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## Seniors Entertain Sophmores Sophs Win in Basketball Game

Last Friday evening the Bedford Gymnasium furnished the scenery for one of the most enjoyable social events ever staged in the history of Houghton College. The mere fact that this one differed from the usual party, made it the more interesting and the more delightful. By a unanimous vote, the sophmores acclaim the seniors royal entertainers, indeed.

At the appointed time and place, the sophmores gathered and announced their presence by a few lusty yells. They then were informally received by their hosts and hostesses, which greeting set an example for the evening. It was previously understood that it would not be a full dress affair, so very soon ten of the boys—five from each class—donned basketball regalia and matched their skill on the court. If time and space and literary ability were more abundant, a detailed description of that game would be of interest to the public; but it must be said, to the credit of the players, that they conducted themselves like gentlemen—that is, no bones were broken nor lives lost. (A little explanation is due. The referee had neither a whistle nor adequate lung power with which to gain a hearing with his audience only a few times during the game.) The score was 25-24 in favor of the guests.

It had been announced that an indoor field meet would be part of the evening's diversion; therefore, the mats were brought out and the first event was called off, which was a "standing broad grin". Miss Davis and Mr. Jassimedes tied for first place in this event. The next feat was to eat an apple suspended from a string, without the use of one's hands. Mr. Christy did this in the shortest time. The discus throw and the shot put were purely games of skill; the former was to put fruit jar rubbers on nails in a board a little distance from the contestant, while the latter was "putting" a bean bag into one of the various compartments of a box a little way off. The participants in both of these events showed lack of practice.

A bag race was one of the main features. Only two were allowed to compete at once—one senior and one

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## Battling Bishops

### Theologs to Play Juniors This Evening

One of the greatest basketball games of the year will take place this evening. Its greatness depends upon its novelty, novelty for some of the players, and certainly novelty for the spectators. A whole list of new basketball tactics may be developed from the eventful occasion. We are judging by some things that have taken place during the practice hours. A Theolog girl apparently mistook a Junior's head for the leather sphere. At least the Junior was under the necessity of defending herself against decapitation.

It seems that the Theolog boys have been quite successful in caging the ball, but tonight will tell the tale. "You better come."

## President Luckey Leaves for Allegheny Conference

### To Be in Chicago Next Tuesday

Tuesday morning President Luckey left to attend the annual session of the Allegheny Conference to be held this week at Barberton, Ohio. Here he will represent the educational interests of the Church in this section of the Houghton District.

From there he will go direct to Chicago. Tuesday afternoon he will meet in Conference at the Moody Bible Institute with the Executive Committee of the Conservative Protestant Colleges of America to consider some recommendations he expects to make to the World's Christian Fundamentals Association to assemble in Annual Convention in Toronto, Canada, in May.

## Foreign Representation

An unusual chapel program was rendered last Friday by the Student Volunteers of Houghton. Nine members of this organization who were dressed in foreign costumes marched onto the platform. Miss Sartwell and Miss Driscoll representing Japan and India respectively sang a duet. A missionary reading and two representative stories were given following this. The concluding number of the program was the song "Jesus Loves Me" sung in the African language by the group of Volunteers.

## St. Patrick and the Athenians

To most of us St. Patrick's Day is merely a time when we wear as much green as possible and place a great deal of emphasis on Irish jokes. Few people realize that there was a real St. Patrick. In Athenian Literary Society Monday evening Herman Elzey discussed the life, work, and influence of Patrick, "The Apostle to Ireland." Patrick lived in the latter part of the fourth century. After a very adventuresome life he began his work in Ireland. An idea of his wide influence may be gained by considering that during his 39 years of work in Ireland he founded 300 churches, baptized 1200 people, and ordained 3000 priests. Because of the great advance he gave to Catholicism, Patrick was canonized. March 17 is the anniversary of his death. After his death a number of legends grew up, chief of which is the one telling of his driving the snakes from Ireland.

Jack Broughton's solos "A Little Bit of Heaven" and "That Tumble Down Shack in Athlone" were enthusiastically received by the hearers.

