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Rev. Churchill Closes Fruitful Revival Services

WKBW Gives Account Over
The Air

Those who listened to Station WKBW on Sunday evening heard a very appreciative account of Rev. Clinton H. Churchill's recent visit to Houghton. The speaker called it a glorious meeting, emphasized the receptive attitude of the student and the large response to the call of the Gospel, and spoke appreciatively of the hospitality which Mr. Churchill found here.

Those whose ears are open to the remarks of the sixty or more persons who received definite spiritual help in the service conducted by Rev. Churchill are hearing other grateful account of the meeting. This three-day ministry on the Holy Spirit and on faith, having been preceded by a very earnest preaching of God's requirements of righteousness and of the compassion of Jesus, was blessed by the very gratifying results we have alluded to. The harvest from the plowing and sowing and cultivation done in the preceding days and weeks and months was gathered by a master reaper.

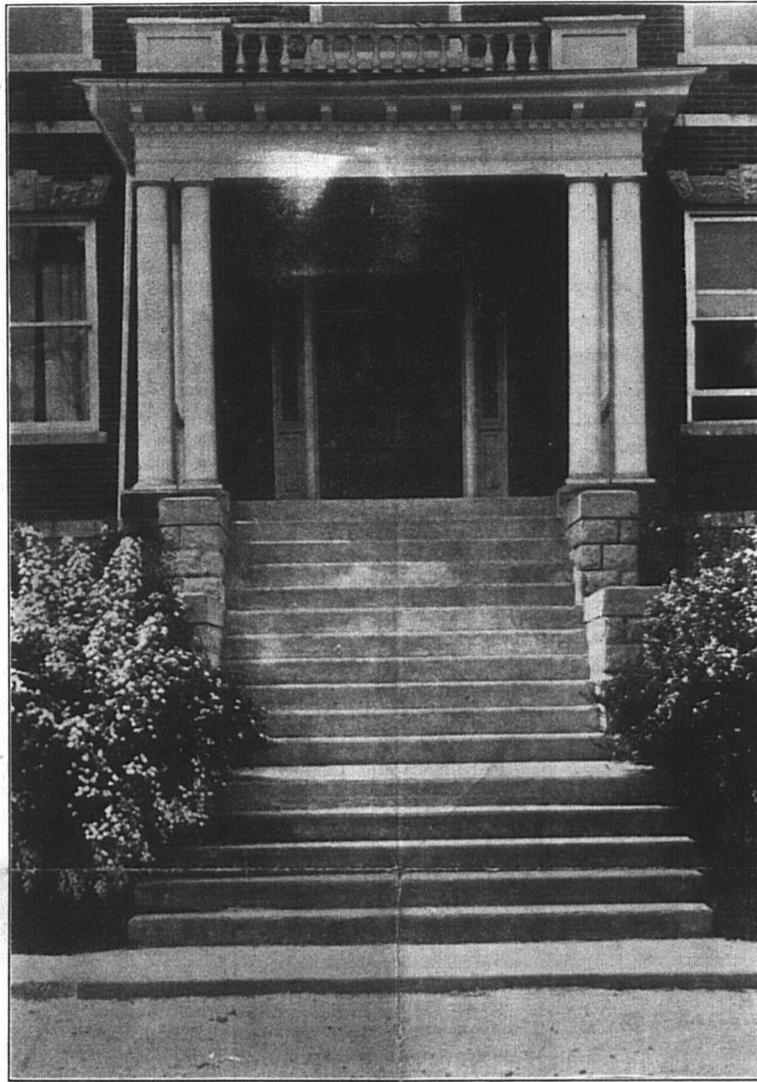
Among the outstanding impressions made by Rev. Churchill was the perfect naturalness of religion. For four men to bring another to Jesus for healing seemed the most ordinary thing to do. To tell others about Jesus seemed simple. He made us feel that religion is something for daily and hourly use and blessing. Students were heard to remark that never before did it seem so easy to talk about Christ.

