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## College Mourns Staunch Friend, Son of Founder

### Portion of Estate Willed For Endowment

It was in Houghton on November 7, 1847, that Leonard Houghton was born. He was the son of the founder of Houghton Seminary, a school which has proved to be a cornerstone of learning in Allegany County.

His early years were spent in this vicinity, but later he moved to Illinois where he became engaged in the lumber industry. Continuing in this trade for thirty eight years he became very successful. In Peoria, Illinois he established a Sunday School that grew to be a very large Christian organization, one in which he took much pride. It was in this group as well as Houghton College that Mr. Houghton displayed extreme interest in his later years.

In 1873 he married Hanna M. Spark who also is now deceased. When he and his wife finally returned to Houghton, he bought the farm on which he has been accustomed to spend his summers. For many years Washington has been his winter home.

He is survived by two children, May Houghton, who faithfully cared for him until his death, and Ruth Houghton, who is married and living near Pennsylvania State University where her husband is a teacher.

Leonard Houghton is known to  
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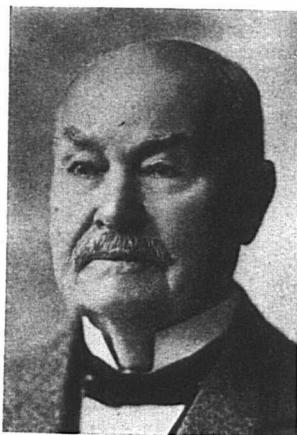
## Expression Club Has 1st Business Session

The Expression Club met last Monday evening, Oct. 26, to present an interesting but all too brief program.

A rather lengthy business meeting followed the devotions by Gordon Curty. In reading over the constitution the officers discovered that there must be four officers instead of three, a fact which caused the splitting of the office of secretary-treasurer into the office of secretary and the office of treasurer. Ellen Donley was elected the new secretary, and George Hilgeman, former secretary-treasurer, retained the office for treasurer. It was also found that the constitution made provision for dues to be collected from each member. (From now on "Bilgie" cannot complain that he hasn't enough funds to complete his college education.)

A humorous reading, "Betty at the Baseball Game", given by Fern Corteville, followed the business session. Rowena Kunz then presented a dialogue between Mr. mmm and one of those obnoxious, irrepressible persons known as a "gusher". She certainly knew how to effervesce!

The final number on the program was a group of piano selections a la Gwendolyn Blauvelt.



Leonard Houghton

## Frosh Lose Decision To Sophs in Debate

Lois Roughan and Edward Willett, sophomore debaters, were awarded a three-to-nothing decision over Vance Carlson and Walter Sheffer, freshmen representatives, in the first encounter of the inter-class debate series Wednesday morning, Oct. 28.

The question for debate was, "Resolved: that the American system of capital punishment should be abolished." The affirmative side was upheld by the freshman team, the negative by the sophomores.

The first speaker for the affirmative, Mr. Carlson, showed that capital punishment was a barbarous practice, quoting Clarence Darrow, noted criminal lawyer, for his authority.

Miss Roughan, first speaker for the negative, maintained that there was no need for a change in the present system, because it is the only adequate deterrent of crime. "It removes the criminal as a menace from society," she said, "and creates respect for law and order in the criminal. Reform is not adequate because there is no proof that reformatory measures deter crime."

Mr. Sheffer continued the affirmative case by stating that the system of capital punishment does not solve the homicide problem. Those countries and states which have this system, he claimed, also have the most crime according to available statistics. Then, too, the present system is not enforced; therefore, it is not effective. The present system does not take into consideration that many of these criminals are mentally ill. There are many innocent men needlessly executed every year.

Mr. Willett concluded the constructive speeches by asserting that there is no logical reason for a change, since any lesser system would not be as effective. The parole system, for instance, is not upon a good basis and would leave the criminal still at large, a menace to society.

The rebuttals featured a great deal of clash between the two teams. Mr. Willett especially, refuted many points of the affirmative case. Mr. Sheffer, in the concluding rebuttal speech did equally as well. He is to be commended for the fine way in which he answered the question put

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## Two Faculty Members Attend State Meeting

Dean and Mrs. S. W. Paine and Professor Wilfred C. Bain went to New York City on Tuesday, October 27th. They officially represented Houghton College at the annual meeting of the Association of Colleges and Universities of New York State, held on Wednesday, October 28 at the Washington Square Branch of New York University in New York City.

Features of the session were addresses by Chancellor Harry W. Chase of New York University and discussions led by various college presidents. The meeting concerned itself largely with the requirements for teaching and the various problems of the present day school-system.

## Dr. Lapp Recalls 'Venerable Men'

At a special lecture program held on Saturday morning, October 24, the students and faculty members of Houghton gathered to hear Dr. John Lapp, arbiter of the leading labor unions of America and head of the labor relations of the W.P.A.

Dr. Lapp, who at present holds a responsible position with the federal government, including the office of secretary to Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, is a native son of Allegany County.

Happy to be back to the scenes of his childhood again, Dr. Lapp related many pleasant experiences of his younger days. One especially amusing story which he recalled concerned his practice of orating to the cows. This incident, he said, always reminded him of the opening phrase of Webster's Bunker Hill address which starts, "Venerable men..."

Dr. Lapp then proceeded to lay before his audience several do's for college students. He first stressed the value of loyalty to one's college. "When I meet a man who does not have loyalty to the proper agencies for those opportunities given him in early life," he said. "I have only contempt for him." Further, he stated, "After training students, a college sends them out to do something in return, perhaps to render some great service."