Virgil Huzzey added a touch of humor to the program by his very profound and extended (?) speech.

## Nature and God

Professor Douglas gave us a short talk on this subject last Tuesday in Chapel. He said nature will do one of three things for a man. It may make him an atheist. This is due to the fact that such a person merely worships the material things and forgets that God is the Creator. In the second place, nature may make him a pantheist. The third and ideal relationship makes a man recognize God as the Creator and to go in search of deeper truths.

The speaker in his usual witty manner said, nature is not denominational. "There are no Presbyterian roses and no Baptist water-lilies."

To emphasize the three facts mentioned above, Professor Douglas cited several poets that had been affected by nature. He brought out the necessity of an actual living faith in God and a personal relationship to our Creator.

## Class Honors Announced

### F. Fish and A. Cronk Rank Highest

At seven-thirty last Friday evening, a remarkable group of personalities assembled in the Dormitory Annex. This company was composed of the "Jolly" Juniors, the "Sedate" Seniors, and the honorable faculty of the high school, together with President and Mrs. Luckey.

This occasion was the annual reception by the high school faculty at which the class honors of the high school senior class are announced.

The manner of announcement of these honors assumed the role of a faked intelligence test given to the Juniors and Seniors alike. According to the test, or to the fates as some think, Miss Florence Fish was decided valedictorian of the Class of '26, and Alton Cronk, salutatorian. Of the Junior Class, Charles Molyneaux ranked first and Erwin English second.

A "Commencement Program" was the order of the evening. Alton Cronk played a piano selection and Florence Fish sang a solo. These numbers were followed by an address from Miss Gillette. Mrs. Bowen concluded the program by a talk in which she conferred the class honors on the two seniors. Mr. Molyneaux and Mr. English, she said, would have to improve their time if they maintained their present ranking in the Class of '27.

After a delicious luncheon was served, and some songs and yells were given, adieux were said. Another Junior-Senior party is history.

## Rev. and Mrs. Hampe Leave for Cleveland

Last Friday morning Rev. and Mrs. Hampe left for Cleveland where they spent a few days before attending the annual session of the Allegheny Conference. They expect soon to take up their work at Sandy Lake, Pa.

We are delighted with the privilege of meeting Brother and Sister Hampe and especially glad that they were able to spend so much time with us, for they have certainly been an inspiration. We pray that the blessing of the Lord may attend them in their new field of labor.

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## Editorial

## A Strenuous Life

In the dark Middle Ages, it became the prevailing idea among the religious folk that for a person to be good—really and truly religious—he must isolate himself from society, cease from labor, and give himself up to prayer and meditation. In the early part of that period, if a Theodore Roosevelt had gone tiger hunting in the hills of Egypt, instead of stalking ferocious beasts of prey, he would have found the caves full of helpless monks—very little good to themselves, to others, or to Christ.

A few years ago a ship came from the tropics of South America to New York laden with living specimens of wild life for the Zoological Gardens. During the voyage an intensive battle occurred in a cage containing two occupants—a three-toed sloth and an ant-eater. The conflict was so fierce that three, I believe, energetic blows were struck—two from the ant-eater and one from the sloth.

Let us set these two pictures aside and view two masterpieces of eternal worth. Over the hills and valleys of Judea, we see the Master of men, the lowly Nazarene, bringing His message of love to the lost earth. In three brief years he has visited nearly every hamlet and village in the country! Thronged with multitudes, persecuted by His own people, who reject His love, He accomplishes a task of physical exertion that is super-human. Yet

He calls to His disciples, "Follow thou me".

For our second picture let us look at the life of the Founder of Methodism, the venerable John Wesley. Eighty-eight years of labor and accomplishment! A quarter of this would have put many a man in his grave at fifty. At seventy-two years of age he gives as the chief means of his good health as: "1. My constantly arising at four for about fifty years. 2. My generally preaching at five in the morning, one of the most healthy exercises in the world. 3. My never traveling less, by sea or land, than four thousand five hundred miles in a year." And by the way, most of his traveling was on horseback. At eighty-three and a half years he states that he wrote from five in the morning until eight at night. These were his studying hours. Add to these, the fact that during most of his life he preached eight hundred sermons a year and that he either wrote, prefaced, or edited four hundred and fifty-three known volumes. Surely his was a strenuous life!

