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## Varsity Lose to Elmira College

### Elmira Girls Get Unanimous Decision over Local Team.

Elmira, to some of our ambitious young gentlemen, has become a place to be sought out and included, if possible, in every itinerary. Two very attractive young ladies suddenly appeared in our midst Wednesday evening, and graciously received the unanimous decision in a debate with our local boys represented by Paul Allen and Malcolm Cronk. The girls, Miss Louise Harder and Miss Ruth Van Duesen of Elmira College upheld the affirmative of the proposition: "Resolved that a system of socialized medicine shall be established according to the principles set up in the Wilbur report by state or federal government."

Miss Harder, the first speaker of the affirmative, declared that she and her colleague would show that there is a need for a change in our medical set up and that socialized medicine would remedy the present situation. Quoting statistics Miss Harder carefully explained that present costs of medical care are too high, so high, that even though three and a half million dollars are paid annually to practicing physicians, fifty million of our people are without medical attention of any kind; that out of thirty dollars spent for health services only one goes for prevention of disease. Further, she pointed out that through maldistribution of doctors and overlapping of equipment a great inefficiency exists. Numerous hospitals have large numbers of empty beds and equipment such as x-ray machines operate at a minimum capacity, yet millions, ill and diseased go without attention. The uneven distribution of specialists is a patent factor in rendering many people helpless in case of serious sickness. "Surely," Miss Harder concluded "we must not ignore such a condition; we must act at once."

The negative side opened their case by Mr. Allen's side opened that advancement in medical science in the last one hundred thirty five years which has resulted in a very material reduction of the death rate. Mr. Allen contended that present conditions do not warrant such a drastic change as that advocated by the affirmative.

Miss Van Duesen then came forward with the affirmative plan. All medical services would be grouped around hospitals and all health services would be available by the public at any time. A tax levied for the support of the hospitals and personnel would prove much cheaper for the average citizen, and he would have excellent health facilities at his disposal. The physician would benefit. No longer would he be concerned about collecting bills, for his income would be assured. Equipment would be operated at maximum efficiency. The outstanding men in the field could spend their time in well equipped research laboratories. Then Miss Van Duesen gave illustrations of this type of medical care in certain localities of United States where it had worked and is working very efficiently.

The second constructive speaker for the negative, Mr. Cronk, attempted to reveal that a system of

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## Date of Literary Contest Extended

The closing date of the literary contest is being postponed until April 19. This gives almost three weeks extra time to polish material already in hand or to get inspiration for something new. Spring vacation ought to be a good time for literary inspiration, and surely it provides the leisure necessary.

The Owls club is hoping to put out a *Lantern* this year in order to publish the pieces receiving first place in 1934 and in 1935. This is an added incentive to painstaking work.

Two or three cautions might not be out of place. All work must be wholly original, or if material is taken from others, proper credit given. Pseudonyms are preferred instead of signs. Ten cents should be paid by each contestant to cover the cost of postage required to send material to judges.

## Australian Gives Lecture on Bible

Houghton was particularly favored by an introduction to the Rev. Mr. I. Sale-Harrison in a special chapel service Tuesday, March 19. This eminent Bible teacher is a native of Sidney, Australia, and, with his wife, makes extensive tours lecturing and teaching. At present he is holding a series in Rev. Dean Bedford's church in Rochester, from which he came by special request to meet Houghton's student body.

His English accent and extreme gentility won the favor of the audience at once, and it was with rapt attention that the message, based upon the scientific accuracy of the Bible, was received. "Modernists," he said, "have never contradicted the geography of the Bible—there is never an inaccuracy—it is no wonder that we can rely upon all things in it. So live in reference to the Bible that people believe that you accept it in your life as well as in your heart."

From his store of experiences in Palestine Mr. Harrison illustrated the many proofs that archaeology gives to the Bible. He spoke of having met several liberals working in that country. Upon asking them whether they had ever found anything to contradict the Bible, they answered with decisive "no's" except for two, who responded, "Not yet!"

Jericho was given as a typical example of how recent excavations have confirmed Biblical records. A house similar to, if not the same as, that of Rahab is still standing. In this ruined grain and other traces verify the scriptural statement that Jericho was burned after the walls had fallen. Also, enormous blocks of old wall have been uncovered lying in the moat where they had crumbled at the march of the Israelites. "Thus," continued the speaker "God uses men who deny the Scriptures to prove their veracity."

