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Preview of Summer Session Given

Like other colleges and universities, Houghton College is making extensive plans for their fourth summer session, convening from July 2 to August 10. Preparations are being made for another successful summer school, this year under the direction of Dr. R. E. Douglas. Costs are nominal at \$7 per credit hour and all expenses including books, room, board, and tuition should not exceed \$95.00. Houghton is convenient for commuters which is an added advantage in that expenses in that way be reduced to \$50—\$60.

The session is especially designed for the following classes of students:

1. Training class graduates who wish to take more advanced work.
2. Teachers having normal school limited certificates who wish to take more advanced work.
3. College graduates who have not completed the educational requirements for the College Graduate Professional Provisional Certificate.
4. Students who desire work for college credit.
5. Students whose grade point index is low and need to take work to have the necessary average for graduation.

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1. To meet college entrance requirements.
2. For general cultural purposes.
3. To meet the requirements for teachers' certificate.
4. To furnish an opportunity to take prerequisite subjects so that major work may be taken during the regular academic session.

Nearly all classes will meet in the forenoon and with the exception of the first week classes will not convene on Saturday, thus assuring a long week-end and plenty of opportunity for short side trips and study.

For further information write to President J. S. Luckey, Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y., or to the Director of the Summer Session.

Gracia Fero in Hospital

Miss Gracia Fero who was injured in an automobile accident about three weeks ago has been obliged to return to the hospital for further treatment. She would appreciate letters and cards from her school friends. Her address is Moses Ludington Hospital, Ticonderoga, N.Y.

Alumnus Added to Faculty in Economics Dept.

One of the announcements given at the Alumni Banquet, Saturday, June 9, was the appointment of Whitney Shea, '33, to the position of instructor of Economics to fill the vacancy left by the late Dean Fancher. Mr. Shea is the son of Rev. A. J. Shea, pastor of the First Wesleyan Methodist Church, Jersey City, New Jersey and well known in Houghton. Mr. Shea is a graduate of Houghton Seminary after which he took the equivalent of three years of work from the University of Akron while holding a position with the Goodyear Rubber Company. He returned to Houghton and was graduated with the class of 1933. While here he was a member of the A Cappella Choir and an honor student, having been chosen to give the mantle oration at Commencement on that basis. Since his graduation he has been teaching at Sardonia, N.Y.

Mrs. Shea is also a graduate of Houghton Seminary. Congratulations are offered to Mr. Shea and best wishes are extended to both Mr. and Mrs. Shea for their continued residence in Houghton.

Tullar Speaks on the Great Commission

The theme of the missionary service on Sunday evening was the Great Commission. The Rev. Mr. Tullar, using as a scripture foundation Matthew 28:18-20, emphasized "the need of a definite call to foreign missions, the fact that all Christians are missionaries, the main business of missions—to preach the gospel and to teach it. Further, he gave some qualities which the missionary needs to possess: a strong, healthy body, a good education (though not necessarily a college degree) courage, charity, spirituality.

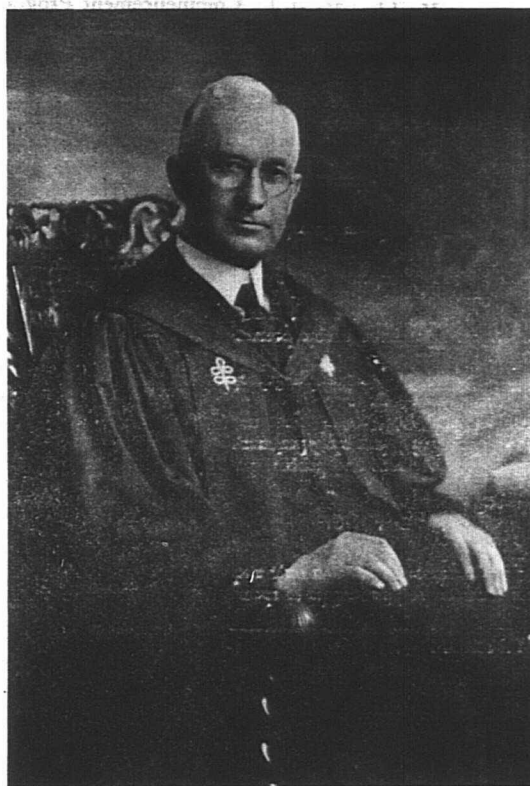
He gave a few glimpses of the African field which were very interesting. He told of a village from which the missionaries were warned away because of the danger, but in which place there is now a church of fifteen hundred people. He referred to the marvelous work of God on the Gold Coast and Ivory Coast through the efforts of the prophet Harris, where scores of churches were built and many taught to read the Scripture.

Mr. Tullar is a missionary under the Sudan Interior Mission and works in Nigeria. The other missionaries on the platform on Sunday evening, Mrs. Gertrude Clocksin and Rev. and Mrs. Edward Elliott likewise found their work in Africa, in Sierra Leone.

The selections played by the trumpet trio, one at the beginning of the service and one while the offering was being taken, and those given by a mixed quartet added greatly to the service.

The audience for this service was very good indeed, the room being well filled.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hess at Zamboanga, Mindanao, P. I., on May 9, a son, Hudson Smalley.