Fellow students, why are we here? To be good? Surely. But, also, to be good for something. If we don't learn to work while in school, when will we learn? God, give us those who accept time as a precious trust from Thee. It is the conservation of the moments that is going to provide ample time for the private communion in the secret place of prayer—it is thus that we may develop into that type of Christian character to whom God can intrust a strenuous task.

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sophomore. Some of the winners in this event were Mr. Henshaw, Mrs. Burgie, Miss Sloan, Mr. Hussey, Mr. Fero, and Mr. Mosher. Miss Edith Lapham won the basketball throw.

The "thirty inch dash" was a very amusing feature. A marshmallow was tied to one end of a thirty inch string, the other end of which the contestant held in his mouth. At a given signal he tried to gain the prize at the other end without the use of his hands. The winners in the various groups were as follows: Hussey, 40 seconds; Eliat, 23 seconds; Miss Moore, 24 seconds; Douglass, 17 seconds; and Roy, 28 seconds.

Mr. Flint threw the baseball (a small toy balloon) sixteen feet, and Mr. Carey threw it thirteen feet, but Mr. Hussey threw it all of four feet. Others were classed in between these. The obstacle race was won by Horton, Neal, Carey,

and Flint, who were the first to whistle after eating a cracker and a half.

Perhaps this sounds like a strenuous evening, but you may be assured that no one overworked unless it was Mr. White who refereed these field events. The thing that took the most "wind" was laughing at the participants, while they in turn laughed at us. And too, we had a few short periods of rest, when a group of outsiders, called hyper-morons, persisted in making darkness prevail.

The refreshments were not the least enjoyable and pleasant feature of the evening's delights. The "hot dogs" and rolls, the coffee and fried cakes were very good and (to the great pleasure of some) very plentiful. The next and closing number was some flashlight pictures of the group, after which each class tried to yell louder and more sincerely than the other. They then dispersed, each feeling a little better acquainted with the others; and each felt that that feeling of love which is supposed to exist between seniors and sophomores is verily real as well as traditional.

[The following poem is another of the noteworthy entries in the Literary Contest.]

## The Struggling Soul

By J. Harold Douglass

My heart is sad, and life seems all but gone;  
The days are long, and nights are more than drear;  
My work is tedious—comfort seems not near  
To aid me when my fiercest fight is on.  
I would do well, but as one chained in prison,  
My will seems dead and good intent is gone.  
I would be kind, but when the deeds are done,  
They cause some grief or fall short of fruition.  
O God, wilt thou my saddened state allay,  
And cause my grief to turn to joy and song;  
Wilt thou so fill my life, till all day long  
My highest thought will be to watch and pray.  
And then, dear Lord, with blackness brushed away,  
My heart will truly serve thee day by day.

M. Fox (talking about the wrestling match of which she didn't seem to approve)—"Well, Mr. Yetter, I fear I can't support you."

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Mr. Emery Carl was in Olean over Sunday.

Mr. Boyd, Mr. Dyer, and Professor Wright went to Higgins for Saturday night and Sunday services.

Word has been received of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Flood. Mr. Flood is a former student at Houghton Seminary.

Carl Steese was in Rochester over the week-end.

Price and Robert Stark motored to their home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders spent the week-end at Belmont.

Miss Marietta Fancher is home for a rest.

Professor Ries and Miss Hillpot were in Rochester Saturday to purchase a practice piano for the school.

Maxine Wilklow was the guest of Jean Eldridge over the week-end.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ray Calhoun at White's Private Hospital in Cazenovia on March 1st a daughter, Dorothy May Calhoun. Mr. Calhoun has left to take up his work as principal of Saratoga Springs High School and Mrs. Calhoun will join him about April 5th.