Bringing the message to a more personal level regarding the truth of the Bible, he continued: "We find in the Word that we are told to take up the shield, but to receive the sword of the Spirit. You must receive it as a gift before it can be used. It becomes a message as soon as it becomes a part of your spiritual experience. Thus we should cultivate having time alone with God."

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## Pres. Luckey Speaks Seriously in Chapel

Tuesday, March 26, President Luckey presented a chapel talk which made the general student body sit up and take notice. He chose as his Scriptural text the verse from the 13th chapter of Corinthians: "Let all things be done decently and in order."

As an introduction, the students were reminded of the on-coming examinations which, barring accidents will occur from April 2 to April 4.

This finished, President Luckey gave a synopsis of present scholastic situations in Houghton. He deplored the fact that there are 48 students who have a grade point index of less than one, and more than 48 whose index is lower than it should be. After a great amount of deliberation he continued, the faculty have decided that this low standing is due fundamentally to the fact that students do not have a sufficient amount of the right kind of study; the situation is not at all due to any of the students' being below college calibre.

Obviously then, said President Luckey when we have a situation where some students are satisfied to fail and others to barely pass, there must be an arrangement of mechanical details which shall give the students a fair opportunity to study.

In view of these facts, a new set of rules, drawn up by President Luckey and the faculty, in open meeting was presented to the student body as follows:

1. The library is to be under faculty supervision in the evening, and will be open from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. each week-day evening except on Tuesday, when it will close from 7-8 p.m.
2. All group meetings, including clubs and meetings of the student council, shall occur on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30.
3. The students' prayer meeting shall occur on Tuesday evening even from 7 to 8.
4. The college chorus shall rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45.
5. The Recreation Room shall be open from 6-7, except on Friday when it shall be open from 6 to 9:30.
6. All buildings close at 5:30, except in cases where permission is granted to open them, and the halls are not to be used after 5:30.
7. Programs, through at 8:00 designated as early program; those closing after 8:00 are late programs. A more complete list of these new rulings may be found on the bulletin board.

In order to relieve the suspense created by these announced changes in the order of things, President Luckey reiterated his warning concerning preparation for examinations

## Card of Thanks

To all of the neighbors and friends who so kindly rendered assistance of any kind during the illness and death of our loved one, Mrs. Minnie J. Wilcox, we wish to extend our heart-felt thanks.

We wish also to express our appreciation for the services of the quartette who sang so beautifully, the Theologues who acted as bearers, and those who gave flowers and furnished cars.

S. D. Wilcox and Family

## Houghton Team Take Unanimous Decision over Alfred Debaters

### Alumnus Leads Meeting

Evidently, from the testimony of Kenneth Wright who was in charge of student prayer meeting March 10, our Tuesday evenings are not to be over estimated. Where Ken is studying there is absolutely no opportunity for such group gatherings and the loss is keenly felt by him.

The necessity for a firm foundation in the word was emphasized as being a prime requisite for the senior class which will soon be out in the world.

The large number which regularly attend this meeting had to have their testimonies and prayers limited to conform to the hour.

Scripture was the basis for all Kenneth's comments, it being taken from the twelfth chapter of first Corinthians.

## Two-Piano Recital Featured Moderns

A two piano recital was presented last Friday evening in the chapel by Miss Magdalene Murphy and Professor Alton M. Cronk.

The program opened with the *Bourree* from the third Violin Suite by Bach. This delightful number is very marked in its rhythm and is quite melodious. The two pianos created an unusual and pleasing contrapuntal effect. The characteristic Bach number which followed was one composed in the style for the organ and was therefore measured, even and flowing. It is entitled *Humble Us by Thy Goodness*.

The *Six Liebeslieder Waltzes* by Johannes Brahms comprised the second group. Brahms is known as the composer "who has the gift of making simplicity memorable" and this can be said truly of his genius displayed in these light, free and yet interesting waltzes.