JAMES SEYMOUR LUCKEY, A.M., Pd. M., LL. D.
President

Alumni Take Steps to Send Their Beloved President Abroad

One of the most constructive things any alumni group has planned in some time was launched at the Alumni Dinner, Saturday night under the sponsorship of Professor F. H. Wright. For some time there has been agitation among the alumni to commemorate the long years of service which President Luckey has rendered to Houghton, but none of the suggestions offered thus far have appealed strongly to the majority. However, this latest idea to which President Luckey has finally given his consent, also, bids fair to become practical. The plan itself is simply that the alumni will aid financially in giving to the man who has given of himself so untiringly a well-earned vacation. In a personal appeal to the alumni, Prof. F. H. Wright says:

"We are sending President Luckey abroad—

"You don't believe it? Well, all I have to say is that you should have been with us at our Alumni Banquet last Saturday evening and I guess you would believe all right. You see President Luckey is a normal man; that is, he grows older as the days go by, and he gets weary, too. Some of us who work with him at your college notice the lines growing deeper on the forehead, the shoulders stooping a bit lower and fatigue coming a bit easier. And we want our beloved President to live and labor with us for many years to come. So we are sending him over 'the pond' for a vacation. The trip will include England, Scotland, Germany

and 'The Passion Play.'

"When the matter was presented to our Alumni Saturday night they responded with \$175. Now we are expecting many more of the Alumni and friends to respond with enough money to make the sum up to \$400. We want President Luckey to feel that we are all with him. To this end we want many contributions—none of which will be large but will in the aggregate make up the desired amount and will represent our large group. Personal letters will soon go out to the Alumni and friends but while you are waiting for a letter you may send your contribution to the writer. This is the time to show your love and appreciation for the long years of loving service our brother has given to us, the Alumni of Houghton College."

The entire Alumni and student body groups unite in wishing President Luckey "Bon Voyage" and a pleasant and beneficial vacation, that he may return in the fall fortified for many years of guidance and help.

POSITIONS RECENTLY SECURED

Mildred Hunt ('33), will teach in the high school department of Allentown Bible Institute, Allentown, Penn.

Raymond Hughes has secured a position teaching in a district school near Allegany.

Verne Dunham has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Cherry Creek.

Speaker Sums Up Country Conditions

The dawn of Commencement Day at Houghton threatened rain, but soon the sullen clouds began to drift away, leaving skies of clear blue, flecked with cottony puffs of high-riding cirrus clouds. At nine forty-five the campus was dotted with figures in flowing academic robes and professors' brilliant hoods—all moving here and assembling there for the march to the chapel, which was already well-filled.

Presently the College Orchestra, conducted by Professor Cronk, took up the strains of the stately "War March of the Priests" by Mendelssohn and the ushers led the Seminary and College graduates to their seats. The faculty followed, taking places on the platform, President Luckey entering last with Dr. Bristow Adams, Professor of Journalism at Cornell University, who later gave the commencement address. The Rev. Mr. J. R. Pitt led the assemblage in prayer, and then a male quartet, composed of Messrs. Eyster, Foster, Donelson, and Shea, sang "I Want My Life to Tell for Jesus."

At this point in the program, President Luckey introduced Dr. Adams as a representative of "the University most friendly to Houghton College through the years." Dr. Adams responded very cordially, and began his address, which was directed particularly to the graduates. He stated that in constant association with young people, he himself, as indeed all other members of college faculties, was able to re-live the best years of his life, and expressed the hope that each of the graduates had during their college careers laid up a goodly supply of the capital of friendships.

Speaking of the term "Commencement" as applied to the end of one's college education, Dr. Adams said that graduation should be a true commencement, since in the four years of training the greatest lesson is that of "Learning to Learn," which he took for the subject of his address. He asserted that a college education does not purpose to make students "memorize and repeat parrot-wise," but to equip them for solving the problems of the present age; and he urged the graduates to high aspirations with the statement, "The world needs you!" He said that he feared no economic depression, but that his chief worry concerns the threatening moral depression, which presents young people with the greatest challenge in all history, and from which a new moral dispensation needs to rise, borne by men of the high ideals characterizing this particular institution. Citing the invention of the airplane by the Wright brothers, Dr. Adams warned the graduates not to think they were unable to achieve great things, for "the world stands aside for the man who knows whither he is going." He refused to dispense any advice, but enjoined the graduates to "keep going up," so that they may some day return to their former teachers and "give them a good story of a marvelous stewardship well kept."

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Editorial

A year of school activities, studies, hard work, and fun has just passed. A splendid group of young men and women have gone from our midst, some perhaps never to return.

Since by their departure our number has been greatly decreased the question is "Shall we be satisfied to let just those who find their way here make up our next year's Freshman Class?" Shall we have no part in guiding the right type of individuals to our Alma Mater? Shall we be content to go about our own way, feel no responsibility, or care little as to how many new members we can add to our student body?

Do we not remember that a short while ago we each pledged that we would do our utmost to secure at least one new Freshman for Houghton? Did we just agree to that to do as the rest or did we really and truly mean it? Remember—telling others about Houghton College and her ideals, getting them interested in our school, securing them as members of our group is one way of showing our appreciation of and devotion to our Alma Mater.

As we tread our several paths this summer it behooves each and every one of us to be at our best and to do all in our power to add another individual to our ranks.

—P.B.

Another Commencement has gone by and Houghton has delivered another payment in the long list of annual payments toward human service. Just now the quiet campus and empty buildings certainly present a truly "Deserted Village" aspect, but the very quiet is conducive to some serious meditation on this continuous process of giving of herself to a world waiting to swallow the offering. For over half a century Houghton has been annually giving out into the world the best material she can produce, material with which she had worked for years to touch up, strengthen here and there, and perfect—only to push out into a seemingly bottomless abyss.

But is it, after all, such a futile process? The world which yearly envelops each succeeding graduating class isn't really as bleak as the pessimists picture it. It is out there that we first begin to live and to truly live our own lives. And even the process itself is not such a thankless task, for, granting the old world to be as dreary as you wish, this regular exodus with its always greater acceleration, can not but soon

make its impression on a world even of granite.

