enable them to enter the coming Sophomore-Junior tilt unbeaten with an excellent chance to cop the school title for 1934-1935. In Wednesday night's games the Freshmen boys finally broke into the victory column by virtue of a 31-22 decision from the Seniors in the battle for cellar championship. The Senior girls remained in the fight by giving the Freshmen lassies their first reverse of the series 13-3.

The Alabama crimson tide will represent the East in the Rose Bowl game to be played at Pasadena on New Year's day. Their selection was not surprising because of the remarkable record they have compiled this season. An unbeaten and untied season was climaxed on Thanksgiving day when they ran roughshod over a strong Vanderbilt team by the score of 34-0. The feature of Alabama's attack this year has been the outstanding performances of "Dixie" Howell, star halfback and triple-threat man who has been named on the 1934 All-American team, and Hutson, a tackle, who has also been given a berth on this mythical football team. Stanford, the Pacific coast's representative in this big clash also placed two men on the All-American eleven, namely: "Bobby" Grayson, flashy quarterback and Reynolds, their smashing tackle. With such outstanding stars in the line-ups the battle between these two great teams should afford plenty of thrills to the football followers of the country.

Immediately following the Christmas holidays the college Purple and Gold series will get under way. The first game is scheduled for the first night after vacation. For the benefit of new students who are not familiar with the manner in which this series is carried on, a little explanation may be desired by the basketball devotees. After a series of practice sessions the Purple and Gold captains select a squad of ten players to represent their respective sides during the series. Both boys and girls games are played the same evening and the series is scheduled for seven games, or until one team has won four contests which automatically gives that side the championship. Both the boys' and girls' captains should arrange for practice periods very soon in order that their teams may be in good shape to start the series right after vacation. The schedule for these games are listed in the Houghton College handbook.

"Purgatory" Heard From

The loss of her dog 'Purgatory' assumed a more serious aspect to Miss Grace Parker when a threatening note was received but recently which demanded the payment of twenty-five cents for the pet's safe return. The note was left at the infirmary by an unknown individual who rang the bell and hurried off.

The demand for ransom was written in a scrawly handwriting, almost illegible. It stated that unless the named sum were deposited in a tin can at the foot of the stairs leading up to Beach's at a certain hour the Pet might never be seen again.

Miss Parker is nearly in a state of nervous prostration over the loss of her 'Purgie'. She requested that the police be kept off the case, as yet.

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vent, God-breathed and availing much in working.

C.—We dedicate this house.

M.—To the ministry of music in calling the heart to reverent worship and giving expression to its praise and devotion.

C.—We dedicate this house.

M.—To the teaching of the Holy make men wise unto salvation.

Scriptures which alone are able to C.—We dedicate this house.

M.—To the work of evangelism, through the gospel of full salvation, in the conversion, cleansing and filling of men and women with the Holy Spirit.

C.—We dedicate this house.

M.—As a center where those who contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, shall be strengthened for the Christian conflict.

C.—We dedicate this house.

M.—To the fulfillment of our Lord's commission "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

C.—We dedicate this house.

M.—With the prayer that from now until our Lord shall come, this may be sacredly kept as a place where men meet God.

Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. J. R. Pitt

Anthem: "Lift Up Your Heads"

Hopkins Doxology Congregation

Benediction Rev. Charles Sicard

Postlude: "All Hail the Power"

and other Hymns.

IMPRESSIONS

What was your strongest impression as you sat in the service of dedication on Sunday afternoon? This is a question which has been put to a number of people since that occasion.

"Opportunity."

"Overwhelming responsibility."

"Sacredness."

"Can this be Houghton?"

"Moods."

This last impression is well expressed in a little article:

"As the hour appointed for the dedicatory service approached, the large audience became more and more expectant. At half past two, the choir burst forth in a song of triumph and praise. The same note of praise was sounded in the congregational hymn, 'Holy, Holy, Holy'.

As a former pastor, the Rev. Dean Bedford, read the scripture account of the dedication of Solomon's temple a reverential hush took possession of those who listened. This mood changed to one of humility as Prof. Claude Ries poured out his soul in earnest prayer, in which he implored God to make Houghton a true Gospel center. In the sermon that followed, Rev. David Anderson likewise struck a strong note of consecration as he stated the necessity for holy officials and holy members.

