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Oliver Moore Lectures "Cornerstones"

On the evening of Dec. 3, C. Oliver Moore delivered a fine lecture on the subject "Cornerstones of American Democracy". The sincerity and earnestness of the speaker were very evident from the beginning. The audience was made to feel that they were met to receive some new ideals and that he was ready to furnish them.

Four fundamental principles were brought to our attention which have been incorporated in the constitution by its courageous and careful framers, and which are the sworn foes of disorder and Bolshevism. So long as the American people cling to these, their future is assured.

The first mentioned was that of free education. The public school is the real school of democracy. The training in our system of education prevents that lawless influence which tends toward Bolshevism.

Mr. Moore's aversion to the recent substitution of commercial for classical education was manifest. Truth transcends any utilitarian ability. If we learn simply how to make a living, we haven't an education.

The freedom of the press is another important factor in our national life. This freedom however has been allowed to go too far. The newspaper syndicates now only print what will bring them the most dividends. The type of printed material that makes for true Americanism is such as that which inspired Abraham Lincoln.

The constitution insures freedom of worship. It was realized that the vital thing was true worship and that the manner was not essential.

As long as we need true men, the church will be needed. Any program without a religious principle is like a watch without a mainspring.

In his final point Mr. Moore held that any influence which endangered home also meant danger to the nation. At present there is a tendency away from possessing a home. Conditions are such that it is difficult to establish a home. The old-fashioned style of hospitality is being abandoned for polite entertaining.

Doctor Downing, Guest at Reception

Often the expectation is greater than the realization, but the banquet held in honor of Dr. Downing proved to be an exception to that rule.

The college students, faculty, and guests gathered in the library for a brief reception after Dr. Downing's arrival. From the college building they marched to the dining hall to enjoy a delightful evening together. The student body, arranged at the tables according to their classes, made the dining room ring as they sang college songs and gave yells at appropriate times. The orchestra furnished splendid music while dinner was in session after which the quartet sang.

After dinner President Luckey introduced the speakers of the evening, Dr. Willett and Mr. Dietrich, members of the educational board, and Dr. Downing, Assistant Commissioner of Higher Education, of New York State, whose visit is primarily to inspect the college.

In his speech, Dr. Willett said that he praised God for the way He had led Houghton College, but that he realized the future of Houghton depended upon its present management. He also expressed his appreciation of Dr. Downing's efforts to secure the charter for Houghton.

The next speaker was E. G. Deitrich, who said that the board of education will do its best to maintain the standards set up by Houghton to give a Christian education at the minimum cost. He said that Houghton should rejoice that she is now a part of the great University of New York State so respected and looked up to by every state in the Union. Mr. Deitrich expressed his desire that Houghton should ever keep a standard built upon character rather than upon dollars and cents.

As soon as Dr. Downing began to speak he won the interest and admiration of those to whom he was speaking. He made all feel that he was a real friend.

At the first, Dr. Downing declared that he was a humanitarian educationist and a firm believer in such studies as Latin, Greek, mathematics, and his-

tory as essentials to test the souls of students. He said that a thorough student could be trusted in any job, but that a student with a "soft" education was entirely different.

Then he went on to say that institutions are like individuals who grow, suffer, grieve, and labor to find it all finally changed to pay. Since Houghton's existence in 1883, she has passed through such difficulties as those named above with the final reward of success. "Houghton," he said, "has done just what I have done—worked my way up."

He predicts that Houghton will stand through the ages in memory of a man with a dream but scarcely anything else to start on. Indeed the ideal idea of Willard J. Houghton will love and be fulfilled. "It is a great thing," he said, "to have money to give but a greater thing to live up to principles and ideals like Willard Houghton did, for Houghton has not been named after him but has been embodied from him."

In the South, he was taught that manners were the most essential thing, then education and religion as soon as one was old enough to comprehend it. He said that he found in Houghton that the controlling ideas were refined cultured manners and thorough education, not one without the other, and neither without religion. Unless institutions like Houghton take hold of young men and women and train them to go out into the world with an unction to hold the great ship of state, the state is bound to be wrecked. The condition of the world is bad but we believe it will come out all right, for there is a God in Israel. Yet, this will come about only through schools founded on sound religious doctrine. Houghton students, he added, ought to be grateful to men, yes, but more to God, that something more than books is taught here. He congratulated Houghton for her integrity, and for her thoroughness and soundness of scholarship. He was glad to hear that Houghton had sent forty missionaries to foreign fields, but hoped she would send some to the Am-

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New Flag Pole on Campus

The campus has received a valuable asset in the erection of a fine flagpole at the brow of the hill in front of the college building. Professor Boardman and his class in physics have contributed much of their time on it for the benefit of the school and deserve commendation for their efforts.