This year of 1934 when even great nations are defaulting in their debts has been no exception to Houghton which has again given her payment in full to a depression-gripped world. Her annual quota of Christian men and women, future teachers, ministers, and doctors have been paid into the world treasury. Like a loyal member of the N.R.A., Houghton has done and is still doing her part to end the moral depression, but unlike the great nations off the gold standard, she has paid her portion in true bullion.

—K.J.B.

Commencement Program (Continued From Page One)

After a viola solo, Beethoven's "Romance in F", played by Professor King, President Luckey presented diplomas first to the Seminary graduates, next to the theological graduates, and lastly to the graduates of the college. The President welcomed all the visitors who were present, and expressed hope that next year will be an even more successful year for Houghton than the one just completed.

The Commencement exercises were dismissed with a benediction pronounced by Dean F. H. Wright

"St. Paul" Presented by Oratorio Society

A presentation of Mendelssohn's oratorio "St. Paul" by the College Oratorio Society opened very effectively the commencement week's activities on the evening of June 6th. Miss Eileen Hawn, as soprano soloist, was outstanding in her part. While Mrs. Ruth Zimmerman-Steele and Mr. Richard Hale each sang minor solo parts. The chorus of eighty voices was directed by Prof. Bain and accompanied by Mrs. Edith Noss-Arlin and Miss Leona Marsh.

The famous oratorio itself depicts musically the story of St. Paul's conversion and ministry. It opens with the story of Stephen's death, with Saul a bystander consenting to the stoning of Christ's disciple. Then follows the story of Saul's subsequent journey to Damascus with his miraculous conversion. In the second part of the oratorio, Mendelssohn has shown Saul, now Paul, in his ministry with his hardships, enemies, persecutions, and effective preaching and living. Concluding, the belief is expressed that great reward will be the apostle's from the Lord to whom praise is to be given forever and ever.

Frosh Gets First in Oratorical Contest

A very close oratorical contest was the feature of the Thursday evening of Commencement week.

As the audience entered the chapel they noticed the exceptional stage decorations, but still more the upholstered davenport and chairs. The orators evidently felt that they preferred to rest easily instead of sitting like a general in a straight-backed chair.

Professor Stanley Wright was the Master of Ceremonies. The judge for the evening was Rev. Glasier of Canisteo, Rev. Alfred Gross of Angelica, and Mr. Pocock, Principal of Rushford High School. A mixed sextet sang the Orator's Song which was greatly appreciated, and Mable Farwell, the author, deserves credit for her clever sallies on the orators and their orations.

Barnard Howe, veteran debater started the program with an oration favoring national socialism entitled "Shall Greed Be Glorified?" He showed that our present system is based upon greed for its motive power, and showed how government

control could eliminate the bad results by restraining this more greedy element of our society.

Ralph Fuller, who incidentally surprised everybody by showing exceptional public speaking ability, spoke on "Which Shall It Be," centering his thought on the infallibility of the Bible and supporting his thought with appropriate and pointed illustrations.

Prudence Sheffer spoke on the subject "The Jew—My Brother," showing that the Jew should return to his homeland, and that we should aid him.

The String Trio furnished variety for the program.

Isabelle Riggs resumed the speaking in "Leaders under the Leader of Men," appealing for consecrated ministers and consecrated supporters among the laity. Miss Riggs has a pleasing voice for speaking.

Harold Boon appealed to the audience in his characteristic fashion concerning "The Crime of the Church." He showed by a startling illustration what a multitude of people have no opportunity to hear the gospel, showed the real need and the opportunity on the one hand compared to the comparatively little effort of the church on the other and exhorted to more loyal support of the missionary cause.

George Press brought the contest to a close with "The Music of the Spheres." Using a Greek myth as a symbol, he showed the necessary steps for us to become in perfect harmony with God.

The string trio again furnished more fine music.

Dr. Paine then presented the debate awards. The debaters have entered into a field rather new to Houghton and have met with success. Much interest and enthusiasm has been aroused in this activity which not only serves to put Houghton on the map, but is of invaluable benefit to those who participate. For next year an extensive schedule is being arranged, and some fine debating talent will be developed. There were two classes of keys awarded. The key with a ruby set indicating participation in one varsity debate which is won or the equivalent (the equivalent is two which are lost) was earned by Magdalene Murphy, Doris Lee, and Devello Frank. The keys with the emerald set indicating participation in three varsity debates which are won or the equivalent, were earned by Paul Allen and Barnard Howe.

After another number by the trio the judges were still undecided, and Prof. Stanley entertained his hearers with a reading.

The verdict of the judges was that the first prize of twelve dollars should go to Prudence Sheffer, the second prize of eight dollars to Ralph Fuller, and the third prize of five dollars to Harold Boon.

The college is grateful to Mr. Leonard Houghton who makes the contest possible by donating the prizes.

Birth Announcement

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Klueborn at Croton-on-Hudson, a son, one based upon greed for its motive power, and showed how government

Theolog Grads. Hold Class Night Service

There are three graduates of the Theological department this year: Verne Dunham, Chester Osgood, and Royal Woodhead. We wish these gentlemen the best of success in the difficult but glorious field which they have chosen, or (according to Prof. Wright in his later speech), in the field for which they have been chosen.

The program was made as much in the form of a service as possible. The first feature was the Strong Bible Reading Contest, participated in by six contestants: George Maslin, Ralph Fuller, Mary Carnahan, William Plants, Stanley Hall, and Hazel Board. The prizes, awarded after the address by Prof. Wright were: the first prize of ten dollars to William Plants, and the second prize of five dollars to Mary Carnahan.

This contest seems to increase ability in the presentation of the Word, and to make those preparing for service more proficient in bringing the Gospel to the people.