Mr. DeWeerd Lupton is in Buffalo General Hospital with diabetes.

## Students' Prayer Meeting

The students prayer-meeting like the Gospel Story never grows tiresome to the true worshiper. The Holy Spirit was faithful and very near again this week. Miss Kingsbury read from Hebrews 10, beginning with the sixteenth verse that gives God's promise to put His laws in our hearts and in our minds.

These thoughts taken from the testimonies merit our deep reflection. "He is a covenant-keeping God"; "Obedi-

ence is the test of sonship"; "We don't take half of our privileges in prayer"; "Our only hope is in God, for we fail when we depend upon ourselves"; "I urge all who have not the Holy Spirit to seek Him".

## If I Should Fail!

If I should fail, O Christ and turn aside,  
Should selfish purpose in my heart abide  
And I should find that to myself I'd lied,  
And missed the goal—  
Naught would avail; I would not worthy be  
To call Thy name, and Christ, Thy face to see,  
And hope would die within the heart of me—  
If I should fail.

But Christ, with Thee, with Thee I cannot fail;  
Though strong the foe, and though my strength be frail,  
Nor sword of earth nor hell could pierce the mail  
Thou givest me.  
From bended knee I'll go upon the quest,  
Nor cease until I gain the chalice blest;  
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O Christ with Thee!

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### Woolworth and Me

By Ralph Long

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It has been said that the test of true superiority is the ability to disprove the saying, "Familiarity breeds contempt." On the basis of the definition this requirement implies, I am prepared to state that salted peanuts are not in the least superior. I began work in the store with the most favorable sentiments toward salted peanuts. I can truthfully say that, to the best of my knowledge, up to that time no thought in disparagement of salted peanuts had ever entered my mind. In a very few weeks I became possessed of a powerful aversion for them. To this day, the odor of salted peanuts arouses in me a strong desire to do violence. Anyone who has ever been forced to work in close proximity to several barrels of them, and to inhale the pungent odors arising therefrom, will understand my feelings.

But there is one branch of the candy boy's job which I always enjoyed. The last two or three hours of every day were spent in filling the orders the candy counters sent down. We sold hundreds of pounds of candy every day it was my duty to keep the counters well filled. I always enjoyed pushing the big trucks, in which I delivered the candy to the counters, at full speed through the crowds of customers. Nor was the ride up to the counters in the elevator the least pleasant part of my work.

That elevator was a source of a great deal of enjoyment, anyway. We used to take pleasure in piling it so high that it would not lift its load. Another favorite trick of ours was to throw off the power and leave it stranded between floors, when, perforce, its skipper had to desert his ship and climb out through the roof to see what the trouble might be. At one time we had a colored porter whose custom it was to stop the elevator between floors and take a nap in it. That man could sleep in a boiler factory, I am certain.

I know that we could ring for the elevator as long and as violently as we might choose without in the least disturbing his slumbers.

We had another character in our midst, too. One of our fellowship claimed no little proficiency as a magician and hypnotist, having had some little experience on the stage. I do not dispute his claim. He surely used to mystify us with his legerdemain. His prowess at knife-throwing blunted many an ice-pick, and as for his juggling—full many a smashed china cup bore witness to his skill in that. We

never tested his hypnotic powers, conceding that point without demonstration. None of us had the temerity to act as his dupe.

Yet we worked in that store, hard. Most of our fun took place after hours. I have never seen a place more efficiently managed than that store. We worked at top speed all the time. During business hours there was very little talking done—in fact, unnecessary talking was against the rules. We worked overtime, too.

Moreover, we learned lessons in thrift. We never wasted anything which could be of any use. We repaired broken toys, even though we knew that they would be worth but ten cents after the job was done. We saved all our boxes and candy-pails. Even the excelsior which came as packing we saved, to be dyed and sold at Easter. We learned how "to put in a window" (our show-windows were our only means of advertising) at practically no expense. Many a time I have seen the manager of the store pick up from the floor some little article which had become detached from the thousand others like it, with the remark, "There's ten cents." I have learned that nickels and dimes are valueable coins.

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