The theme for the evening services was: faith. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings he used as his scripture the story of the four men bringing the man sick of the palsy to Jesus. Mark 2. His text was: "When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee," emphasizing on Wednesday the faith of the four and on Thursday, the forgiving of sins.

On Wednesday evening he said in part: "The gospel is the most attractive message the world hears. As the President of the Columbia Broadcasting System told me the other day, 'We are forced to admit that the real simple gospel message preached positively, brings in as big an applause as anything that goes on the air.' The churches are empty not because the gospel has driven them away but because we haven't preached the gospel.

"In this chapter we read about four men bringing one man to Jesus. They uncovered the roof where Jesus was. Why don't you remove every thing that separates you from Jesus? When Jesus saw their faith—four men of faith bringing one man of affliction to Jesus, the great healer—he said, thy sins be forgiven thee.

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Purple Stages A Come Back To Win 29-26

Gold Led at Half by a Score
Of 17-13

Even the keenest of basketball critics about the College are wondering. Yes, wondering how it all happened as it did. That real spirit of the Purple was burning in every player. They saw the glory of victory more than ever after the first half. Who were they to say that it could not be done? They knew, to win, they must do what wins all games, play basketball each and every second. They did it. Yes! and won a glorious victory.

The game started with a fine demonstration of guarding. About three minutes were played before a field goal was scored. The Gold scored a foul shot then the Purple drove in the first field goal, a clever play on the part of Pete Albro. The Purple was somewhat broken in confidence because two of their players had three personals in the first half, Folger and Albro. The Gold took advantage of this and at quarter time they were leading 8-2.

In the second quarter the Gold scored nine points and the Purple one foul shot. Flint was leading the attack for the Gold in the first half. "Bob" Folger was lost through personal fouls in this quarter. The score at half time saw the Gold leading 17-3. It surely looked good for the Gold. But another half must be played.

The second half started. Farnsworth dove in three times and took Jim's tip-off and Nelson scored two baskets and Albro one in the first minute of play. The Gold were amazed and somewhat affected. The Purple continued to score with ease. In this quarter the Gold scored three points and the Purple fourteen. The score now was Gold only 20 and the Purple 17. The outcome is very much in doubt just now. But I think the Purple have an understanding as to what it will be.

What a quarter that last ten minutes was. The Purple tied the score at twenty all. The spectators were just a little noisy. The Gold scored a basket to take the lead again but only for a few seconds. The Purple scored a foul and then a field goal for a one point lead. The Purple saw victory just a few minutes away. The Gold surprised the crowd momentarily and dropped in a basket to give them the lead for the last time. Farnsworth scored a foul to tie the score at 24 all. Farnsworth again trying a long one finds the meshes and the Purple are leading by a basket. Miller drops in a foul. Three points ahead! Just a few minutes left. Flint scores for the Gold and Farnsworth again for the Purple. The Purple had accomplished a most unusual task.

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Expression Club Gives Sacred Program

On the evening of March 2 a sacred program was given by the Expression Club in the Chapel. Seeking to bring out the theme of Christ as our Saviour, the members put on a splendid program of music and readings which dealt with their theme.

At the beginning of the program Elsie Chind led in prayer and read the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah for Scripture reading. Edith Stearns then sang a solo entitled "The Love of God." The old favorite hymn, "Ivory Palaces" was sung as a duet by Miss Zimmerman and Henning Turnell. "St. John, the Aged" was a poem given as a reading by Inez Huffington, after which a trio, Lyle Donnelly, Wenona Ware, and Clifford Williams, played "In the Garden" on guitars. Next on the program was a reading entitled "The Last Hymn" given by Olive Benning. Because of the condition of her throat Miss Zimmerman was unable to sing a solo, and the Hawthorn sisters sang next. "Have Thy way." The closing number of the program was a duet sung by Malcolm Cronk and Willard Smith, "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Rev. and Mrs. Norman Have Chapel Service

On Tuesday, March 3, Reverend and Mrs. Norman conducted our chapel exercises. Mrs. Norman favored the student body with three selections on her vibrophone: "For You I am Praying", "Jesus Saves," and "Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet."