A choral group directed by Prof. Bain sang, "How Lovely are the Messengers that Bring Us the Gospel of Peace" from the Oratorio, St. Paul.

After prayer by Professor Ries, the address of the evening was brought by Professor Stanley W. Wright. His text was II Cor. 5:20. "Now we are ambassadors for Christ."

He spoke of ambassadorship for Christ under three headings, first responsibility. Any one may choose the vocation of law, business, medicine, etc; but one does not choose to be an ambassador for Christ. For even as the governments of the world appoint their ambassadors, likewise Christ appoints His own ambassadors. We do not choose; we are chosen. The responsibility likewise includes the necessity of preaching what He who made the appointment to ambassadorship desires to be preached.

Secondly, an ambassador must be a fit representation. First, he must be able to work. He must have "legs, lungs, and a stomach," lungs to preach, legs to take him to places of service, and (in true Prof. Stanley fashion) a good stomach, meaning that a minister should be able to associate with his parishioners so as to make them feel that he is one of them. To be fit, he must be able to preach. "Oratory is truth sent home with all the resources of the living man." He must not be too high flown and go over the heads of his audience, or, in the words of the colored mammy, "Put the cookies on de low shelf, Parson." And an ambassador must be a man of courage to present the truth even under difficulties.

And the reward of ambassadorship in Christ is to be unveiled in the heavenly city with honor, glory, and great rejoicing.

This program proved to be both interesting and inspirational. The idea of making Theological Class Night resemble a service is fitting, indeed.

Clifford Bristow Ordained

Clifford Bristow, ('32), was ordained into the ministry of the Baptist Church at the First Baptist Church at Florence, New Jersey, on Thursday, May 17. Rev. J. Greshen Machen, D.D., Litt. D., Professor of New Testament in the Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, pronounced the invocation and gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. Dean Bedford of the Brighton Community Church, Rochester, preached the ordination sermon.

Class Day Characterized by Solemnity

Saturday dawned fair and warm as a continuous stream of alumni and friends arrived on the campus. The Class exercises at 10:15 proved impressive as Dr. Paine, Dean of the College, and Class adviser, led in the invocation. The atmosphere continued as Barnard Howe, well-known president of the class, arose to give the Salutatory. He reviewed the class history briefly and stressed the alarming financial conditions of other religious schools as compared to the bright outlook for Houghton. "And now we are here," said Mr. Howe, "not through any sacrifice of our own, but largely through the toil and hardship of you, our parents. It is up to us as students and alumni of Houghton to support our Alma Mater and keep it on its present solid foundation."

The Class Oration was given by Kenneth Wright, winner of the 1933 Oratorical Contest. He took us back to the days of 1930, when young high school graduates were confidentially told that the world was cold, but it would receive a college graduate with open arms. "That day has come," said Mr. Wright, "but the world has not done as was forecasted. Only 12 of our number have positions and some of these could be filled by persons with less than a college education."

He reviewed the tremendous unemployment problem and the attitude of disdain on the part of the uneducated. "Yet, has it paid?"

In answer to the question, Mr. Wright replied in a four-fold answer.

1. Our lives are in a period of transition. Yet "could we have spent the past four years to better advantage?"

2. A college diploma is an entrance to further ambition. "The world is demanding specialists in every line."

3. Cultural and mental benefits are uncounted. "College gives the qualifications to make a bigger and better man." Using the illustration of the uneducated but muscular and well seasoned sailor shipwrecked with the smaller educated man, he related that the sailor after a few days of tossing on the ocean was picked up raving mad and the college man was perfectly normal, because he had something to think about. Has college given us something to think about in a shipwrecked world?"

4. College prepares for a more useful and unselfish service to the community into which we go.

Mr. Wright climaxed his oration very effectively with the ringing challenge, "Sail on, sail on, sail on and on!"

"Life is an ever-widening opportunity for development," said Mr. Royal Woodhead in his stirring mantle oration. "We pass on to you the privilege of upholding Houghton's ideals in both a scholastic and spiritual line." Paul Allen receiving the mantle "with a prayerful attitude but with boundless assurance" explained how each class builds upon a foundation made stronger by the classes preceding. "We applaud your success," Mr. Allen said, "And as we add our numerals, your trust shall have been realized, and Houghton ideals shall have been more firmly entrenched."

Music for the program was furnished by a Senior mixed quartet composed of Eileen Hawn, Mable Farwell, Richard Farwell, and Richard Hale. They sang two numbers "Come where my Love Lies Dreaming" and "I Dream of Jeanie."

Miss Verena Wiles, Valedictorian, spoke on the "Challenge of Character," character that will in-

sure every individual. "A nation built upon education without moral training is disastrous. Fellow classmates of 1934, may we all so live that when we complete our task we may say with the Apostle Paul, 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.'"

As is the custom, the Senior President presented the class gift, this year a presentation of \$100 toward the construction of a new flight of steps leading from the road to the campus. It is sincerely hoped that the succeeding two college classes will make as their gift the funds for the completion of this project. This 1934 class also presented \$2500 as a pledge on the Student Foundation.

In thanking the class for the gift President Luckey said "The best gift is the gift of yourself individually. I believe that we have great reason to be thankful for the way in which God has permitted us to out-ride the depression."

The exercises closed with the Benediction and an impressive march between rows of Juniors.

Varsity Tennis Team Wins

In a closely contested match resulting in a 7-5, 7-5 score, the varsity tennis team composed of Bob Luckey and Floyd Burns defeated the Fox-Steele alumni combination. This is the second time in the history of the institution that this alumni outfit has been beaten by the varsity players. In both sets the varsity pulled out of a 5-4 hole to win the match.