Next Dr. Lapp emphasized the importance of continuing education after school days are over. He declared, "You ought to plan now to continue your education, and when you are through school, to keep on learning. Don't stop." One great source of learning, he pointed out, is found in the reading of good books.

The value of good citizenship in relation to economics, intelligent voting, and personal living was his third point. "We must depend upon millions more people who make it a responsibility to do their part in representation by voting," he said. "We must look forward to training ourselves with the idea that some day

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## Landon Receives Overwhelming Plurality in All-College Ballot; STAR Booth Has Eager Crowds

### All Regularly Nominated Presidential Candidates Are Included on Official Ballots

Alfred M. Landon won a cyclonic victory in the all-college Presidential Straw-vote held last Thursday, Oct. 27. Landon led the field with a total of 268 votes, Roosevelt received 36 votes; Lemke, Union candidate, 3; Norman Thomas, Socialist, 9; and Earl Browder, Communist candidate,

none.

## Faculty Members Go Dramatic for Party

The door alternately opened and shut on guests hurrying in out of the rain; logs crackled in the open fireplace; kerosene lamps formed a flickering background as the drama of Houghton's founding was enacted for the upperclassmen by their hosts, the college faculty, Friday evening, October 23, in the Recreation Hall.

Ten events of major importance in the history of the institution were presented:

On the night of Dec. 5, 1882 Willard Houghton (Dr. Paine) and D. S. Kinney (Prof. Bain), connectional agent of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, were staying in Short Tract to attend the dedication of a new church. Conversation turned to matters of educational interest—thus the idea of Houghton College was born.

The establishment of such a school would be a great undertaking. Finances must be forthcoming and there was no wealthy man to lend his assistance. A meeting of all preachers of the Lockport Conference was called in the Houghton Creek Church and a large number attended. So, on February 3, 1883 the first subscription for Houghton Seminary was taken, those unable to pledge money offering their services in the construction of the building.

Eleven acres of land on the old Seminary hill were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Tucker for the site, and a campaign for funds was begun. When it seemed that funds would fail, a session of the denominational General Conference raised \$800 in cash and pledges. Thus it was that Houghton Seminary was dedicated on Wednesday, August 20, 1884, the dedicatory address being given by Mr. Wardner.

Houghton Seminary grew slowly but it became quite evident early in this century that the first site would not be adequate. Moreover, there was an almost ideal place at hand—a natural plateau of about twenty acres, the property of Rev S. Bedford, a man who had spent much time in the service of the school. The present site was thus obtained and the Administration building completed in time for the Commencement of 1906.

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The poll was conducted by the STAR and was backed by the Presidents of the Student Body, Student Council, Social Science Club, and Forensic Union. Voting began at 8 o'clock on Thursday morning and closed at 1:30 in the afternoon.

The Faculty cast 24 ballots, all for Landon. Senior votes gave Landon 37; Roosevelt, 1; and Thomas, 3. Juniors turned out to give Landon 54; Roosevelt 8; and Thomas 2. The sophomore class; Landon, 57; Roosevelt, 5; Lemke, 1. The biggest vote was cast by the freshmen and the results were, Landon, 97; Roosevelt, 12, Lemke, 2; and Thomas, 4.

A long queue of students jammed the halls in front of the STAR office waiting for their turn to vote. Unusual was the attitude of seriousness that predominated. The co-operation of William Foster, President of the Student Body; Laurence Saile, President of the Student Council; Howard Andrus, President of the Social Science Club, and Merritt Queen, President of the Forensic Union, may be

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## Kahle Reviews Needs Of Modern Palestine

The Rev. R. F. Kahle of Dallas, Texas representing the Biblical Research Society, presented stereoptical slides and lectured in students' prayer meeting Tuesday evening, October 20, on the evangelization of the Jews.

"The purpose of the society," Mr. Kahle said, is to evangelize all of Israel in this generation, largely thru the use of literature. In order to find the points of truth that will convince the Jews, Dr. Cooper is now studying in European museums where important relics are kept. He aims also to continue his study in Palestine. Already he has published several important books and pamphlets which are being distributed to Jews in various parts of the world in an attempt to remove their spiritual blindness.

"The return of the Jew to Palestine," he continued, is of great importance as a fulfillment of prophecy and preparation for a great world crisis, but it is not a religious movement. Jews are literally pouring into their own land to rehabilitate it and make it a prosperous and peaceful home. Cities have sprung up and the



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## Editorial

Most college students, putting up a front of being "tough," express a somewhat cynical attitude toward all ideals—and those who hold them.

While this attitude is commendable as a reaction against an obsolete, mushy idealism that led its followers to ignore facts that are obvious to scientific students, it puts the cynics in as comical a predicament as would the idealism they seek to shun.

Just as one cannot say "I lie" and tell the truth, one cannot say "I have no ideals" and be truthful. The very statement shows that the speaker has a very definite ideal; and that ideal is negative. This person's ideal... is typified by the man who trusts nobody, believes in nothing fine, and has degenerated to the condition of seeking his own interests and nothing else.

Since these students cannot escape ideals, it would seem that they would do better to select ideals worthy of the name, ideals that would be frankly recognized as ideals; not things that can ever be entirely achieved, but ideals that would be goals worthy of working for throughout one's life.

The namby-pamby, impractical idealism the cynics fight against is dead. The time has come for them to stop their dummy warfare and begin to fight for something useful.—*The Daily Texan.*

### Faculty Entertains

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Houghton seminary was in its new home.