Reverend Norman then brought us a message from Acts 2:1-4. He spoke concerning the Pentecostal candidates or the twelve disciples; the Pentecostal conditions—the disciples were gathered in the upper room and were waiting for the Holy Spirit. It was here that the natural and the supernatural met, and the Pentecost consequences. The Holy Spirit brought God and man into closer communion. God made Himself known to man on Mount Sinai. Later He came into the Holy of Holies. Now in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit He comes in spiritual presence to the individual heart.

Tuesday Prayer Service Inspiring

The regular hour for Students' Prayer Service, on Tuesday, was given over to Rev. and Mrs. Norman, evangelists from Chicago, who have recently been holding meetings at the Olean Wesleyan Methodist Church. As the beginning of the hour, some time was spent in a short but inspirational praise service. Many of those who received definite help in the recent special meetings were quick to tell of their newly-found Friend. After Mrs. Norman's much-appreciated contribution on the vibrophone of "Rock of Ages" and "Out of the Ivory Palaces", Rev. Norman brought an evangelistic message.

The text of the talk was found in II Kings 6:1-7, which tells of how Elisha, when an axe head had been lost in the Jordan river, cut down a stick, cast it in the river, and the iron swam. Jesus Christ is symbolized by the stick which Elisha used. Jesus Christ, the branch of David lifts three things: the law of guilt and condemnation, carnality, and the sting of death. The ability of Christ to raise humanity from helplessness and hopelessness to hopefulness and possibility shows the transcendence of gospel grace.

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Collegiate Sam Says:

The only time when some students are on time to classes is when their watches run too fast.

COLLEGE DAYS

"There e'er will be a golden haze
Around those dear old college days."

Dear old college days, indeed! We college students do not yet realize just what they mean to us. In a few years with our college days past and our college friends scattered we too will begin to sing the praises of the dear old college days in Houghton.

While we are still in a collegiate institution there are many things that we can do to make our school days more worthwhile. We can cooperate with the other students and faculty to keep the ideals and standards of the school high. We can make our Alma Mater a better school by throwing ourselves into her activities and giving of our time and our initiative. We can help to build up a school spirit which will draw the alumni of the college into closer fellowship with the school.

A college is not made up of empty buildings and a beautiful campus, no matter how extensive or how beautiful these may be. It is the vitally alive student group who rush through its halls and who tread its campus that make the college. The very spirit of college is within these young people who are seeking something above the ordinary from life. College! Alma Mater! What a thrill to these words. Now? Yes, but a greater thrill and a more delightful memory as the years mellow the experiences and make of them only happy memories rubbed smooth from all the petty things and leaving only the beautiful memory of your Alma Mater and your dear old college chums.

GREETINGS

- Russell Frase—March 1 0
- Vivian Bunnell—March 13
- Wilfred Robinson—March 13
- Marion Hewitt—March 14
- Harry King—March 14

HOOS HOO

Reconstruct in your imagination a tall person with black curly hair, sparkling dark eyes, and a keen mind with a decided mathematical bent. This person is noted for his independence and absolute (?) indifference to other people's opinions.
Lask Week—Rachel Davison.

ALUMNI NEWS

Mr. Howard Bain visited Saturday classes.

Mr. Joe Kemp was in Houghton Saturday.

Mr. Hollis Stevenson and Miss Marjorie Donley were seen in Houghton Saturday.

News of the marriage of Miss Verna Stear and Mr. Joseph Clinfelter on February 11, 1931 was reported to a member of the Star staff recently. The Staff joins with the many friends in wishing them congratulations and best wishes for the future.