Luckey and Burns earned the privilege of being on the varsity by ranking in the tennis tournament which inaugurated a new system this year. In former years only Purple or Gold combinations were allowed. This caused difficulty in picking the varsity and awarding the letters. Under the new system, any combination is permissible, regardless of whether the contestant is Purple or Gold. The varsity consists of the five best players in the men's and women's singles, doubles, or mixed doubles. The group of this year is: Luckey, York, Mein, Burns, VanOrnum; Murphy, Green, Swerland, Ratcliffe and Lee.

In this year's tournament twenty-seven men and twelve women participated in a total of thirty-six matches. In the men's singles Bob Luckey came through for the second successive year as champion of the school. In the women's singles Murphy won an unexpected triumph over Green in the semi-final round and swamped Ratcliffe in the finals. The men's doubles were left uncompleted because of lack of time. In the women's doubles Green and Ratcliffe defeated all comers without any apparent difficulty. Luckey and Brownell won the mixed doubles in a closely contested final match with Burns and Lee, the last set going to the score of 12-10.

We feel that the success of this tennis season has been partly due to the persistent efforts of Coach Steese in inaugurating the new system of tournament play. There has been a greater interest and cooperation which we hope shall continue throughout the coming year.

Banta-Clarke Engagement Announced

Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke announces the engagement of her daughter Mary Evangeline, ('33), to F. Dean Banta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Banta of Modesto, California. Mr. Banta is a graduate of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, and has been a student at Gordon College of Theology and Missions. Both Mr. Banta and Miss Clarke will continue their work at Gordon during the year 1934-35.

Alumni Sports

Inclement weather cut short the regularly scheduled base ball game and tennis matches between the alumni and varsity teams, Saturday, June 9th. The baseball game was called in the last half of the second inning because of rain with the varsity on the long end of a 1 to 0 count. The game started out as though it would be a pitchers' battle between Corsette, on the mound for the alumni and Chamberlain, Varsity hurler, but rain halted the proceedings with the Varsity at bat in the last of the second. In the lineup for the Alumni were several stars of recent years, including Elmo Corsette, Flint, and the Albro brothers.

Only one tennis match was played, that being the men's doubles. The women's doubles and the mixed doubles were postponed because of rain. Luckey and Burns, representing the Varsity defeated Fox and Steese, representing the alumni, in straight sets 6-4 and 7-5 in two well-played sets which were witnessed by a large group of students and alumni.

Large Attendance at Alumni Banquet

The Annual Alumni Day which is a part of Commencement week was held on Saturday, June 9. Although marred by rain, it was well attended and climaxed in the Alumni Dinner. Sudden showers made the gathering somewhat informal, but the group sang college songs at the tables until all had arrived.

During the very fine dinner, Professor Stanley Wright, the retiring president, held the election of next year's officers and committees by the use of the prepared ballots at the tables. The results which were announced later showed Prof. Steese elected president for next year and Lena Stevenson secretary.

After the dinner Prof. Wright turned the meeting over to the father of the family, President Luckey, who introduced the representative speakers.

Verne Dunham of the Seminary cited among its advantages the college atmosphere, chapel privileges and the use of the college library. All its good points, he said, are summed up in its very fitting motto: "Build for Character."

Barnard Howe, president of the college senior class, expressed the sorrow of the class at parting but indorsed the aim of a greater Houghton.

Eileen Hawn, '34, offered as a soprano solo, "None but the Lonely Know" which seemed to be very fitting in feeling to the atmosphere of parting.

President Luckey then called upon Professor Hazlett, former student and professor, for a few words. In his remarks he said that the thrill in returning to Houghton after a long absence was inexpressible even to an English Professor. He mentioned the "good old days" but said he must admit the immense progress made since then.

Dr. Luckey, before introducing later speakers, paid tribute to Mr. Leonard Houghton who was expected to have been present. In a few announcements of interest to the alumni he stated the comparatively good financial record thus far, the very hopeful registration for next year, and a new scholarship fund set up in a legacy from the late Mrs. Miriam Ingham of Hume.

After a very sincere tribute to the late Dean Fancher, he introduced those who are to fill the vacancies left by him, first the position as

Instructor of Economics, and later the successor to the position of College Dean.

Whitney Shea pledged his loyalty to Houghton and stated his desire in attempting to carry on as Instructor of Economics.

Dr. Paine, the new Dean of the College, paid very fitting tribute to President Luckey in deeming it a privilege to have worked under him for the past year. Dr. Paine said he realized his inefficiency in following Dr. Fancher but found encouragement in the Scripture: "God's strength is made perfect in weakness."

Prof. S. W. Wright then assumed charge and introduced Prof. F. H. Wright who very humorously sent President and Mrs. Luckey home in order that he might propose his suggestion of a vacation for President. Citing his 26 years of service, Prof. Wright said that now is the time to help Dr. Luckey when he needs it and proceeded to suggest his plan of sending the President abroad for the summer. Two prominent alumni, John Wilcox, and R. W. Hazlett, indorsed the idea and pledges were made. The dinner was ended and the alumni gathered at the auditorium for the program of the Music Department.

Alumnus Speaker at Baccalaureate Service

The Campground Sunday morning, June 10, was the scene of the annual Baccalaureate service of commencement week. Rev. Edward Elliott, an alumnus of 1911, member of the Local Board of Managers, president of the Lockport Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and father of one of the graduates, preached a very appropriate and inspirational sermon.

At half past ten, led by Junior ushers, the Senior-Faculty procession filed in to occupy front seats of an already well-filled tabernacle. From the platform, behind the speakers' chairs, the A Cappella Choir sang the responses and anthems most beautifully. The entire service was very impressive.