College Halls Redecorated

The library, chapel, halls, and the President's office took on a fresh, bright aspect, late last week. A new coat of calcimine was applied by a loyal group of volunteers, professors and students who were busily at work during their spare moments Friday and part of Saturday. The need of recalcimining has been felt for some time and mainly through the initiative of Professor Rees the plan was carried through.

Several college girls also showed a fine spirit of sacrifice and co-operation when they turned out with a vim to clean up.

Missionary Items

For various reasons, our Y. M. W. B. meetings have not been as regular this year as might be desirable. However, next Tuesday evening, we hope to have a real live band meeting. Your development along missionary lines is exceedingly important if you are to grow spiritually.

Mrs. Mary L. Clarke, General Superintendent of the Y. M. W. B. and also a returned missionary who has spent several terms on our field in Africa, will bring us a message. Students who have heard Mrs. Clark speak should not miss this, and new students who have never heard her should take this opportunity to do so. Mr. Cecil Huntsman will also bring us a report of his visit to the convention of the Student Volunteers held at Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 5, 6, and 7.

Shall we prove our missionary interest by our presence at this meeting?

Madeline Waldherr has been caring for Mrs. Della Gillette, of Fillmore.

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Food for Your Soul

And we know and have believed the love which God hath in us. God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God in him. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, cannot love God whom he hath not seen. I John 4:16, 20.

Editorial

The Ethics of College Life

When a great bridge is to be built, the foundations for its supporting columns are laid deep in the earth below. The civil engineer, in laying out his plans for the gigantic structure of steel and concrete, must take into careful consideration the stupendous requirements of the foundations, which must hold the steady weight of the mighty bridge, and, in addition, bear the weight of the heavy thundering trains.

If we may compare life to a railroad bridge, the character upon which the life rests would be represented by the concrete foundations. The life is only as strong as its buttresses permit. The degree of success an individual may attain in bearing up the continuous weight of his own life and the added burdens he should carry for others, is determined by the quality of his character.

Every college student should thoroughly realize that what he is to be, he is now becoming. The manner in which he meets problems in college is a

sure indication of his future method of solving life's questions, since this is a period of habit formation. It has been said that students are the only class of people who try to get as small returns as possible out of their investment. Does this point to a thrifty future? Again, the proffered opportunities for partial self support are grasped by the ambitious boys and girls who, in the after days, will take the "long, long trail" of the strenuous life, recommended by Colonel Roosevelt.

There are certain inevitable problems of college life. The young person is for the first time in his life, without the restraint of home influences. He must form his own reputation, for although his family may be truly Platonic, that fact will not excuse any foibles in his behavior.

Being old enough to be given much freedom, college students are put upon their honor, and the faith placed in them should largely influence them to satisfy the expectations of those in authority. There is also the serious problem of properly apportioning one's time. Some students seem to think that studies hold the same relation to good times that the orange skin holds to the juicy pulp within. Should it not be vice versa?

Another question to be squarely met is: What properly belongs to me? Does it seem honorable to copy and hand in as one's own work the product of another's labor of hours spent in poring over books collecting the required notes? What would such clandestine actions be termed if it were a dime or a dollar that was dishonestly appropriated? Wherein lies the difference?

In all our relations with our associates the Golden Rule is the safest principle to follow, whether in college or in the wider, later life. In Matthew 12 it is recorded that Jesus said "Therefore, all things whatsoever ye would men should do unto you, do ye even so to them". If every one would sincerely live according to this ethical standard, how large a place the kingdom of God would hold in the world! Shall we not try it right here in Houghton! Let us make this one of our deeply laid foundations for our life's structure. Being the example of our Lord and his command, it will never fail, no matter to what test it may be put.

Cecil Huntsman returned Monday evening from Ithaca where he attended the state convention of the Student Volunteers. He stopped over Sunday night at his home in Clifton Springs.

True Greatness

We are glad for a few minutes of the day in which we can meditate upon the sublime things of life. Our hearts were inspired to noble living as we listened, Wednesday morning, to the short address given by Clarence Oliver Moore, a lecturer of much force and ability. Mr. Moore spoke upon the subject, "True Greatness." Many individuals are called great for a time; some like meteors flash across the sky and soon disappear, but a few survive for all time and stand out as genuine benefactors of the race.