In the year 1908 it became necessary to find a new President. The committee nominated Professor McDowell (Prof. Douglas) whom, although he was not of the Wesleyan Methodist denomination, they believed the man for the job. However, he accepted with the understanding that he would either be Houghton's new President or find a better man for the position. He found James S. Luckey (Dean Wright), who gave up a position at Harvard University to become the President of this small, struggling school.

President Luckey soon recognized that the greatest need of Houghton that the greatest need was the granting of degrees. The solution to this problem lay in the securing the recognition from some college for three year's work done here. Oberlin College agreed to receive such students as we sent them. If they did a satisfactory year's work, Oberlin would grant them a degree.

Years went by... New houses were built... old ones remodeled... a new gymnasium was built... Other improvements were noticeable: a gravity water system... electricity.

ing toward the goal of state recognition. Always there was the steady work-

tion that Houghton might be accredited to grant degrees. The Board of Trustees at Syracuse must be convinced that it was a worthy project. Finally a provisional charter was obtained in 1923. The first class of Houghton College received their degrees in 1925—a class of twenty members. It was a privilege to lay the foundation surrounding a college Commencement tradition. One of these was the presentation of the class gift.

Accrediting by the Association of Middle States and Maryland was the next step, achieved in November 1935. In the Spring of 1936 Houghton was admitted into the American Association of Colleges and Universities.

In further contrast to the past, movies of the 1936 Commencement were shown by Willard Smith.

Following the program, the upperclassmen were banqueted at the Dorm: cocktails, chicken, ice cream and coffee to the accompaniment of music by a dinner orchestra.

### Judith Arline Vaughn

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Vaughn of Richfield Springs, N. Y. are the parents of a daughter, Judith Arline, born Saturday, October 10. Mrs. Vaughn was formerly Katherine Jennings of the class of '27.

## Two Transfer Students Give First Impressions

In response to a request from the STAR, Lawrence Marshall and John Jackson, transfer students from Duquesne University, have written the following letter of self-introduction. Mr. Marshall already holds a B.S. degree; Mr. Jackson, who is classified as a junior, has had two years of music.

The STAR is glad to publish this appreciation of Houghton: Editor of Houghton STAR

My Dear Sir: We gladly submit the following in answer to your request for some word from us.

Houghton College and community have impressed us tremendously. The hospitality has been abundant, and we cannot help expressing appreciation. The fact that the warm friendliness, manifested on our arrival, exists still is in itself evidence of its sincerity.

In our particular case there is involved a sociological factor that neither we nor Houghton can evade. We do feel however that this factor will never cause pain or induce self-consciousness on our part or on the part of any member of Houghton College or community. College training instills both a natural deference for our fellow men and a natural regard for the sensibilities of others. In Houghton these effects are much in evidence.

With much pleasure we wish to acknowledge the kindness of Prof. Frank Wright, whose untiring efforts in our behalf has established him firmly in our regard. For a professor who is a scholar and a "regular fellow" there is no adequate praise.

We feel that we are now a part of Houghton and any achievement of ours in life will be achievement for Houghton. We are well into the dawn of a new era—an era in which intellect, education and personality are the criteria of desirability. Narrowness and petty prejudices pass off in thin air. Because we cherish Houghton's aims and ideals, because we bear for her administration and faculty a profound respect, and because we are inspired with the desire to achieve, we promise an allegiance to Houghton—an allegiance we shall perpetuate with an unflinching zeal.

Sincerely yours,  
Lawrence M. Marshall  
John H. Jackson

Mr. Marshall and Mr. Jackson learned of Houghton through a friend of the college. The former is working on his B.D.; the latter is also a Religious Education major.

### Needs of Modern Palestine

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newly cultivated areas rival the garden of Eden in beauty and productivity. Enormous wealth is obtained from industries such as fruit growing, bricks, oil, electricity, and the extraction of chemicals from the Dead Sea. Although the rest of the world is in a depression, Palestine has the enviable surplus of about thirty millions of dollars.

"There are three great reasons why we should first take the Gospel to the Jew. In the first place he is lost. Then there is a special blessing on one who ministers to the Jew, and finally, Israel is to be a channel of blessing. In the words of Romans 1:16, the gospel of Christ 'is the power of God unto salvation to everyone

## VILLAGE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hawkins of Orchard Park were the guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Bohnacker, last week end.

Mrs. William Clow of Westfield, Pa. was the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. L. Crouch, last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Paine, Miss Rachel Davison, and the Ambassador Quartette were at Driftwood, Pa. on Saturday and Sunday. Dr. Paine had charge of the services on Sunday and the quartet sang. Mr. Stark is doing deputation work for the foreign mission secretary.

Mr. Hugh Paine was on a business trip to Atlantic City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Vyverburg, son Richard and daughters, Betty Jane and Nancy, and Mrs. J. VanDemar and son Robert of Rochester were the guests of Harvey Vyverburg ('40) Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bartleson and daughter Faye, Mr. and Mrs. William Mussack, Mr. and Mrs. William Eggleston, Miss Edna Mildham and Miss Esther Reisdorph of Newark, N. Y., were here Sunday as guests of two Newark students, Edna Bartleson ('40) and Clark Eggleston ('40).

Mrs. Mary Lane Clark spoke at the Missionary Convention of the Ohio conference held in Dayton, Ohio, on October 23. During her week's stay at Dayton she spoke in each of the three Wesleyan Churches in that city, one of which is under the pastorate of Rev. John Woodhouse.

### White-Thayer

Mrs. Effie Thayer of Houghton and Mr. H. White of Hammondsport, New York, were married on October 24. They are residing at Hammondsport.