The text of the morning was that suggestive bit of Christ's philosophy found in John 11:9—"Are there not twelve hours in the day, then the moon was characterized throughout by a distinct note of hope as the speaker earnestly offered Christ's way of life as a basis for successful living in these troubled days. A few outstanding thoughts were: "Since there are twelve hours in the day, then the question is not *what* is ahead but *who* is ahead. If God is ahead, we can commit our lives to Him. Men are fearful because they cannot tell how things will turn out. Jesus never feared because He knew. We need ballast. The grace of God is like ballast for your life. We need clearness of vision. Vision is blurred by the glare of the world. We need to get the glare out of our eyes. Vision may be glared by too close looking. There are two directions in which to look,—up, and on the fields.

"Since there are twelve hours in the day, let us live courageously. The life with Christ is a triumphant life. Shackleton's motto, "By endurance conquer", is well to adopt. The courageous life refuses the wrong, and confesses the right.

"There are only twelve hours, therefore live selectively. We must choose between ease and sacrifice. We do what we do because of what we are. The best aim is Christlikeness. Paul said, "This one thing I do." Choose to put God first, as Wanamaker, Faraday, Howard, and many others have."

Missionary Drive Goes Over the Top

The Senior Y.M.W.B. reports that the funds for support of the college Missionary, Mrs. Hazel Banker, have been raised. Pledges and contributions total \$671.59. In the face of difficulties due to the depression, and of other factors such as the new church, the students, faculty and alumni have fulfilled their missionary duty as a college group.

Pledges are to be paid to Mr. Kenneth Eyer of Houghton, N.Y.

As spokesman, Mr. Paul Allen says: "Having successfully finished this year's work, we give our thanks to Him who has guided, and with new courage look forward to the work of the next year."

Public Speaking Recital

Something unusual in the line of recitals occurred on Monday evening, June 4 when for the first time in years, a public speaking recital was given by a major in that field. Mr. Devello Frank, a graduate of the class of 1934, gave at that time his final oratorical performance before an appreciative audience in the auditorium of the Music Building.

His program consisted of:

1. *Sparticus to the Gladiators* Kellogg
2. Original composition on *Prohibition*.
3. Four cuttings from *Hamlet*.

Prof. Stanley Wright has been in charge of the oratory department this year and is to be congratulated on the finished quality of Mr. Frank's work.

Sparticus is a familiar selection presenting an old gladiator revolting from the brutal hands of the Roman government. Mr. Frank lived for us the callous cruelty of the gladiator, his memories of childhood and love for a boyhood friend, and his hatred of Rome.

His speech on *Prohibition* showed good delivery and clear thinking. During the intermission Prof. Stanley Wright read a news article to show the audience that even journalism may be oratorical in purpose.

Mr. Frank's cuttings from *Hamlet*, connected by a sketch of the great Shakespearean tragedy, were remarkably fine in facial expression and vocal contrasts. Mr. Frank has achieved true artistry since he has learned to live the character he wishes to present. We wish for Houghton greater interest in the sort of work Mr. Frank presented.

Choir Holds Party

At the close of the Choir Concert on Saturday night, Professor Bain might have noticed that his choir disappeared very suddenly and completely. What was the surprise of Mr. and Mrs. Bain, when on accepting the kind invitation of Pres. and Mrs. Luckey to come over to their home for refreshments, to find the choir members gathered there in their honor. The gathering was for the purpose of presenting to Prof. and Mrs. Bain a coffee table and a lamp in appreciation of their efforts and kindnesses over and above official relationships with the choir this year. Both the Professor and his wife expressed their thanks, and after the promised refreshments, the party ended. This was a very pleasant little affair, not only to the choir as an organization, but especially to those who will not return next year. Sorrow at parting with these members who have been with the choir since its founding three years ago was expressed by Mr. Bain.

Literary Review of 1933 - 1934

A unique closing for this year's literary events in Houghton College was the public speaking recital of Mr. Devello Frank, a member of the class of 1934. The program, besides his original composition on Prohibition, consisted in the rendition of the familiar selection *Sparticus to the Gladiators* by Kellogg and four cuttings from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Besides its inherent literary value, it was of interest as a revival of a type of work to which little attention has been paid of late years.

Literary interest about the campus was indicated by the early organization of the Owls' Club—the sole student organization with purely literary interests in Houghton. Floyd Burns led an active group in criticism of the *Star* and study of such modern authors as Stephen Leacock and Sinclair Lewis. Unfortunately nothing has been heard of the Club in some time—it even failed to publish a *Lantern*, perhaps warned by financial difficulties of the past year, due to poor student co-operation. Is this death or a coma? Discussion as to an Alumni Magazine resolved into a new interest in the alumni section of the *Star*.

Student literature in this year's *Star* has included an article on *Hypnotism* by Malcolm McCall; a few poems by Tim Butterfield, a story, *Catherine's Recreation* by Barbara Cole, an essay, *On Loafing*, by Cecil Elliott, a Baconian essay *Of Criticism*, Merritt Queen, and a theme, *Mauvais Printemps*, William Muir. Other student productions include Butterfield's *Wooing of Sophomore Mike*, a farce given in the program climaxing Freshman Week and a short play, *The First Thanksgiving*, by Harriet Pinkney. Student productions culminated in the great event of literary interest—the Literary Contest—somehow neglected this year—awarding first prizes to Ransom Richardson, poem; Magdalene Murphy, story; and Merritt Queen essay. It is noticed that Freshmen again failed to monopolize the contest—are our upperclassmen becoming more literary-conscious? In the words of Shakespeare, "Tis a consummation greatly to be desired."