On January 13, 1931 Robert Hess was ordained to Christian ministry in the fellowship of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The STAR extends congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. (Viola Roth) Hess are now engaged in teaching in Beulah Beach Training School and the former is serving as pastor in a nearby appointment. They are enjoying their work and the Lord's blessing upon them.

STUDENT BODY ELECTS

Monday after chapel the Student Body held their annual election of student body officers. Those elected are:

- President—George Wolfe
- Vice-Pres.—Margaret Ackerman
- Secretary—Eileen Hawn
- Treasurer—Howard Dietrich

Purple - Gold Games

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If you are Purple be there to-night. If you are Gold be there to-night. Make it your duty to keep the spirit of your team strong. Just cheer that's all.

PURPLE GIRLS WIN

The Purple girls easily won over the Gold girls. Vid Stevens was starring for the Purple netting 15 points. The Final score was Purple 25—Gold 9.

	Boys			
	fg	fp	tp	pf
Albro, F	3	2	8	3
Farnsworth, F	5	2	12	3
Nelson, C	2	1	5	0
Miller, C	0	2	2	1
Folger, G	0	0	0	4
Fero, G	0	0	0	0
Ayer, G	1	0	2	3
Totals	11	7	29	14

	Gold			
	fg	fp	tp	pf
Vogan, F	1	1	3	3
Flint, F	6	3	15	3
Fisk, C	1	0	2	4
Dolan, C	0	0	0	0
Roth, G	1	0	2	3
Frank, G	1	2	4	2
Totals	10	6	26	15

Purple: won 2, lost 2.
Gold: won 2, lost 2.

	GIRLS			
	fg	fp	tp	pf
Congdon	2	1	5	2
Coe	0	0	0	0
Stevens	7	1	15	1
Minnis	0	0	0	0
Ackerman	1	0	2	0
Fisk	1	0	3	4
Lisk	0	0	0	0
Kissinger	0	0	0	1
Totals	11	3	25	8

	Gold			
	fg	fp	tp	pf
Harbeck	0	3	3	1
Davies	1	0	2	0
Hewitt	1	0	2	0
Moore	0	0	0	2
Matthews	1	0	2	3
Totals	3	3	9	6

Purple: won 3, lost 1.
Gold: won 1, lost 3.

HOUGHTON HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kissinger visited their daughter, Ruth, Sunday.

Edna Roberts has been called home because of her mother's illness.

Louisa Brown spent the week-end in Rochester, N. Y.

Ruth Frank visited at Buffalo Saturday and Sunday.

Wenona Carter and Wenona Ware went home with Aleene M. Schaus for the week-end.

Louise Minnis went home with Christine VanHoesen for the week-end.

Harold Woodard spent a few days at his home in Wellsburg, Pa. recently.

Edith Stearns, Bernice Davie, Isabelle and Eileen Hawn helped in the service at Black Creek, Sunday morning.

Dr. Walter Stevenson after attending the Buffalo Dental Convention spent the week-end with his sons at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Vincent of Rochester.

High School Notes

The Light Bearers

The time for the reelection of officers is near. This election marks an epoch in the organization, for it will be necessary that many of those who were instrumental in beginning the organization shall pass off the scene of action; the reason for this is that many of the present officers are Seniors. However, there are many who are capable of going on with the work. There is no need to fear that this epoch will prove to be a crisis. The old regime of officers will give place to new officers, who will carry on the work with, it is hoped, renewed spirit.

During the revival services new members were added to the organization. New support is being evidenced. Though the Light Bearer organization is primarily a High School group, yet a great deal of support and help is obtained outside the Seminary. This is evidenced best in the Sunday afternoon services.

The organization is glad to announce that the Rev. Cooley, pastor of the Free Methodist Church of Rushford, will speak next Sunday afternoon. Come and enjoy the service!

Dear Pal

To know your jolly comradeship
When happiness is nigh,
To know your sweet comradeship
When drowsy hours go by,
To feel your loving friendship when
The storm clouds fill my sky—
This is the joy you give me
O loving pal o' mine.
To share your interest and joys
And live within your smile,
To know your silence but means love
And quiet be awhile,
To lift some burden from your back
And go the second mile—
This is the joy I find with you
O lovely pal o' mine.
Exchange.