The *Danse Macabre* by Saint Saens is simply a "cemetery dance" or "Dance of Death". The music was written around the ancient superstition that on Hallowe'en the dead of the churchyard rose for one wild, hideous carnival. As this gruesome dance begins at midnight, the composition opens with the piano striking the solemn hour. There follows a light staccato passage that suggests the appearance of the specters. A strikingly realistic passage follows in which Death tunes his fiddle for the dance (the E string obstinately remains E flat through the entire composition). The light, fantastic theme of the dance follows. The dance grows in speed and in "impetuous power". At the sound of the morning cock the composition closes with a hideous wail from Death's fiddle.

The Grieg *Humoresque* which was presented is one of several written by this composer for piano. It presents the delicate rhythm characteristic of the *Humoresque*.

In the *Hall of the Mountain King* from the *Peer Gynt Suite* is one of Grieg's best known works. His music impresses the listener as being delicate and refined but at the same time possesses bold and striking harmonies. This number is distinctly modern.

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### Allen, Queen and Cronk Uphold Negative at Alma Mater

On March 27 Houghton debaters met Alfred University in the second of the home debates on the question: "Resolved that a system of socialized medicine in accordance with the Wilbur report should be adopted by the state and federal government. Alfred was represented by Miss Shane and Messrs Smith and Butler, on the affirmative, while Messrs Cronk, Allen and Queen of Houghton upheld the negative.

Mr. Butler opened the forensic clash with a citation of the present-day evils, and the great need for reform. He emphasized the point that to-day the cost of medicine care is unequally distributed, the wealthy class getting good service and paying for it, and the poorer class falling back on patent and "quack" medicine for want of a square deal.

Mr. Allen, first speaker for the negative, threw the first bomb into the enemy's camp by admitting hospitalization. He recognized a number of the evils the affirmative claimed, but insisted that practically all of these evils could be met by hospitalization.

Mr. Smith of the affirmative contended that the only possible solution of the problem appears to be some type of social medical service.

Listing several nations which now have a system of socialized medicine he pointed out the weakness of each one, and showed how the affirmative plan would obviate these weaknesses.

Mr. Queen of the negative brought up the argument that a socialized system would be a detriment to the medical profession tending to mechanize it. He pointed out that under the proposed system the emphasis would be placed on quantity rather than quality; that the greatest incentive in the profession would be to turn in as lengthy a list as possible at the end of each day.

Miss Shane, of Alfred, explained the plan of the affirmative beginning with the adjuration that the government of, by and for the people must be kept. The plan included a tax-supported system, with a board of control, similar to the Federal Reserve system. All people should receive medical care, regardless of any inability to pay. With the adoption of this plan, said Miss Shane, we should see remedied the present maldistribution of physicians and equipment and the lack of preventative medicine.

Mr. Cronk, in the last constructive speech, contended that a system of socialized medicine would be detrimental to the general public. He showed how doctors would lose their feeling of personal interest in the patient, and that therefore the patient would not receive the intimate, careful attention which the family physician can offer.

In the rebuttal speeches, the negative presented the line of reasoning which they had followed in the constructive work. Reversing the order as to first and second speakers: Mr. Queen denied the accuracy of Russian reports of conditions, which are

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## Editorial

"If you were civil and knew courtesy," said Shakespeare's Helena, "you would not do me thus much injury" . . .

Human nature is an odd element. We sit up late on New Year's Eve—or perhaps every Sunday night—; we resurrect our figurative halos, polish them up, and solemnly promise ourselves never again to talk "with malicious intent" about our fellow toilers.

We keep our secret oaths for a day—or an hour. Then—presto, changes! Someone sidles up and begins a furtive whisper: "Say, did you know—bzzzz—and they say—bzzzz . . .", and so on ad infinitum. Whereupon, all agog, we muster our forces: "Yes, and did you know that . . . bzzz . . . and they're almost sure that . . . bzzzzz . . ."

Back go our halos into the attic. Our well-rounded resolutions are suddenly deflated, and we settle down to the ecstasy of an evening's gossip, while our neighbors glare, and the ears of the subject of our conversation begin to burn violently. . . .

Yes, human nature's funny. . . and, by the way, did you hear—?