The *Star* has also been pleased to present articles by Ralph Long, instructor of English at the University of Texas—*An Imitation of Spectator and Diary in Imitation of Pepys*, the latter from his Sophomore English notebook of 1927 (give ear oh ye Sophs!), poems by R. W. Hazlett and a review of G. Tremaine McDowell's *The Romantic Triumph* and an article *The Political Faith of Bryant of The Post* by him. Prof. McDowell, graduate of Houghton in 1911 has now a Ph. D. from Yale and while occupying a position as head of the American Literature section of the University of Minnesota, is compiling a biography of Bryant. From the lecture platform Houghton has heard Mr. Zellner, impersonator aiming at character interpretation, present comic, religious, and literary figures, and William Seaver Woods, former editor of the *Literary Digest* lecturing on current trends.

Houghton's great literary enthusiasm of the last year has been in the field of debating. Under Dr. Stephen Paine oral English has again come into its own. A lively series of intermural debates was finally won by Boon and Whitbeck of the Sophomore Class. The Forensic Union, once organized, has received State recognition and sent delegates to the Debate Convention at Colgate. Members of the debate squad have gone on tour and represented Houghton in a series of interscho-

lastic debates resulting in the favorable record of six debates—three won and three non-decision. Most prominent in student enthusiasm and school spirit was the exchange debate with Alfred University in which Houghton was doubly victorious.

May Houghton's literary achievements in the coming year keep pace with her progress in other lines and form a sound cultural background for the future—we invoke the shades of the literary past to intercede in our behalf!

Orchestra and Choir Give Joint Concert

Saturday evening, June 9, a very interesting concert was put on by the two outstanding musical organizations of the college, the Houghton College Orchestra and A Cappella Choir.

The first part of the program was in charge of the Orchestra which played the following numbers:

Ozarka, a Miniature Suite for Orchestra Carl Busch
A Morning Pastoral
On the Banks of the White River.
At Sunset
The Hill-Billies Dance

Concerto in D Minor for Piano and Orchestra Rubenstein
First Movement: Allegro maestro

Original Compositions
Episode Marjorie Moore
The Storm Florence Smith

Poet and Peasant Overture von Suppe

The high point in this part of the concert was the first movement of the Rubenstein Concerto in D Minor for piano and orchestra. Prof. Cronk is to be congratulated for his excellent playing and interpretation.

A rather unique feature of this program was the playing of the original compositions written by a couple members of Mr. King's Instrumentation class.

The choir, under the direction of Professor Bain, sang six numbers which were well received by the alumni and visiting friends. Perhaps this was because of the wide reputation which the choir has gained for itself or it may have been the beautiful rendition of the selections themselves.

The number which received the greatest applause was "The Song of Mary." This number has been on the program ever since the choir has been in existence. Miss Eileen Hawn has been the only one who has sung the soprano solo in this number. Prof. Bain expressed his appreciation for her work in the choir during these three years. The other seniors besides Miss Hawn who will not be in the choir next year are Luella Jackson, Mable Farwell, Mae Brandes, Florence Park, Mae Young, Chester Osgood, Ernest Pierce, Floyd Burns, and Richard Hale.

The other numbers sung by the choir were "Exultate Deo," "The Spirit Also Helpeth Our Infirmities," "The Vision of Christ," "Offer Unto God Thanksgiving," and "Oh Bless Are They."

Alumni "Kids" Graduate

Four graduates, two college and two high school, are children of alumni:

Kenneth Wright, A.B., and Margaret Wright (high school), are the children of S. W. Wright, high school class of 1906 and of the advanced department class of 1910.

Harold Elliott, B.S., is the son of Rev. Edward Elliott, 1911, advanced department.

Rev. Harry Bullock, father of Armedia Bullock, graduated from the school of theology in the 1890's.

Dean Gives Senior Women a Reception

Saturday night's concert was followed by a senior reception at Gayadeo Dormitory, which added a little punch to the occasion. Dean Kartevold, acting as the efficient hostess, received the Seniors and guests of alumni week-end in informal groups.

This little party brought Houghton a little more of real college atmosphere, and because of the many favorable comments overheard, plans are already being laid for several such miniature receptions in the coming year.

A Review of Alumni Interests

President Luckey will spend several weeks abroad this summer in a well-earned vacation. His itinerary will include England, Scotland, France and Germany, and will take in the Passion Play at Oberammergau.

Professor R. W. Hazlett of Long Island University is completing a hundred-fifty-thousand word book on administration and methods with emphasis on English.

The American Anthology in which appeared Professor Tremaine McDowell's volume, *The Romantic Triumph*, was completed this year.

Fred Bedford in conjunction with a fellow teacher has published a book on the use of instruments in the teaching of mathematics.

Rev. H. C. Van Wormer has been having a very nearly continuous revival on his charge at Dixonville, Penn. Scores have been converted and a large number have joined the church. Our student, James Bence ('38), is one of his early converts there.

Gladys Taylor has been matron of a mission home in Utica throughout this year.

Forrest Merrill graduated from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary this June.

Florence Kelly visited Italy last summer.

Miss Frieda Gillette plans to spend part of her summer in Hawaii.

Theos Cronk, ('32), is a member of the Westminster Choir which will tour Europe sometime this fall.

Mrs. Edith Lee will attend an international temperance convention in Stockholm, Sweden, beginning July 20th. She will also visit England, Norway, Germany, and Austria.

Alumni Visitors Seen at Commencement

If all the alumni visitors to Commencement were to be listed, it would take considerable space, for some hundred seventy were present. But a few whose visits have been seldom should be mentioned.