We have some very proper young ladies about. Why, there are some who wouldn't even accompany a young man on the piano without a chaperon.

Teacher in class: I forgot my class book this morning. I wish that any one who isn't here would speak up.

Jim Fisk Signs Up

The one question that seems to fill the minds of the Seniors at present is, "Will I ever find a job?"

This question has been settled for at least one of the Seniors. James Fisk has signed up to teach Science and Mathematics and coach athletics in Silver Springs High School for the coming year. Congratulations, Jim, we don't blame you for grinning from ear to ear. Wish a few more could grin.

Churchill Speaks At Chapel Services

It was our privilege on Thursday and Friday of last week to have as our chapel speaker, the Reverend Clinton H. Churchill of the Churchill Evangelistic Tabernacle. His topic for both messages was "The Power of the Holy Ghost."

When John the Baptist was preaching concerning the Christ who was to follow him, he said, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Later just before Christ's ascension when the disciples were gathered together they asked Him, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"—And He said unto them, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

The Spirit of God has always been. In the beginning of time, the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Later before the deluge the voice of the Lord was heard saying "My Spirit shall not always strive with men." In the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the trinity deals with every individual. He convinces men of sin. He brings victory and triumph for every man and woman who give Christ the right of way.

The power of the Holy Spirit is likened to electricity. When all is in order and contacts are made, there is power. When the contact is broken, the power is gone. The Holy Spirit is also a purifying power. This power came to the disciples at Pentecost. As a result of that baptism of power, men may walk and talk with Christ.

Bro. Churchill continued the theme on Friday. The Spirit was poured out at Pentecost. The Christian ideal is the highest known by man. However, it is not alone this great Ideal that plagues Christianity above other religions. It is the power to attain to that high Ideal. Jesus Christ calls men to be witnesses. They are to be Christ to the world; they are so to live that men with whom they come in contact may see the Christ that dwelleth in them. They are called not to transform the world or to reform society, but to witness to the world concerning Jesus Christ. A witness testifies to that which he actually knows. The Holy Ghost is the power of testimony. Jesus said, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." John 17:20.

—Round steak, madam?
—The shape doesn't interest me so long as it's tender.

The Younger Triumph

Richard Gregory rushed into the house; threw his school books on the table and stood looking down at his brother Malcolm who was absorbed in the evening paper.

"Well, how is it, old top? Have you heard from Senator Knight yet? You have been looking rather worried lately; afraid the appointment won't come? Why Mal, you are the last fellow on earth that should worry for you are one of those fellows who was born under a lucky star. What if there are two hundred fellows after that appointment to West Point. Not one of them will have a chance with you around." This outburst of enthusiasm was met only by the steady, cool eyes of Malcolm who had taken his eyes off the paper for only a minute. By the expression on Malcolm's face one could see that Richard got on his nerves. He loved his brother but it seemed to him that Richard was forever raving about something. Malcolm looked up from his paper and was just ready to tell Richard to stop his chatter when their father entered the room.

"Good evening boys." He kindly addressed them both but his gaze fell on Malcolm. "My son, words will never express how proud I am of you. I heard while at the office that you had received the appointment." He had hardly finished his sentence when Richard bounded across the room and fairly pulled his brother out of his chair.

"Good governor, Mal, why take it so calmly? One would think you were going to the electric chair instead of to West Point. Come on, let's celebrate." Mr. Gregory watched the two boys and noticed Malcolm sink back into his chair with a rather bored expression, but his countenance lighted when he saw his father smiling down at him.

Malcolm looked up at Richard and announced in those formal, unfeeling tones, "Yes, Dick, I received word from Washington today that I should report at West Point, July first, but I see no reason why I should become excited over that." Mr. Gregory smiled again, for it was Malcolm's cool, self possession that made him his father's favorite. The father thought Richard was too emotional and too ready to take risks. He knew Richard had the better disposition of the two but Malcolm had the poise and bearing of a great man.