## Hokum Quire

We tear our wool to be ready to leave at 8:00 . . . delays—where's Burr? . . . he rolls (figure of speech) up over the hill at 8:15 . . . seating facilities just slightly crowded, necessitating some doubling up—how? Oh, jus' ask Bob Luckey . . . anyway, Gibbins—he sat in the back seat this trip—as we were saying Mr. Gibbins took a deep breath and the sides of the bus bulged out . . . 'tis on dis here trip that a certain young gentleman surnamed Vogel given name Layton, gets a new cognomen—"Waggle" (pronounced ((wah-gull) . . . and so we reach Akron and sing to a lovely, lovely audience . . . out to dinner; some are taken to the local "eats" joint—the rest go out to private homes . . . do we like doctors . . . we cross the tape at 1:30 and start for East Rochester . . . sing our Bach motet for the first time, in commemoration of the 150th—oh, skip it! . . . anyway it was a great concert . . . how do you like? Oh, I like it . . . we remove ourselves to the Baptist Temple at Rochester . . . are served a snicky lunch, where Prof. Bain is enamored of the ham—we might call it hamorous (oh, all right, now Oscar—doesn't pious mean full of pie) . . . and so we go into an endurance contest, enjoying ourselves immensely as we sing almost a full concert—in double quick time . . . and so, into the bus, after meeting the young people . . . sn asernd o

## TWO-PIANO RECITAL

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The *Petite Suite* by Debussy presented a very impressionistic group in contrast with the former ones. The unusual harmonies in his work are characteristic of Debussy and mark him as a very progressive and individualistic writer.

Like the preceding group, the fifth, comprised of the *Mother Goose Suite* by Ravel, was very modern.

*Ritmo Danse Andalouse*, by Infante is a spirited and lively composition of the modern school. This very fittingly closed the program.

Miss Murphy and Professor Cronk achieved an unusual and very fine ensemble effect. Perhaps the fact that the touch of the two pianists was so nearly alike was the most striking thing about the whole concert. Putting into the compositions feeling and splendid interpretation, the soloists quickly won the admiration and enthusiasm of their audience.

The program was composed almost entirely of modern numbers and therefore was felt, by some, to lack contrast.

Much credit is due Miss Murphy and Professor Cronk for this fine recital which will be remembered as one of the best musical presentations of the year.

Happy are those who don't want the things that they cannot get

He snores and signs . . . g night, everybody.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Consternation Meditations

Four years and several months ago Houghton College brought forth upon this nation a graduating class, conceited in appearance but dedicated to the motto, "Live not unto thyself alone." Now we are engaged in the great battle of life, testing whether that class or anyone so conceited and so dedicated can long endure. We have had some great battles in that war. We have come to appreciate that there was something acquired in Houghton not found in books. It is natural and proper we should do this and in dollars and sense we can help educate, we can help to advocate, we can help to follow the plan. The good teachers, tried and true, who struggled here have done much more than we, alas and alas. It is up to us, the alumni to see our responsibility and carry on. You will probably not read nor long remember what is said here but you will never forget what you did here.

Let's make material contribution in an effort to repay our debt to Alma Mater. When you can, boost her. Sell her to some one and buy another share in her yourself. You can do anything you want to, if you want to badly enough.

Many a mickle makes a muckle. So, let's go for Houghton.

Hugh Thomas '30

### Hazel Sartwell, Busy Teacher, Sends Alumni Briefs

It seems to me that eight years in the public schools have been quite ordinary and uneventful. However, since you have requested a letter, I shall tell you what I am doing.

This is my first year in New York Mills, a suburb of Utica. There are about 225 pupils in the high school, about 80% of whom are Polish. Every minute of the day is full. I teach seven classes, varying in size from eight to nearly forty. The eighth period is spent in conference with French II students. Besides, there is plenty to do in connection with assembly programs school paper, French Club etc. How glad I am to have had some experience along similar lines, back in my college days.

Since graduation from Houghton I have taken advanced work at McGill and Columbia, where I hope to complete my Master's degree soon. For the past five summers I have corrected American History Regents papers. If there are any Houghtonites in Albany during July, I should be glad to get in touch with them.

Here are just a few briefs: Laura Steese is doing library work in Albany. She is very enthusiastic about her work. She usually corrects Regents papers in the summer. Ethel Kingsbury '27 was married last summer to Mr. Carl Stoughton, who is engaged in business in Albany.

Katherine Jennings Vaughn '27 is living in Richfield Springs where her husband has a poultry farm.

Corinne Cole is still at Stony Point, while the Bernhofs are nearby at Tomkins Cove.