It was a pleasure to see "Razor" (Prof. R. W. Hazlett) on the campus again. He was observed at his old haunt, the tennis court, not quite up to his usual form, but playing a good game, nevertheless. His somewhat comprehensive diction and quick repartee were reminiscent of the old days. Professor Hazlett studied here in the grades, high school, and college from 1904-1914. He taught here from 1923-26, coming from Syracuse University to fill the

place of Professor H. R. Smith. For a number of years he has been teaching at Long Island University.

Professor Fred Warburton with his wife, Elsie Pocock Warburton, of Lexington, Ky., were present. Mr. Warburton attended Houghton 1915-17. He finished his undergraduate work, and also his graduate at Cornell University, receiving his doctorate there. He is a professor of physics at the University of Kentucky.

It was a delight to see Miss Mary Parsons of Mt. Morris who taught languages here in 1922-3. She was accompanied by two sisters, the Misses Anne and Gertrude Parsons.

Mark Bedford, ('25), president of his class, favored his classmates with his presence. Keith Farner's annual or semi-annual visit was greatly missed. To see Mary Williams among the twenty-fivers was pleasant, for Mary has not been here for a number of years. She teaches Latin in Berea, Ky., in the high school department. But even with these two absentees of many years the class numbered only four. Where, oh where, are the other sixteen? 1935 will be the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the first class to graduate with degrees. Surely nineteen of us can get together for a real class reunion. The twentieth, Alice Hampe McMillen, will be in Africa, but Helen Davison Stark will be in the States. Class of '25, let's plan our first big get-together!

Evangeline Clark and Helen Wiltzie, who have been studying at Gordon College of Theology and Missions in Boston were here.

Miss Jackson Gives Senior Recital

A Senior Voice Recital given by Miss Luella A. Jackson, soprano, was held in the college chapel on Monday evening, June 4, at 8:15 p.m.

Miss Jackson displayed a certain charm of interpretation and stage deportment that made her program though varied in style, most interesting to the end.

The program follows:

I	
Water Parted from the Sea	Handel
Under the Greenwood Tree	Arne
To Anthea	Hatton
II	
Tears	Schubert
The Blacksmith	Brahms
To Music	Schubert
Laughing and Weeping	Schubert
III	
My Heart at Thy Dear Voice	Saint-Saens
(from <i>Samson and Delilah</i>)	
IV	
Adieu	Massenet
Homing	Del Reigo
Pastoral	Veracini
Cloths of Heaven	Dunhill
Spring's a Lovable Ladye	W. K. Elliott

Death of Miss Susan Baker

Miss Susan Baker died on May 31 at her home here. She was buried at Belmont. At the time of her death she was eighty-nine years of age.

Miss Baker had been a life long member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and a devoted Christian. During her last illness, she enjoyed great triumph in faith, and rejoiced in the presence of God.

The immediate cause of her death was a stroke, suffered about a week before she died.

CHOIR SINGS CONCERT IN LETCHWORTH

Although rain threatened during the forenoon, the weather turned out clear and bright for the second concert of the A Cappella Choir in the natural amphitheatre at Letchworth Park near Wolfe Creek on Sunday, June 10. Estimates of the number of people to whom the choir sang range from 1500 to 2500.

The scene of the concert is a natural cleft in the hills at the bottom of which is an open field which makes an unusually good stadium, capable of accommodating thousands of people. A few observers on the very tops of the hills commented on the unusual acoustics of the place.

The choir presented their usual concert program which was very well received by the large audience. The concert made a very fitting close to the successful 1933-34 season of the choir.

Snatches From Scintillating Shots

We don't know whether you've noticed it—but the joke column was located on the back page this year. The only reason we mention it is because it is so different—usually the jokes come in the headlines. Anyway, the feature column is supposed to faithfully portray the high-lights of the lighter side of college life. We'd say that ye Editor and his assistant have succeeded in portraying the lights, even if some of them are none too light! With this highly informative comment we will proceed to give a survey of some of the wisecracks of the year.

Sept. 22: Squirrel Food makes its debut—John Farwell starring. Greetings, John . . . Prof. Sicard takes a close second . . . Frosh furnish famous, funny, fictitious fabrications for faculty, friends . . . Orven's fatherly feelings go back on him. . .

Sept. 29: Authors of Squirrel Food admit their identity—"Cracked by Two Nuts" (Look it up and find out for yourself) . . . Budding genius concocts a 4-act play about a college sweeper. . . Sophisticated Soph gives us the low down on futurity: "I guess I'll be an old maid and teach school."

Oct. 6: Honorable Mention takes the cake this time. . . after all, the logical thing, tho. . . we learned the answer to the eternal question of how 2 and 2 can make three—because 1 Weber and 1 Goldberg equals 1 waiter—no offense, boys. . .

Oct. 13: Prof. Cronk gets his name in print. . . Bill Foster establishes his literary reputation: Miss Rickard: "I have went. That's wrong, isn't it?" Bill: "Yeah. Cause you ain't went yet." . . . Practice teacher reveals the feelings of a practice teacher when he is practice teaching for practice teaching credit. . .

Oct. 20: And the two nuts say "it's a gay Gayadeo gal that knows her own gown" . . . after somebody walked off with our second-best tooth-brush, we believe it. . .

Oct. 27: Pipe this one: Mable: "When I keep house I'm going to have all high chairs. . . At last we found a joke with some scents to it— "I should myrrh-myrrh. Ammonia a novice at it." . . . Astonishing discovery about the Nickle Highway. . . tsk, tsk. . . Squirrel Food digs up some old jokes—felt hysterical, no doubt.

Nov. 24: We must print this again: "Among the casualties over the week-end, one dean received a black eye and teh other a stiff neck. No authentic statement has been made concerning the acquisition of either. . . yowie! Dean Wright tried to defend himself by presenting logical-sounding excuses, but—!