—HC—

## LAST TALES OF CHOIR TOUR!

We got up early as usual this morning and ambled back to the church. At 9:30, just a little late, the "Maestro" arrived and we embarked for Albany about sixty miles away. Upon our arrival there, we registered at the Wellington Hotel and went to our rooms for a couple of hours sleep—such were orders. But oh, we were excited—I doubt if any of us had peaceful dreams during that time. Later, after eating our lunch, we progressed en masse to the State Educational Building. After a short practice, we were as ready as we ever would be for the great ordeal. We found to our keen delight that seats had been reserved for us right down in front on the left hand side of the auditorium.

In the afternoon session the choir sang four numbers, the first two after the invocation by the Rev. Raymond C. Knox. Following addresses by James J. Walsh, educator, and David Kinley, President Emeritus, University of Illinois, the choir presented its concluding numbers.

Later upon the request of Dr. Carter we went to All Saint's Cathedral and sang *Tenebrae Factae Sunt* in the chancel. After repeating the Lord's prayer and after being blessed by the priest we left for dinner. Some of the girls probably wish they had not gone to dinner because the Cop-

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that believeth, TO THE JEW FIRST, and also to the Greek."

## W.Y.P.S. Chapel Shows Purpose of Organization

The nine officers of the W.Y.P.S. seated about a table on the platform of the college chapel Thursday morning, presented by means of an informal meeting the purpose of the organization and its value to Houghton College.

Edward Willett, as president of the W.Y.P.S., led the meeting's discussion which gradually developed into a clever program. Betty Sellman, the secretary, began by relating the history of the W.Y.P.S. Margaret Wright then presented her responsibilities as vice-president, and later Gwendolyn Blauvelt explained her duties as the treasurer.

The whole program was unique. Each representative responded to questions cleverly put to him by other members, questions designed to disclose in detail his specific function and its relation to the operation of the whole. Nothing was omitted, and at the conclusion of the discussion every member of the student body saw his responsibility. The great purpose of the W.Y.P.S. is to develop Christian character and endeavor among the young people of the school.

Among the various organizations represented were the Extension Department, the Social and the Devotional Department, the Y.M.W.B., and the Light Bearers. Chairmen for these groups are respectively, Merritt Queen, Katherine Schehl, Robert Luckey, James Bence, and Alice McKinney.

During the program the Ambassador Quartet, consisting of "Mat" Lancaster, Clemence Eddy, Walter Ferchen, and "Dave" Paine, enhanced the program by singing several numbers, among which were: "Walking on the King's Highway", and "Praise the Lord 'Tis Glory".

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### STRAW VOTE

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accounted the reason for the serious nature in which the straw vote was conducted.

The idea was conceived almost simultaneously in the minds of these campus leaders who gave their support to the STAR when it volunteered to conduct the poll.

The names of five candidates—Landon, Roosevelt, Thomas, Browder, and Lemke—appeared on the official ballots in order that the vote might be a representative one. All college students were eligible to vote.

Following is a tabulation of results by classes:

	Frosh	Soph	Jr.	Sr.	Fac.
Landon	97	57	54	37	24
Roosevelt	12	5	8	1	0
Thomas	4	0	2	3	0
Lemke	2	1	0	0	0
Browder	0	0	0	0	0

—HC—

### DR. LAPP

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we may seek public office and go before the public."

In conclusion, Dr. Lapp stated that as a result of education, we ought to have a greater degree of harmony in bringing men and women together in general for the purpose of understanding. "If we can't have understanding, we can't have harmony; if we don't have harmony, we can't have understanding."

## ALUMNI CORNER

'Remember When' Contest  
Inaugurated by Editor

"Brain Teasers" being all the rage, the Alumni Editor, in a moment of two of reminiscence dashed off a list of questions which only those alumni who "kept up" with things in Houghton can answer.

The Alumni Corner will give all entrants in this contest honorable mention, providing they include with their answers a note for publication in the Houghton Star. Address all communications to the alumni editor.

1. What was the "Athenian" society?
2. In what year were Loren Barbour, Clark Warburton and Elmer Davidson spilling soup in the dormitory dining hall?
3. Who was the student shoe-repair man that once lived at the Moses house?
4. What charivari was broken up when Dean H. W. McDowell and President Luckey chased the participants over the brow of the hill?
5. Name three members of the girl's glee club directed by Miss Fitz?
6. Who were Grace Benning's constant girl companions?
7. How many Kauffman brothers were there in school at one time?
8. Where did H. Clark Bedford live when he taught Greek in Houghton?
9. Why did the proposed skating rink on the athletic field "fall thru"?
10. What two "Green Mountaineers" travelled the campus together?
11. Who helped lay the stringers for the footbridge across the creek?
12. Who were the "Genesee Entertainers"?
13. Who was the Dean of Men before H. W. McDowell?
14. Did Feno Densmore win the I. P. A. oratorical contest?
15. Why did Clara Campbell like to work in the Dorm kitchen?

All answers should be in the mails midnight of next Friday.

Corrine Cole Describes  
Wanderings Thru France

Dear Alumni,

I am glad to write in answer to the request in the STAR, but it would be much more pleasant to visit with you if you were here to see the scrap book, photographs, and picture cards that help to keep fresh in mind a wandering trail through France.

One can talk indefinitely about the events of a trip in France—the rush of Paris, the proud solidity of the chateaux asserting itself through the graceful lines of towers and turrets, the grandeur of the Alps, the quaintness of Alsace, the exotic beauty of the Rivera, the fascination of having to speak a foreign language hour after hour, the amusement caused by a lingual *faux pas* now and then, the new acquaintances gained by an ocean crossing and contacts in new places—all these are loaded with memories. "And oft, when on my couch I lie, In vacant or in pensive mood, They flash upon that inward eye, Which is the bliss of Solitude."