Mae Collins '32 is working in Rochester.

Ruth Luckey teaches at Whitesboro, a village near Utica.

Gladys Taylor '27 and Florence Park '34 are in Utica.

As I return to Houghton from time to time, I note many changes, but I always appreciate the hearty greetings of the faculty who try to make all the children feel right at home. The greatest improvement, I believe, is the new tabernacle church which inspires one to worship

as soon as he enters the building. I'll confess that the old church was about my only disappointment in Houghton when I first went there.

I shall always thank God for Houghton—her ideals, and wholesome, Christian atmosphere. May she remain a place where "poor boys and girls may secure an education under Christian influences." As the ideals of the founder continue to be realized, then Houghton College will justify her existence and fulfill her mission to the world.

Always, a Houghton booster,  
 Hazel Sartwell '27  
 457 Main Street  
 New York Mills, N. Y.

### Helen Stark Expresses Her Appreciation

Dear Alumni,

One who has so thoroughly enjoyed the Alumni News published in *The Star* ought not to have to be asked to do her bit, but I have waited.

As many of you know, we have recently returned home after our three year's stay in Sierra Leone, West Africa. We had quite an Alumni chapter among ourselves out there. In addition to Price and myself, Houghton was represented part of the time by George Sprague and his wife, May Lord Sprague; Alice Jean Hampe McMillen and Ione Driscoll.

For the three years that we were in Africa Price had charge of "The Clarke Memorial Bible Training School" that was located at our station. It also fell to our lot to supervise most of the evangelistic work in the Northern District on the field. Some of our most interesting experiences came in connection with this end of the work. We really resembled gypsies more than Houghton Alumni when on Friday afternoon we set forth in our remodeled Ford truck. Our luggage consisted of our table, chairs, dishes, cooking utensils, beds and bedding, clothing and so forth. My Fridays and Mondays it seemed, were so often spent in packing and unpacking, but the week ends spent in close contact with the native people were delightful.

It so happened that Dr. and Mrs. McMillen were able to accompany us often on these week-end supervision trips. They ministered to the physical needs of the people while we checked up on the work of our African men at these stations and gave what aid and encouragement we could.

Shortly before leaving Africa it was our privilege to be present at an Institute held at Ka Mabai at which the African workers and missionaries were in attendance.

Our time was brief but our fellowship with one another was most gracious, indeed. It was ours to witness the answers to prayers that had been ascending for years in behalf of articular individuals.

It gave us a thrill to go aboard the s. s. Ato, when she arrived in Freetown harbor for among her passengers were seven reinforcements for our field—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter and son, Donald; Miss Hazel Carter and Dr. and Mrs. McMillen and their wee, new daughter, Linda Joan. They were with us in Freetown several days while we waited for the boat that was to bring us to America. Both our ocean voyages were delightful. The sea was comparatively calm and we managed to keep calm inside.

We anticipate meeting some of you in our deputation work among the churches while we are at home but in the meantime we shall look eagerly for news from you as each

## My Transformation

I am the old church being transformed into a community center for the students of Houghton College and the townspeople. I was bought by the college and it is changing me considerably. I am having new floors put in, interior decorating done side lights placed around the walls a large fireplace on the south side and a small kitchen on the east. One of the things which grieves me is that my steeple is to be taken down.

For the students, I am a social center for any gathering. For the community, I am a place to hold public meetings. I am to be used for a meeting place of organized activities such as Scouts, W.C.T.U., Farm Bureau, and Missionary work.

I want to be ready for use before Commencement.

### BIBLE LECTURE

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what we learn from His Word we will never forget. In preparing a message for any occasion it is a vital factor that we meditate first to a great extent until it becomes a part of us; then God will cause it to return to be a message for others.

"A young person can keep clean with the help of the Word. You can't cultivate holiness; true holiness comes from the word of God. You must learn how to live for God; if your life is consecrated, it will grow stronger and you'll live a life of victory."

This stimulating talk was brought to a close with a prayer that those who had been defeated in their lives might be abundantly helped by their Master.

The enthusiastic groups who awaited the opportunity to greet and thank Mr. Harrison were proof that this man made friends in just that brief visit.