"With the mood of consecration still in the heart of the people, President Luckey next spoke. In his characteristic way he made each individual who belonged to the kingdom of Christ feel that he had a real part in the ownership of Houghton Tabernacle Church. It was a beautiful sight to see in the audience so many former residents and students of Houghton and to sense the fact that the old Houghton and the new Houghton holds a large place in their lives.

The dedication service was carried through with a dignity worthy of the cause for which the congregation had met—and again at the close of the service the choir sounded a note of triumph and praise."

Another impression was "The Presence." The one who answered thus has expressed his feeling in the following note:

"The melody of sacred music, the mellowness of soothing light through stained glass windows and from sub-

WEEK-END OPENS WITH MORNING WATCH

It seems very fitting that the events of the week end should have been ushered in by an hour of prayer—morning watch from six until seven on Friday morning. The service was held in the College Chapel and was in charge of our pastor. Although most of the time was spent in prayer there was a brief but stirring message based upon the ninth chapter of Daniel: a call to God's people to go on their faces before God, as did the prophet Daniel, and confess their own sin and the sins of the people. God met those who attended.

Shea New President of Houghton Chapter

Prof. Whitney Shea, Professor of Economics, is the new head of the Houghton alumni chapter. This means that he has in charge the plan for the 1935 Home-Coming.

Other officers elected at the Saturday evening dinner are: Vice Pres. Willett Albrow; Sec. and Treas. Roma Lapham; Reporter, Prof. Ries; Athletic Director for men, Orrel York, for women, Beatrice Swetland.

One hundred fourteen voted for the Thanksgiving week-end as the date for the 1935 festival while eleven voted for November 1-3. The reason this earlier date was offered was that there had been rumors of discontent with the present date on account of home festivities at this time of year and the possibility of poor roads.

Class of '32 Get-together with Prof. LeRoy Fancher

Seventeen members of the Class of '32 were at the Alumni Home-Coming. Several of these lunched together Saturday noon at the dormitory. At 2:00 p. m. they assembled at the home of Prof. LeRoy Fancher and enjoyed a pleasant visit recalling happy by-gone days. In the course of the afternoon a note was written to Cyril Little, a member who has recently been seriously injured in an accident. The following were seen during the week-end: Velma Harbeck, Esther Brayley, Elinor Carpenter, Lucy Joslyn, Lillis Fancher, Golda Farnsworth, Isabelle Hawn, Lawrence Strong, George Unamann, Herman Knowles, Forrest Cummings, Vena Clark, Elizabeth Hill, Mabel Norris, Vivian Gordon, and Edith Stearns.

ded chandeliers, the artistic plainness of the architectural design, the graceful simplicity of comfortable furnishing—all these produced an atmosphere of reverence and worship and the great audience slipped easily and naturally into the spirit of the holy occasion. All the devotion of more than a half century of worship in the now silent white church seemed to pervade the place. On such occasions as this God's ministers cannot but preach; and preach indeed! did the man of God that hour.

"Yes, all the things that could be seen conspired to make the time one of real dedication. But there was something else. The house was twice filled. There were hundreds of people, and there was a Presence. Was it the 'Glory of the Lord'? It could have been nothing else. When people gathered for the evening worship, many conditions were greatly changed. But what counted most was the same. The Presence was still there. Then was the altar peculiarly dedicated as two humble seekers knelt thereat. It should not be it could not have been otherwise. It must never be otherwise.

Oppenheim Presents Flowers to Dedication Service

Mr Oppenheim, a florist in Olean, sent a dozen beautiful white roses for the dedication service. He accompanied them with the following note:

"Congratulations on the dedication of your new edifice. It's a beautiful structure and you people deserve a lot of credit. May the Almighty send His blessings upon you people so that you may spread the Word of God in promoting good will and brotherly love towards all men."

"Manuel Oppenheim

Miss Rork Host to '27 Class

At the close of the program Saturday evening six members of the class '27 assembled at the home of Crystal Rork. Only six members did they say? Well, there were eight present. Scotty brings Faith and Paul brings Ruth to our class reunions. Next year we hope that youthful Helen Marie and Peter Beckler may come to the party. Hazel and Gladys came from Utica and B. G. arrives from Clarence, too late for the banquet, but in time for the evening program. We understood Ethel Kingsbury was married a few months ago. Too bad you didn't make the Home-Coming. Ethel, Francis and Esther are off for Florida so they could not come. Anyway the class of '25 undoubtedly would have vamped them. Say, Bernice, where were you? Don't you know your classmates want to meet your doctor husband? Wilbur was probably busy with that new daughter. Ione could not be expected to cross the Atlantic this year. But where were Charles, Pauline Kent and all the other members of good old '27? You'll make it next year, won't you?