Perhaps the best approach would be through the age of a diary. Let's see what happened July 27th. Oh,

## NEWS FLASHES

"The marriage of Miss Majorie Deighton, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. William Deighton, to Carl Stamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Stamp, took place Saturday afternoon in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Gainesville. The Rev. Deighton, father of the bride, performing the ceremony.

"After a short wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Stamp will be at home in North Main Street, Gainesville, New York."

Mr. Stamp was graduated from Houghton College in June, 1935, and is teaching Social Science in the Gainesville High School.

Jane Williams ('29) was married to Granville Samuel Seyler on Saturday, October 3, in Indiana, Penna. Mrs. Seyler has been teaching history in the Indiana High School for several years.

A letter from (Mrs.) Maude Gray Bishop (music and oratory student about 1914) tells of having enjoyed a brief visit to Houghton's campus recently. She says, in part:

"We enjoyed every bit of our trip last summer, but the next time we are east we plan to see Houghton by daylight.

"We were very pleased to receive the Houghton bulletin and are enclosing a check of ten dollars to be added to the fund for the 'Luckey Memorial Hall'.

"I expect you have had a fine school opening—you have our wishes and prayers for a successful year."

Mrs. Maude Gray Bishop  
3350 N. Pennsylvania  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Matthew Arnott (h.s. ex. '36) has a position as cub reporter on the *New York Sun*.

The Rev. John J. Trout, father of Jean Trout ('34), Secretary of the Sudan Interior Mission, died at his home in Brooklyn on October 3.

yes, that was the day I got up bright and early to take a jaunt into Switzerland and incidentally to climb a mountain or two if I had a chance. I had dinner in a delightful hotel on Lake Geneva. After dinner the mountain climbing began by car and continued by train to the "Mer de Glace" made famous by Monsieur Perrichon. Of course the first appearance of snow was hailed with a shout of delight—whole fields stretched out to the right and left. There was an overnight stop at Chamonix before continuing the ascent of Mont Blanc. The view from the window of my hotel bedroom gave me a real thrill when, next morning, I opened the shutters and saw the snow-capped mountains pink in the morning sun. They seemed to say smilingly, "Hail, you weak, earthy creatures! Though during the night I could have crushed you easily, as a giant tramples an unsuspecting worm, yet I have chosen to guard you, that in the morning light you might gaze upon the majesty of my beauty, and gazing, marvel.

The marveling, however, didn't hinder the enjoyment of a hearty breakfast. (Continued on Page Four)

Mrs. Lee Attends W.C.T.U.  
Convention in Albany, N.Y.

Mrs. Edith C. Lee, of the High School faculty, spent last week-end (Saturday, Sunday, and Monday) at the sixty-third Annual Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the State of New York. The convention was held in the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Albany.

Among the speakers at the convention were Dr. Grafflin, who has spoken twice in the college chapel; Mrs. Ella A. Boole; Major-General Smedley D. Bulter, of the U. S. Marines, who spoke of the two evils, war and the drink traffic; and Miss Virginia Colvin, daughter of the Prohibition candidate for president. Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin was re-elected president of the New York State W.C.T.U., and Mrs. Lee was re-elected Director of the Department of Child Welfare. Also present were voting delegates. The convention lasted from October 15 to 20.

Mrs. Lee spoke on Child Welfare Saturday morning, and had charge of the White Ribbon Recruit Service Monday afternoon. She also spoke Sunday night at the First Methodist Church of Albany.

The delegates to the conference had their headquarters at the Wellington Hotel, where the A. Capella Choir stayed while in Albany.

Two Former Houghton  
Students Now in Wheaton

Lindy and I always want to know the latest Houghton news. How glad we were to receive the STAR this week. It seems so good to read about our old friends and all their deeds and misdeeds.

The Lord is blessing us wonderfully at Wheaton. Wheaton is a grand Christian college. Will Houghton was the leader in the fall evangelistic services. Over 200 went forward one night. All but one were Christians to whom the Lord had been speaking about some question in their lives. How beautiful it was!

We are now in the middle of 6 weeks tests so we are rather rushed. We shall always remember Houghton in our prayers. How glad we are that we had the privilege to attend such a splendid Christian school.

Sincerely in Him,

Esther Lindquist—Iona Clark.

Final Orientation Chapel  
A Discussion on Religion

The final Orientation Chapel of the school year was held on Tuesday morning, October 20, as Professor Frank Wright discussed the place of religion in college life. Using the familiar story in Matthew of the rich young ruler, Professor Wright based his talk on the passage, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you."

Said Professor Wright, "we must eliminate all other religions except Christianity, which alone has the principle of universality." Continuing on this thought, he later stated, "In college, youth finds itself awakened to the tremendous potentialities within itself, and becomes to the realization that it needs a restraining power outside of life."

Professor Wright pointed out that the rich young ruler's mistake lay in the fact that he had closed one avenue of his personality to the great Liberator, Christ. "We today need Christ to liberate us."

## RELIGIOUS WEEK

## Sunday Services

## Complete in Christ

"The only thing worth while in a sermon is the Word of God applied to your heart and conscience," said the Rev. Mr. Pitt Sunday morning, October 25. "According to Colossians 2: 10 we are complete in Christ, and if you are a saint, this completeness is yours. The dispensation of the gospel was for you, and you can understand it. What God gives to one Christian in privilege he gives to all. We therefore can have confidence that the Holy Ghost will make the things of the gospel real to us because He knows all about it."