### ALFRED DEBATE

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sent out by the government, and which can be flagrantly misrepresented. Mr. Allen reiterated that the affirmative had not shown how their plan warranted the "leap in the dark" from hospitalization. Mr. Cronk, in summing up the case pointed out that the affirmative list of evils could all be met by hospitalization, and hinged the entire debate on the following questions:

1. Have the affirmative shown that State Hospitalization would not be enough to meet the present need?

2. Have they shown that in spite of the dismal failure of State medicine in other countries, it would succeed in our country?

3. Have they explained just why the overwhelming majority of the medical profession oppose the plan so vigorously?

The affirmative contended that it is far better to issue preventative medicine than to undertake a cure after a disease has been contracted. They dwelt on the point that people in general are not receiving adequate medical care and that therefore something must be done to remedy the situation.

At the close of the debate, professor Stanley Wright announced the judges' decision unanimously for the negative.

At the beginning of the debate, and in the interval, in which the judges' decision were pending, a girls' trio composed of the Misses Bain, Bush and Peterson rendered two special song numbers: "Sweet Genevieve" and "Beautiful Dreamer."

The debaters were entertained by the local teams, coach and manager at the close of the debate.

new Star appears.

In His service,

Helen Davison Stark '25

GLIMPSES

Presenting: Magdalene Murphy  
Magdalene Murphy and the Republican Party were both born in Ripon, Wisconsin although there was no particular connection. The G.O.P. elephant, however, was well along in years before Miss Murphy added to the renown of the town by being born there on Jan. 11, 1915. Being a P. K. she spent her early life in Dakota, Iowa, Canada, Ireland, Pennsylvania and a few other states. She finally settled down in Johnson City N. Y. where she attended high school and where she still hangs her hat at odd times when out of circulation. Since coming to Houghton she has had many irons in many fires, having taken an active part in debate, music, and literary, as well as scholastic circles. Specifically, she has been a member of the Forensic Union, A Cappella Choir, Madrigals, String Quartet, College Orchestra, the Black and White Band of 1931 Boulder Staff, Star Staff and Owl Club. Besides these she has won the women's Tennis Singles Championship and has been Social Chairman of Gaoyadeo. Having delved sufficiently into her past, the interview developed into an hour of reminiscence and much bemoaning the fact that a delightful four years at Houghton must end so soon.

Presenting: Vera Hall  
Vera Hall was born into the metropolis of Appleton, N. Y. on the 12th day of April, 1914. She undoubtedly went to grade school someplace because she admits that she attended Barker High School before coming to Houghton. At Barker besides studying she played basketball and was editor of the school paper. In 1931 she arrived at Houghton along with Lorraine Brownell. The two things which have made her famous while here are her good nature and basketball, although these are not her only accomplishments. She has been Class Captain throughout her four years and Gold Captain for two. She has also been a member of the Boulder Staff, Student Council, Expression and Latin Clubs. Having called in Pete's advice her statement to the press on the matter of appreciation of Houghton was, "I like it. How do you like it?" "Oh, I like it."

Presenting: Alma White  
On Nov. 10, 1913 the town of Delevan N. Y. was honored by the arrival of Alma White, who, to this day continues to call it her home town. She attended high school there from which she emerged a Salutatorian, having also been editor of the school paper. Her career at Houghton, besides her consistently good scholastic standing, has been chiefly literary and linguistic. She was a member of the now notorious Section A of 1931 and fulfilled their expectations by winning in the Literary Contest. She has been distinctly clubby, having been a member of the Expression, Paleolinguists, Le Cercle Francias, Social Science Clubs, and "some other one." Miss White told reporters that she was disappointed because she could not attend a larger institution, but the fact that she returned each year is a conclusive testimonial of her increasing appreciation for Houghton. Rumors of some secret sorrow in Miss White's life were definitely spiced.

Presenting: Eileen Hawn  
Georgiana Hawn, better known to her public as Eileen, was born in Middleport, N. Y. on Dec. 27, 1913. An interview of last year gave the date as 1914, but Miss Hawn says she is a year older this year, which makes the date 1913. Her high school career was cut short at the end of three years by her graduation. Since coming to Houghton her

main interests and activities have been in the field of music. She has been soloist in the A Cappella Choir throughout the four seasons of its existence, has sung with the Madrigals and with the Oratorical Society. She was Music Editor of the Boulder in 1933 and has been a member of the Music Club. Miss Hawn was graduated from Houghton College last year with a Bachelor of Science degree in Music, but the fact that she is back again this year to obtain her Bachelor of Arts degree from the same institution is conclusive enough proof of her interest and esteem for Houghton.