"The true elements of greatness are given in the Book itself. We read of a man who had three thousand sheep and goats and 'was very great.' This was the original idea of greatness. But greatness does not consist of material prosperity as some have foolishly thought. David, the greatest of the Hebrew people, the sweet singer of Israel; gives us the secret of true greatness in Psalm 18, 'Thy gentleness hath made me great!' The gentleness he showed throughout his entire life made him emerge as one of the great spirits of all time.

Jesus Christ, our one example of greatness, said, "I am among you as he that serveth." To him the humble and the contrite manifested true greatness, and not the mighty, the arrogant, and the proud. As he washes the disciples' feet he stoops to a fine task, but he towers as King of kings, revealing the high service he came to set up. There is always a red thread of sacrifice in service. There is a bejeweled pathway of service. The world is bidding for men of great hearts to give aid and succor in its time of dire need. We may achieve true greatness only as we dedicate ourselves to the interests of mankind."

Dr. Downing, Guest at Dinner

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mericans who need them.

These words are not Dr. Downing's complete discourse but they are suggestive of his very splendid, helpful, and inspiring talk. Truly, as Houghton College students, we deeply appreciate Dr. Downing's words and sincerely thank him for making our college character possible. Even more, as Dr. Downing suggested, we thank God for making Houghton a possibility and a reality. With renewed zeal and enthusiasm we pledge our devotion to Houghton and to Houghton's principles while we are here in school and after we have left her halls.

Neosophic Society

As we stated last week, Monday night's program was a gossipy one. However, we did not slander anyone. George Hurd gave a well prepared report on the Current History of Inventions. Mrs. Bowen stated afterward that it made us search our minds to see if we didn't have some inventive genius.

We are always glad to have visitors, and especially when our visitors add to our program. Mrs. Higbee and Elsie entertained us very nicely with a piano duet. Thanks, Mrs. Higbee, come again.

Louis Baker and Vanus Rosback delighted us with a cornet. Madeline Waldherr drew some cartoons representing "Houghtal Locans" as Miss Fish called them.

Mrs. Bowen was critic for the evening and Pauline Ellison led the devotionals.

Our next program will be a Christmas Carol night. Our Neosophic chorus will be present. You'd better come.

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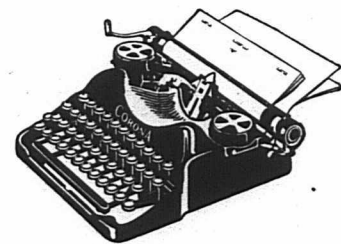
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Inclement weather did not dampen the gay spirits of these energetic workers. At four o'clock last Friday afternoon, in the midst of a drizzling rain, these people heavily laden with pails, mops, and brooms, hastened from the dormitory to the college building.

All worked faithfully under the capable leadership of Prof. Leroy Fancher and felt that they had obtained a great deal of information that would be of great value in future years.

1. Each worker had to learn the proper way to use a mop and broom.

2. It was found that calcimine could best be removed from the floor by applying a liberal amount of water and allowing the spots to soak. This step must be followed by much vigorous scrubbing and mopping.

3. An amusing demonstration was given, showing how one can maintain his equilibrium on a tottering step ladder.

4. Another valuable demonstration was given showing the proper way to arrange notices on the bulletin board.

At nine o'clock in the evening, they gathered up the tools and made their way to the kitchen in the "dorm". After the pails, brooms, and mops had been carefully tucked away in the laundry for the night, the workers hurried to prepare a lunch.

Six or seven gathered in front of the stove doors so that the fire would not go out. The fire did not burn very rapidly at first but one of the boys offered it a bribe of peanut shells and soon there was a brilliant mass of coals.

At length the lunch was ready to be served and each one present helped to carry it to the ironing room. Professor Fancher and his squad of laborers enjoyed this luncheon although Etiquette did not attend the party.

Each person proved that he was just as efficient in washing dishes as he had been in wielding brooms and mops. One of the boys put on his raincoat before he dared to wipe any dishes, but with a little practice he will doubtless be able to perform this duty unshielded from the water.

The kitchen was put in order and the fire cautiously covered with a fresh blanket of black coal. The workers bade each other good night and departed to get the sleep which their tired bodies required. Little did they realize that they would spend a sleepless night haunted by visions of black coffee and green olives.

In spite of these terrifying experiences, the husky workers resolutely ended their labors late Saturday afternoon.