## Isaiah's Vision

Isaiah's vision was the subject of the Rev. Mr. Pitt's sermon Sunday evening, October 25. He divided the narrative into three parts as follows: first, God and the creature in God's order; second, God and the creature in man's order, and last, God and the creature in God's order restored.

"The seraphim in the vision," said the pastor, "had the right concept of worship, for they were absorbed in the thought of God and His holiness and were humble and quick in their service for Him. The vision of the proper order of God and the creature showed Isaiah that he was not properly serving God. Then the voice called him, and after the impossible had been done for him, he, too, assumed the right relation with God. When we get a vision of God in his rightful place, we don't have to ask if we are right; our condition is evident, and God stands ready to make us right."

## Christian Heritage

The Rev. Mr. Miller continued his message Sunday evening in the young people's meeting concerning the heritage of a Christian. "The Christian," he said, "has salvation, assurance and growth. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to make real in you what Christ has purchased for you. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul frequently repeats the phrase 'in Christ'. According to Romans 8:9,10, we are in Christ when Christ is in us, and He is in us when we have received Him by believing on His name. Among the many things belonging to such a person which the Bible mentions are: life, the Son, witness, confidence, redemption, boldness, and access."

## More Than Conquerors

"We may be more than conquerors," said Prudence Sheffer Tuesday evening, October 27, as she led students' prayer meeting. "When one has escaped defeat by a narrow margin and has succeeded in winning a game, he is hardly conqueror. With the Spirit of Christ living in and thru us, we may be more than conquerors, because His power is not limited to small victories. The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it and are saved."

THREE NEW STUDENTS  
REGISTER IN COLLEGE

Three new students have registered since the beginning of the school year, all of them from Pittsburg, Pa. They are Wallace Silvis, John Jackson and Lawrence Marshall, who is taking graduate work. Jackson and Marshall belong to the Purple side while the Gold side has Silvis. We are glad to welcome these students into our midst.

## Evangelistic Student

## Thanksgiving Eyes

Out of the determination of the heart the eyes see. If you want to be gloomy, there is gloom enough to keep you glum. If you want to be glad, there is gleam enough to keep you glad. Say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Better lose count in enumerating your blessings than lose your blessings in telling your troubles.

—Mattie D. Babcock

## The Incomprehensible

"There are many things about God that I do not understand," Dr. Thomas E. Converse, long the editor of the *Christian Observer*, used to say. "I am glad that is true. He is infinite; I am finite. If I knew everything about Him, He would cease to be God to me. The very mystery of His being and of His work call forth the homage of my heart."

## Her Substitute

A poor, unlettered old woman was once accosted by a skeptic in the following way; "Well, Betty, so you are one of the saints, are you? Pray, what sort of folks are they and what do you know about religion?"

"Well, well," replied the woman, "you know, sir, I'm no scholar, so can't say much for the meaning of it; I only know I'm 'saved by grace,' and that's enough to make me happy here, and I expect to go to heaven by and by."

"Oh! that's all, is it? But surely you can tell us something better than that. What does being saved feel like?"

"Why it feels to me," said the Spirit-taught one, "just as if the Lord stood in my shoes, and I stood in His."

Happy old woman! Her witness was true.

—Sunday School Times

## The Ten Commandments

It was ascertained recently in New York City that of 55,000 below the age of sixteen who had fallen into the hands of the police, only one-sixth had ever heard of the Ten Commandments. When it was discovered that the criminal youth of New York were not familiar with the Ten Commandments, the same test was applied to the high school pupils, only to find that in one school, three-fourths could not write anything at all about them.

—Christian Faith and Life

All of our learning and science, our culture and our arts, will be of little avail unless they are supported by high character. A trained intelligence can do much, but there is no substitute for morality, character, and religious education. Unless these abide, American citizenship will be found unequal to its task.

—Calvin Coolidge

## Four Things

Four things a man must learn to do if he would keep his record true: To think, without confusion, clearly; To love his fellow-men sincerely; To act from honest motives purely; To trust in God and Heaven securely.

Henry Van Dyke, D.D.

## Verse for the Week

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation." Isaiah 12:2.



# These Foolish Things

Oscar, the office mouse, was squeaking again today. Domestic trouble in the waste basket. But no more perfumed letters. "No, sir," says Oscar, "that dangerous racket is no more . . . not around the Mouse family."

It seems that Matilda objects to all the noise that has been going on around here this week. Perhaps she had reasons for complaints. If the facts were known, ye olde editor has been on another of those weekly rampages. Even his beard has gone communistic. Then, in a moment of confidence, Oscar scampered across the floor to reveal the reason.

"It's like this," said Ossie, "Any man who has loved and lost has reason to be sad. Yesterday I heard a great commotion outside the walls of our abode. The foundations of our humble dwelling shook with the savage force of editorial injunctions and epithets until Matilda was almost ready to get out the Monkey-Ward catalogue and order one of those rain-proof, canvas cyclone tents."

"Ossie," she wailed, "stop biting your tail and do something!"

"Now I never could stand a woman's taunts (even the Houghton brand), and with twitching ears and dragging tail I crept down the side alley and peered cautiously around the corner. The storm had subsided. Ye editor was stretched mournfully upon the hard boards of the office table. Even the "cracks" offered him no relief.

"With the haunting look I acquired when Matilda used to chase me round and round the Publicity Office, I light-toed my way to a safe vantage point. Suddenly my Sherlock Holmes instinct was aroused. In front of me I espied what must be the clue to the whole situation. With a furtive look upward at the unconscious form above me, I began to read between the lines.