Richard began to ask all kinds of questions faster than anyone could answer them, when Sarah, the cook, announced dinner. The three men leisurely made their way into a beautifully furnished dining room, well in keeping with an old southern homestead. The meal was served in true old-fashioned style by Sarah, who had for many years served these three men. The meal was eaten in more silence than usual. Malcolm had been watching his father who seemed to be thinking very deeply but Malcolm never said a word. Finally the silence became too pronounced for Richard.

"Well, why don't you or Dad say something? I thought I would keep quiet once and let you talk." Richard noticed that a pained expression crossed his father's face. "Dad, what is the trouble with you? You don't look very happy."

Mr. Gregory laid his fork down on the plate and looked directly at the two boys. First at the tall form of Malcolm with his dark wavy hair and eyes that looked black and then

he turned to Richard who was slightly shorter than Malcolm but who had dark curly hair, but whose eyes were as blue as Malcolm's were brown. "I am very happy, my boys, but I have been thinking all evening of how wonderful it would be if your dear mother could be here tonight and see her two boys. She knew you only as little lads. She had always prayed that you would grow to be strong in body and great in soul. If she were here and could see your success, Malcolm, I know she would weep for joy."

That evening before the open fireplace, after the boys had retired, Mr. Gregory lived over the scenes of the boys' childhood when their mother was living. Why it was that God had taken her so soon he did not know, unless it was to make him a better father to his children. Forty years before her death he had been too much occupied climbing to the peak of financial success in real estate business, to spend much time with his boys. Since that time he and his sons had become bosom friends. He must now come to some definite solution as to what would be best for Malcolm. It had been over a year since he graduated from high school. Mr. Gregory had taken him into his real estate office just for the experience of mingling with men. He sat there thinking to himself. "It is now May, and Malcolm has to report the first of July. The boy ought to be in school these two months. I believe there is a West Point Preparatory School a few miles from the Academy—Cornwall, that's right I'll send him there." His shoulders drooped and his head bowed as he thought of what an empty home it would be without Malcolm. "It's my duty and I will make it as easy as possible for him," he thought as he rose and snapped out the lights on his way to bed.

A few mornings later found Malcolm on the train fast speeding toward Cornwall. He had no fear or dread of what lay before him for life always dealt kindly with him.

His two month's stay at Cornwall showed him what would be expected of him when it came to Academic and military life. He cringed under the strict discipline at times but made no protests. As he made his way down the Hudson, he saw massive grey stone buildings looming up among the hills. They resembled magnificent ancient castles. After a week of confusion he became more settled and was able to distinguish which building was the dinner hall and which one was the library. The months of July and August were spent in hard military drill. The Freshmen were the only men on the campus. All other Cadets were away on vacations. With September came the upper classmen and life no longer was peaceful for the Freshmen. At any moment a frightened "youngster" would be compelled to tie a Cadet's shoe string or brush his uniform. The "youngsters" needed to be taught to obey orders. Malcolm had never been able to see the bright side of life and military discipline was making him feel hard toward everyone. Things were not coming his way as they did at home. The Academic work was very difficult and he knew that by failing one examination he would be dismissed. The discipline strained his endurance to the limit but never once did he write home anything but that life was easy.

At home Mr. Gregory and Richard went about their work very much the same. At least, the father thought

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Dear Count:
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Salesman Sid.

Dear Sid:
Never mind. If business is flat on its back, it's at least looking up.
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Dear Count:
Do you know why the students are striking for shorter hours?
Prof. Beck.

Dear Prof:
Because they always did think sixty minutes was too long for an hour.
Count de Coupons.

Dear Count:
Why does a duck take to water?
Lima Beans.

Dear Lima:
For diver's reasons.
Count de Coupons.

Dear Count:
Could you suggest a short poem for me to use in a contest?