Sunday Services

Rev. David Anderson Preaches Sunday Evening

From the belfry of Houghton's New Tabernacle Church, Sunday evening, December 2, 1934, was heard the trumpet trio calling to worship to the tune of "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." "Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy" and "The Church in the Wildwood". Another inspirational note was sounded in the choruses sung by the choir. A stimulating praise service followed, interspersed with songs. After prayer by Prof. F. H. Wright, the College Male Quartet sang several numbers. For the offertory Paul McIntire played a viola solo, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Rev. David Anderson, preaching on the redemption of man from sin chose as his text I Peter 1: 18-19 "Forasmuch—as ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold—But with the precious blood of Christ—refrain from sin and choose Christ."

Drawing from Isaiah 53 Rev. Anderson painted out that mankind is only a shadow of what man's just parents were created to be. He is polluted with sin which has alienated his affections from God and has brought upon him a dreadful disease. There is a way! Mankind can be restored to the image of God.

What has got hold of man? A deadly monster has gained a serpent like hold which can be released only through a look at the Crucified One. There is filth which cannot be washed away through good resolutions. An evil root spreads its shoots of evil through the heart. Men are in bondage, from which they can obtain freedom only through Jesus Christ. Sin is a smouldering fire which may burst into raging flame.

Well-Planned Program Given in Chapel

Wednesday's chapel program was carefully planned and well carried out by representatives of the class of '36. They cleverly caught the attention of the audience at the very beginning by passing out nicely printed programs.

The program itself was well started by the invocation led by Clifford Weber. Immediately following, a male quartet, Bedford, Donelson, Anderson, and Shea, entreated the listeners to follow and serve Christ through the song "Jesus Calls Us". After the singing of this grand old hymn, John McIntyre played with excellent expression Bach's piano solo "Now Comes the Gentiles' Savior" which seemed to signify the steady tread and the looking upward of followers of Christ. One could just hear the lightness of heart and the painfully sweet harmony of a person in union with God, by Ivone Wright's rendition of the beautiful "Schoen Rosmarin" by Kreisler. The scripture reading, the 33rd Psalm, which teaches the goodness, the fullness, and the mightiness of the Lord, was read by Marian Whitbeck. The program was fittingly brought to a close by the singing of the "Benediction Hymn" by the male quartet.

College Inn Is Scene of '33 Class Reunion

Ten of the class of 1933 found their way to the College Inn on Saturday for lunch and spent a pleasant hour together. Gracia and Prof. Douglas have replenished their fund of stories since we last saw each other, and Pete evidently fears the effect of our long vacation from studies, for he tried to put on a spell-binding bee.

Our class banner made its first appearance, and we wish to express here our appreciation to the members of the class of 1932 who helped us start the fund for a banner.

Those who were present were Gracia Ferro, Mildred Hunt, Lena Stevenson, Lois Sweet, Christine VanHoesen, Pete Albrow, Elmo Corsette, Eddie Dolan, Melvin Ferns, and Dr. Raymond Douglas.

There were several members back for various events of Home-Coming week-end whom we missed at our get-together, and we hope these will be able to be with us next year. Those we saw around the campus were Esther Burns, Clayton Frank, Whitney Shea, Alice Goodemote, Helen Baker, Genevieve Matthews, Francis Miller, Theodore Brink, Chester Driver, Stephen Todd and Alta Benson.

The allegiance of man to Satan. Rev. Anderson explained, is a double tragedy. Man has been fearfully deceived by his arch-enemy. He has sold himself to his own enemy, who gives him in exchange nothing but counterfeit coin.

Man needs a power beyond the human to deliver him from the bondage of sin. Corruptible things, as "silver and gold", cannot buy the incorruptible and immortal. From this bondage divine love has provided a way whereby one may gain liberty. The Lamb without spot or blemish. Jesus Christ is the only one able to meet the demands of the law. He fully purchased all men in one payment when He drank the cup of the Old Testament—cursing—to its dregs so that the human race might drink the New Testament cup of blessing.

Dedication day in Houghton came to a triumphant close with two of these souls for whom Christ died, coming to know this infinite freedom through Jesus Christ, the Lord.