"Horrors!", I remarked disgustedly. To think that a STAR editor has come to such a sorry end. And all because he aimed to be a yatches-

"I looked closer and found that the scrap of paper clutched in the man before he took up Roughan.

grimy paw was no amorous epistolary extravagance. The very title glared forth from the page. And I resolved that to my friend the editor I would be untrue were I not to reveal the cause of his anguish to a waiting audience of gutter snoops.

In stentorian tones (Matilda had arrived with a shorthand notebook) I dictated the following as a memorable addition to my scrapbook:

## Theory of Education

S. Aloysius Pherbeterthingsky\*

"Edjashun as I see it", quote S. A. Pherbeterthingsky in his recent speech from the back steps of a University you never heard of. "is like so much apple pie with raisins in it. Let's see now, there is the raisin' of money first for the ejacashun. Then in the ejacashun there is the raisin' of questions what can't be answered. Then too there is raisin' of Cain by them of the more appreciative ejacashun seekers. Of course I ain't had much ejacashun myself, but that that I do have is, as you can see, plastered all over me. Both of my teachers evidently were Masons 'cuz they did a god job of plasterin'. When I received my degree of Bullosophy, a skrumshus feeling went coursing through my veins. I'm attelin' you that if you want that grand and glorious thrill that comes only from ejacashun, follow my advice. Now I tok my B.A. form a Red-head, my M.A. from a Brunette—the 'M' don't stand for muggin' either—and lastly my Ph.D. from a blonde who was Homan the range."

\* Alias Vance Carlson

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## Last Tales of Choir Tour

per Kettle wasn't exactly a reasonable place to eat, nor was it a very desirable one.

A little later we again made our way to the State Educational Building. But this time, the affair was quite different. An air of excitement and anticipation permeated the place. With quite a bit of trepidation, we made our way to our seats.

After the opening, we sang two of our best numbers. Walter Lippman, editor and author, and Dr. Albert Einstein, each delivered an address, and were followed with two more selections by the choir. Frank Groves, commissioner of Education, then conferred degrees on Dr. Lippman and Dr. Einstein.

Following the session the delegates and guests attended a reception tendered by the Board of Regents. For the choir members this was something to be remembered. We went in our choir robes, the first group to go through the receiving line. Shaking hands with Dr. Einstein, Owen D. Young, and Walter Lippman is a memory that will stay with us for a long time.

This was a very happy time for us. We all were saddened, however, at the thought that President Luckey was lying ill in a Plattsburg hospital. Our prayers went up for him then as they do now for a complete and speedy recovery.

OCTOBER 16

Today seemed to be a sort of anticlimax after last night's activity. Af-

ter an early breakfast, we boarded the bus to set out for Oswego Normal School. All of us were quite tired and the opportunity to relax was welcome. About 12:30 p.m. we arrived at the school and had our lunch in the cafeteria. We robed and were ready for our concert which proved to be well received. We also would have enjoyed singing the concert had it not been for the flies which kept buzzing around our faces.

After another mad rush for seats in the bus, we started for Auburn. Since we arrived there early, we slept on soft church benches. Many of the alumni were present at the dinner which preceded the concert. For the concert auditorium of the Fulton Street School was fairly well filled. Among the alumni present were Harriett Sartwell and Marvin Goldberg. Since this was the last concert of the fall choir tour, it was with mingled feelings that we started back to

## Soph-Frosh Debate

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to him by his opponents. However, the three things pointed out by Mr. Willett in his rebuttal which the affirmative must prove: (1) that capital punishment should be abolished, (2) that another solution should be proposed (3) that the proposed plan must be more effective than the present one, proved insurmountable.

The debate as a whole was well organized and well presented. The one-sided decision, while perfectly in order, gives no idea of the closeness of the contest.

## Corrine Cole Writes

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fast of coffee, rolls, butter (a real treat here), and jam.

When we arrived at the summit of the mountain, we found that a snowball game was in order. The miracle was that it was so warm that no extra clothing was needed. As a matter of fact, before the day was over, I acquired a brilliant sunburn. Of course one couldn't think of starting the descent until he had had tea in full view of the mountains and glaciers, and then climbed along the paths that wound their way among the beautiful "Alpin Rosen".

Among the treasures I collected, two of the most cherished I acquired at the Louvre—a Corot, "Paysage, Une Matinée", and a Henner, "La Liseuse", both of which now grace the walls of my apartment. Another treasure is a tiny glass Lily of the Valley in a dainty glass bowl, given as a farewell present. This is particularly significant in France, as a good-luck token conveying the very best wishes of the giver. On my bookcase sits a miniature of the cathedral of Strasbourg with its unfinished tower. It serves as a reminder of the sister cathedral in Paris, Rouen, Amiens and Beauvais.

If this rambling has made anyone anxious to hear more of a pleasant summer abroad, stop in at the apartment on the Hudson and we'll talk it over.

Sincerely yours,  
Corrine Cole ('29)  
Stony Point, New York

## Leonard Houghton

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have been a man of remarkable shrewdness and business ability, having been the leader of many business interests, and president of a large bank while in Peoria. In spite of the many affiliations which occupied his time, he always had a keen interest in Houghton College which was founded by his father. In addition to sending an annual donation for the Willard Houghton Memorial Library, he established a fund for the oratorical contest which takes place each year. His connections with Houghton can be traced back many years to the time when he was aiding his father in making the necessary improvements on the institution.

Every year he returned from his winter home in time for commencement, and usually spoke in one chapel exercise at that time. This fall, as he was about to leave on what proved to be his last trip south, he was heard to say, "I wish that I could stay until the students return."