It is quite appropriate that the Star should here express its appreciation for Miss Hawn's cooperation in contributing music articles to its columns, for the past five years.

Mrs. Tullar Tells of Native Christians

Although handicapped by having to talk from the chapel floor because of the choir risers on the platform, Mrs. Tullar brought a very fine missionary talk in Friday's chapel. Mrs. Tullar was introduced by Miss Rickard as a returned missionary—one who had spent seven years on the field in Nigeria.

Romans 12 formed the background of her address. For her particular text she chose the first verse in the chapter.

People are willing, she said, to present their bodies to many causes. As an example she cited the race between Seagrave and Bible in Florida. Both cars were traveling at an enormous rate of speed. Suddenly the car driven by Bible crashed. The car was an instant wreck and the remains of Bible were widely scattered. No doubt the record established will be remembered but it was a terrible loss of energy and life.

How much more valuable would it be if the same energy were to be expended in the service of Christ. A Christian should present his body a living sacrifice to Christ, but so often it is harder to live for Christ than it is to die for Him. Mrs. Tullar then told of natives who gave up all they had to attend church and become Christians. One little native girl was beaten to death for attending services and her brother who had his inheritance taken away from him for the same reason. To these people the Word becomes sweet because of their sacrifices.

Mrs. Tullar closed by stating that she had never made a sacrifice for the Lord. Of course, she might be forced to on the next missionary trip if the children cannot accompany them. She concluded, "His grace is sufficient and I am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

GRAMMAR?

Has you been careful of them grammar mistakes of your'n lately? You know us freshman has been having a better English campaign, and we is catching everybody up on their mistakes. Why, there ain't never been anything like it, and we is proud of our efforts!

Them upperclassmans, they think we is getting big ideas in our heads, but they don't know nothing about the advance in grammar that us freshmans is making.

We'd like to make the Houghton College campus void of all grammatical errors. Why doesn't some of youse upperclassmans help us? Won't you cooperate a little?

BE A CANDLE

if you cannot be a lighthouse

'Attitude' Topic of Informal Mission Talk

Willard Smith snatched a few minutes from the print shop to bring a missionary message at the Students Prayer meeting last Tuesday evening. His topic was "A close range view of my part in Missions".

His message was preceded by a quartet composed of Magdalene Murphy, Beth Harmon, Ivone Wright, and Frances Hotchkiss, who sang "I Will Follow Jesus."

Willard made his talk an informal one and began by declaring that, to him, the central part of Christianity seemed to be found in one's attitude. Attitude he defined as the internal feeling in an outward act. This attitude results in definite action.

Under the heading of personal responsibility, he asserted that one needs to maintain an open-mindedness to essentials. One's missionary attitude is the result of a born-again vision. In direct proportion as we love God, we grow spiritually. Above all one must keep open-minded in his attitude to the call of God.

One should also have a Christ-compassionate attitude toward missions and be workers with Him.

Willard closed with a plea for Christians to trust God and work with Him, to employ their best efforts, for they have in Christ something to offer others, something with which to touch their hearts.

ELMIRA DEBATE

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socialized medicine would be detrimental to the public because it would destroy the vital personal relationship between physician and patient. To substantiate his theory he quoted Dr. Feshheim. Secondly, it would tend to mechanize the medical profession by putting emphasis on the number of cases treated rather than results obtained. Further, it would induce normality, and he would be going to excessive introspection on part of patient to see if he really needed medical attention. Normal functions would become to him signs of abnormal doctor incessantly. Therefore Mr. Cronk, concluded that such an extensive system would be impractical for the present need. During an eight minute interval given for the preparation of the rebuttals he string quartet played a number

In his rebuttal Mr. Allen restressed the necessity of competition, the fallacy of thinking that socialization would remove the profit motive and make a service motive dominate. After all it wouldn't be such a long step to socialization, no more than removing of education from the home to public schools.