Dear Lazy:
The best I can do for you is:
Title: Cooties.
Poem: Adam Hadum.
Count de Coupons.

Dear Count:
What can I do for that lousy feeling?
Lousy Imp.

Dear Imp:
Scratch.
Count de Coupons.

Revival Services

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You who are going out of a Christian College, the greatest call in the world is the call to bring me to Jesus Christ. Four men can frequently be seen carrying one man to a hospital, to jail, to the polls, to the Sunday golf course, away from church, but seldom to church. Let us bring a few people to the Lord Jesus Christ. But before we can do that, we must know Him, and to know Him, we must part company with the world "I will make you fishers of men."
"The four men were men of faith faith tested by difficulty. Further, they give us a fine example of team work—a quality which the Protestant church needs almost more than anything else. They worked together unselfishly, with humility, unitedly, and determinately. The cream of our young men and women are out in worldliness because we have not had faith in Jesus and have refused to take our place at the corner of the cot. Undying love for the souls of our fellowmen and a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ always wins."

In the Thursday evening sermon some very suggestive and helpful statements were made: "In Jesus' treatment of this case, he did not do the popular thing; hence the people

murmured against him. He did the right thing; he smote the cause, sin. I believe the man was longing in his inmost soul for spiritual healing. With many of us, the spiritual life is sick of the palsy. We blame our circumstances, we blame others, we blame God. Only one thing is to blame: sin. There is one cure: forgiveness. The moral conditions of forgiveness are severe: self-examination, contrition, and confession. Come face to face with the thing in your living that is wrong. Look at yourself, as it were through the eyes of Jesus. Have a broken spirit and a contrite heart, and definitely lay your sins before God. God is holy, he calls us to holiness, and He gives us His Spirit that we may come."

On Friday evening the text was: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1 "Faith is dependence on the veracity of another person. For Christian faith, three things are necessary: knowledge, assent, laying hold. There is not one in this audience but has knowledge enough to be saved, there are very few who will not admit but that they believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. There are very few real atheists in the world. But Christ tells us to "come boldly unto the throne of grace," and very few come boldly and obtain mercy. That is why we have so many half-starved Christians. Ye can have all the grace you need when you need it. Some of these people in the Christian church remind me of a person who has a million dollars in the bank and lives on a dollar a day.

"We have many people who think that faith is an inward looking to oneself. Faith is the eye of the soul looking out and trusting in God. Folks measure God by fallible men. Why do you always see the ten hypocrites in the church and pass the ninety righteous by? 'Cursed be the man that puts his trust in man.' 'Put not your trust in princes nor in the son of man in whom there is no help.' 'Have faith in God.' God shows us in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews a long line of heroes of faith and then says in Chapter twelve, 'Looking unto Jesus.' It is not faith in a dogma, but in Christ, who was slain for our offenses and raised again for our justification."

The Younger Triumph

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it was much the same. Richard had suggested to him some months before that he would like to try for the appointment to Annapolis for the coming year and asked if he wouldn't help him as he had Malcolm. Mr. Gregory discouraged him from the first. "Richard, no, I will not help you. I don't want you to go away from home. No one knows what you would get into before the year was up. I always want to be where I can advise you. I want you to get that silly notion out of your head and be satisfied to stay here."

Richard did not know exactly how to take his father but he was sure his father couldn't mean that he didn't trust him. He only laughed and slapped his father on the shoulder. "All right, Dad, you know best." But down in his heart it wasn't all right. He wanted to prove to his father that he could do something. Malcolm was not going to be the only distinguished member of the family. Without another word to his father he set about his task. It was the first of May and there was no time to lose. He wrote to Senator

Willis and made application for the appointment. The secretary wrote him that she feared he was too late with his application but that did not discourage him. Three weeks later was Memorial Day and he would have a day off from school. "I know what I'll do. I'll go down and see Mr. Willis myself. My father won't need to know a thing about it. I can get a train out of here about seven in the morning; get to the home of Senator Willis about noon and come home on the six o'clock train that evening." He did as he planned and at two o'clock in the afternoon he was knocking at the Senator's door. The butler admitted him and Richard extended his name card saying he had a very important message to deliver Senator Willis. The butler looked at him a few minutes and left without saying a word. In a few minutes Richard was led into the reception hall and there was met by a tall gray-haired man. Kindness and welcome was expressed by the hearty hand shake he gave the boy who stepped eagerly forward.