His heart was with the school which he so loved. The students, in his passing, have lost a true friend.

At the age of 89 years, Monday, October 19, 1936, he died at the home of his daughter, Ruth, and was laid to rest two days later in the Houghton Cemetery.

An estate valued at \$15,000 has been admitted to probate in Surrogate Court in Belmont. According to the terms of the will the college is the largest beneficiary, receiving outright two Nebraska farms totaling four hundred and eighty acres, and in addition the use of interest money from funds in three Cleveland banks.

After the death of Mr. Houghton's two daughters, or their survivors, the college will also receive a further gift of real estate consisting of four farms in Illinois and one farm in the village of Houghton.

## Margaret Ashby in State Teacher's College, W. Va.

Miss Margaret Ashby of Newport News, Virginia, is attending Fredericksburg State Teacher's College this year. Margaret writes, "I've changed my course; now I have a minor in Music and a major in Physical Education." Concerning her professors she remarked, "my teachers are marvelous! Four of them have doctor's degrees." Margaret says that she's enjoying her work immensely and states that it is quite convenient to be able to go home for a weekend once in a while.

Pritchard Douglass ('35) visited Houghton, Sunday, Oct. 18.

## PERSONNEL OF THE SENIORS

### Wilfred Duncan

Little man, what now?

His first glimpse of this cruel, cold world came twenty-two years ago in the cozy little hamlet of Newfane, N. Y. The secondary education which he underwent at Lockport proved to him that "high school was school", so much so that he joined the ranks of the post graduates for a year.

Houghton was his wise choice of college. We are all glad he chose as he did, and are exceedingly proud of his accomplishments, although he prefers to say nothing about them.

Wilfred Duncan was the circulation manager of the STAR last year; this year he is taking care of the financial end of our paper. All through college he has worked in the publicity office of the school. As subscription manager of the Boulder last year, "Dunc" was especially efficient. For three years he has taken an active part in the Expression and the Pre-Medic clubs. To the STAR readers he makes this statement: "Houghton has had a good influence on my life in many ways. It has widened my experience, giving me a brighter outlook on life."

But as to the "what now", Mr. Duncan will be with us the remainder of the year, and after graduation he plans to teach science. The student body joins with the faculty in wishing him even greater success in the professional world than he has enjoyed at Houghton.

### Wesley Churchill

Vice presidents seldom receive recognition for their office. When John Nance Garner's name breaks into newspaper headlines, it's news. And probably few students know who is vice president of the senior class.

Wesley Ames Churchill, who holds that office, was born in Boston, New York, in November, 1915. (Due to the fact that November of this year is nearly here, Mr. Churchill did not care to divulge the exact date.) After four years in West Valley High School, he came to Houghton College.

Last year "Wes" was a member of the Student Council and advertising manager of the Boulder. He is a member of the Forensic Union, and has been prominent in base ball and basket ball during his four years here.

After graduation Mr. Churchill plans to enter the teaching profession with a preference of Science and Mathematics. As far as preferences however, he admitted that he would rather hunt or raise bees.

"The most important contributions of Houghton College to my life", he stated, "are the friends I have gained here."

# Sportorials

The touch football series was concluded last Wednesday afternoon when the "Black Sheep" won the championship by defeating the frosh 6-0. The final results of the series show the "Black Sheep" in first place and a three-way tie for second place between the seniors, frosh, and high school. The sophs hold fourth place with three defeats, and the juniors take the cellar with no victories.

It is felt that the series this year was a big success both from the standpoint of interest and class spirit and from the consideration of team play.

## Juniors—High School

The high school ran up the largest score of the series when they downed the juniors 20 to 0. Out-gained and out-played, the juniors were no match for the fast, tricky academy team. The losers displayed their best football in the first half by keeping the seminary forces scoreless until the latter part of the period. The first touchdown resulted from a short pass, Sellman to Eyer.

In the second half the academy offense began to function smoothly, and with a bewildering succession of runs and passes scored two more touchdowns. Eyer, after making a long end run, crossed the goal line untouched for the second score of the game. The try for extra point was successful on a pass from Sellman to Paine. This combination clicked again for the final touchdown, and a pass to McCarty in the end zone gave the high school the extra point.

## Black Sheep—Frosh

Last Wednesday, the thundering herd of "Black Sheep" defeated the freshmen in a championship encounter. Since on several occasions both teams had a touchdown within their grasp, this final game presented many thrills.

At the very outset of the game, the "Black Sheep" threatened to score on a delayed pass to Gant who was running unguarded. The pass, however, was not completed, and the "Black Sheep" did not realize their touchdown until later in the period. The only score was made on a perfect pass from Dunkel to Bedford who caught the ball while running in the end zone.

In the second half, the frosh threw every possible resource into the game but were unsuccessful in their drive. Although they had possible victory within their reach at one time, they failed to score. Blauvelt took the ball on an end run, and after gaining several yards, threw a pass to Belden who was open in the end zone. Belden, however, missed the catch, and the ball was transferred to the "Black Sheep" on the twenty-yard stripe.

From then on, the teams wavered up and down the field until the final whistle. The outstanding performers for the losers were Morris in the backfield, and Mix and Simon on the line. Dunkel, Whybrew, and Bedford were the best for the victors.

## FINAL STANDING OF TEAMS

	W	L	Pct.
Black Sheep	4	1	.800
Seniors	3	2	.600
Freshmen	3	2	.600
High School	3	2	.600
Sophomores	2	3	.400
Juniors	0	5	.000