The unfortunate spectators who happened to be wandering aimlessly about the halls will never forget how they had to scramble out of the way of these happy hustlers lest they should be attacked by mops and brooms.

Winning Seniors

On last Saturday morning it could be seen that the gymnasium floor had taken on an unaccustomed polish from the night before. This was due entirely to the mopping of college Freshmen at the hands of the dignified college Seniors.

Judging this contest from the standpoint, one would not say that there was any very excellent playing shown forth by either group. The game was very slow, speeded up only at times by Williams and Baker of the Seniors and Fero and Hussey of the Freshmen.

The final score was 35-8, a score which is very unusual on our courts. The line-up was as follows:

Baker	F	Fero
Williams	F	Russell
Farner	C	Hussey
M. Bedford	G	Moshier
F. Bedford	G	Chapman
	S	Bain

We regret to hear that Mrs. F. H. Wright is ill in the Warsaw Hospital.

On account of illness, Leina Bruce has been compelled to leave school until after Christmas vacation.

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A Real Missionary Meeting

A real missionary service, which was missionary in spirit as well as in purpose, was held at the Fillmore church last Sunday evening. There was an excellent attendance, and it is certain that none left the service without feeling the importance of our work upon our home fields as well as upon our foreign mission fields.

Rev. and Mrs. George Clarke were the speakers of the evening. Mrs. Clarke, who has just returned from a trip in the Southland visiting the southern conferences, brought a message filled with enthusiasm mixed with sorrow because of the great need of our mission work. She told of her visit at the different conferences, at Central, and at Macon, Ga. This was followed by a short review of our foreign missionary fields, showing the need of workers and of funds to carry on the work in these ripe harvest fields. Mr. Clarke also gave a short talk urging those present to do all in their power to make our mission work a success by praying, by giving, or by going. A collection was then taken which amounted to \$36.60.

As we think of this important work in connection with this service at Fill-

more, we cannot help but believe that there would be no trouble in meeting our mission needs if the Wesleyan Methodist people could be brought to realize the great need. The spirit of sacrifice which filled those present at this service is a spirit, we believe that is characteristic of our whole church. Let us continue to pray and give.

Athenian Society

Last Monday night we listened to an interesting debate on the question: Resolved, that the Japanese Exclusion Act should be repealed. Miss Elsie Baker and Mr. Roy had the affirmative side and Miss Russell and Mr. Christy the negative.

Miss Baker urged the repeal of this Act because it is inexpedient, encourages the smuggling of Japanese and works hardship on students who might wish to remain in America. Mr. Roy declared that the Act has but a sectorial interest and that it brings about racial discrimination against the Japanese.

Miss Russell said the Exclusion Act was justifiable because it excludes only those ineligible to citizenship. Japanese in this country cause industrial and economical problems and their lower

standard of living increases pauperism and crime. Mr. Christy stated that fundamental racial differences of the Japanese prevented their assimilation in America, that the Gentleman's Agreement was unsatisfactory, and that Japan had already excluded Chinese and Koreans from her territory.

After the four rebuttal speeches, the judges decided unanimously in favor of the negative side.

Students Should Have Spirit of Debate

Although other events have to all appearances taken precedence of the debate, plans are being formulated and put into execution. The final try-outs are being held this week. General topics are assigned for reading in preparation for the final try-outs, which will be extemporaneous speeches on these topics.

The time for the actual debating has been set for the week of March 15-22. The exact date has not yet been determined.

The subject for debate has been chosen as follows: Resolved, that the Japanese exclusion act should be repealed. This is a question of national interest and importance. Every student is requested to bring back with him when he returns from his Christmas vacation as much material as possible. In this way each one can have a part in the success of the team, whether he is a debater or not.

Whether the debaters will be divided into mixed teams has not been decided. If it is thought best for a team of girls to meet a team of boys, a call will be issued to the women of the student body as there is only one girl who is trying out for the debate. Girls, please remember this and be ready to lend loyal support to your team by coming out to try-out for a place, if you are called upon.

Since Houghton is not to have inter-scholastic athletics, let us help her to win fame in contests of a literary nature. Let us all get the white-hot spirit of an ardent debater, and arouse enthusiasm for our success.

Rev. Rufus Gleason, an evangelist of the Allegheny Conference, and Rev. Oneida McMillan, pastor at Falconer, N. Y., visited Houghton College for a couple of days this week.

Word has been received here of the marriage of Miss Margaret Height of Jamestown, to Mr. Horace Pitt, a former Houghton student.

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