"Well, my boy, I am told you have an important message for me. Take a seat."

"Yes, Senator Willis, I came to talk with you concerning my appointment to Annapolis. You see my father doesn't think I am the kind of a fellow that would fit in a Naval Academy. By talking with you I thought maybe you could tell me whether there was any use of me trying for the appointment. I will work the hardest of the two hundred men that are after that appointment if you say that I could fit into Naval life." All of this was said in a moment of time and Senator Willis could only stare at the lad.

"My boy, you impress me as being able for anything you undertake, but it is very strange that you should come from such a distance to ask me such a simple question. With all my years of being senator, I never before had any of the boys come and talk to me personally. I am glad you came Richard; it shows you are interested. I will think the matter over and send you word in a few days". After Richard had gone, Senator Willis sat in his chair thinking "Well, now that's queer. There is the biggest football game of the year being played in that boy's city today, and yet he takes a train and comes down here to ask me if I think he is fitted for the Naval Academy! It was the week of Richard's graduation when an official letter came.

Richard opened the envelope with shaking fingers but after reading the first line a broad smile spread over his face and he handed the letter to his father.

Mr. Richard Gregory, Mobile, Ala.

Dear Sir:
Upon recommendation from Senator Willis we admit you into the United States Naval Academy, September first, 1922.

Before entering you will be obliged to take an entrance examination. This will occur on July first.

Very truly yours,
John Knox.

Secretary of the Navy.

After his father had finished the letter, Richard noticed a surprised yet pleased expression come over the older man's face. "You didn't think I could do it, did you Dad?"—M. P.

An Unbroken School Year

At this time in the school year, those engaged in the business of education may well consider the great losses that are brought about by dividing the school year into two terms, instead of keeping it intact as one unit year of instruction. It is no real exaggeration to say that at least a full month of the school year is lost because of this arrangement: a week is needed for the special mid-year examination, another week to mark the papers and record the grades, and then at least two more weeks for the reorganization of the new classes.

This loss of time, however, is of minor significance in comparison to the loss in quality of teaching that is brought about by dividing the responsibility for the carrying out of the year's work between two groups of teachers. Most subjects take a year to cover. If a class were entirely handled by one teacher in the sub-

ject, he could be held responsible for the class's knowledge in that subject. He could lay out plans at the beginning of the term to be carried out consistently throughout the year in the learning of the subject. The teaching of a subject would be a creative task which he would carry through from beginning to end, and from the carrying through of which he would derive the satisfaction that all complete creative achievement gives.

With the responsibility divided, however, there is no plan and little pride in achievement. The teacher of the first term in the subject does not feel the responsibility of bringing the students to the final examination. The teacher of the second term complains that the students have been poorly prepared in the first half of the work, and that he cannot be held responsible for the work of the course as a whole.

Now that teachers are paid better salaries, a greater sense of responsibility and achievement may well be expected of them. Nor are they at all unwilling to accept the responsibility. The break-up of the school year, however, into two parts forbids this sense of responsibility and creative achievement ever taking a real hold of them.

If the school year were undivided, standards in the subjects might be a great deal higher. Our educational system could gain 20 per cent in efficiency, strength and character with no loss whatsoever—merely by abandoning the wasteful habit of breaking up the school year into two parts. It might involve some difficulty to reorganize the school system on the one-year unit plan, but the educational gains would well warrant meeting these difficulties.

David Goodman.
—New York Times, Feb. 14, 1931.

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