Mr. Cronk in his rebuttal charged the affirmative with indefiniteness and impracticality. But Miss Van Duesen came to the floor and with a marked degree of vivacity declared that it was not their purpose to evolve the details of the plan, that security was better than competition and that it might be good thing for a few of us to look within and examine ourselves. She continued that the day of counting doctors is gone and those fifty million people would have been glad to get medical attention without the cherished personal control.

During the suspense of waiting for the decisions of the judges who were Mr. Anderson of Wellsville Mr. Hening of Belmont and Miss Hodge of Fillmore, the string quartet was heard. Then Miss Rickard announced three votes for the guests.

After the debate the Inn became the destination of the visitors escorted by our own squad, when all feeling of strangeness vanished over ice cream and antics—a la Boon.



Variorum

REVIEW OF "Good-bye, Mr. Chips"

Did you know that one of last year's four best sellers—"Good-bye Mr. Chips"—is in our library. This short novel or long story—as you prefer—is in the *Atlantic Monthly* files for April, 1934. The author James Hilton, seems almost predestined to write "Good-bye, Mr. Chips" since his father was headmaster in an English public school and James was before twenty the author of a novel—while he was still an undergraduate at Christ's College, Cambridge.

Mr. Chipping came to Brookfield grammar school in 1870 as an instructor. At twenty-two he had ambitions to become headmaster and to be obeyed, honored, and loved. Before long he found that he would never be more than plain "Mr. Chips". Into the monotony of school and forty-eight, love brought a magic interlude in Kathie, a lovely "new woman of the nineties." As his wife, she brought a "warm and vivid" patch of sunlight into his days. His whole personality burst forth and his one talent—a sense of humor—fairly blossomed. Suddenly he became the beloved "Mr. Chips" whose jokes were to be expected. One terrible day in 1898 wife and child both died. After his bereavement "Chips" suddenly became old. But Kathie's glowing spirit left a mellowness upon him, a kindness toward miscreant youngsters, a gentle eccentricity.

One day in his sixtieth year Ralston, a new headmaster who "aimed to make Brookfield a thoroughly up-to-date school" advised him to resign as antique and inefficient and given to wrong pronunciations of "Cicero" and "vicissim". But popular sympathy forced Ralston to retain him until the ambitious master left for greener fields.

In 1913 "Mr. Chips", aged sixty-five, retired after forty-two years of teaching the boys of Brookfield, to board at the edge of the campus with an old retainer of the school. He managed to keep in touch with the school by inviting the boys and instructors to tea, satisfied that his active life was finished.

But the war years interposed and a worried headmaster begged him to return and bolster the spirit of the school. This man's death brought Chips to be headmaster "for duration;" since he refused an appointment being as he said, but a "war time fluke." Day after day he sadly read out the list of Brookfield "old boys" who had died in action. One day he started the assembly by reading out the name of a former German professor who had fallen on the "enemy" side of the front lines.

"Chips" great opportunity came one night when, as he was taking his lower fourth in Latin, the air-raid warning sounded and bombs began to fall. While the whine and crash of German bombs sounded about the building, Chips continued teaching Caesar, pointing out a passage concerning the German method of attack. So "Chips" became a legend.

When November 11, 1918 came he again resigned and spent his last fifteen years in deep tranquility, broken only by the visits of the "old boys."

The final episode was enacted one day in 1933 when "Mr. Chips" sa-

Evangelical Student

Christ the Perfect Man

One of the strongest pieces of objective evidence in favor of Christianity is not sufficiently enforced by the apologists. Indeed, I am not aware that I have ever seen it mentioned. It is the absence from the biography of Christ of any doctrine which the subsequent growth of human knowledge—whether in natural science, ethics, political economy, or elsewhere—has had to discount. This negative argument is really almost as strong as the positive one from what Christ did teach. From Pilate down, the verdict has ever been, "I find no fault in Him." Not a selfish impulse, or an impure thought or a false philosophy has ever been found. He was the Perfect Man. Romanes.

Nuggets

A great longing to be holy is holiness itself and aspiration here changes to acquisition. God says, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."

Men should develop those virtues in time for which they will be rewarded in eternity; and we should seek as friends on earth those whom we hope to have friends in heaven. Thomas H. Nelson

A Story

Seniors' doubts are rather against the universality of the gospel from the evident fact that not all races and individuals are capable of the same fulness of religious experience. People tell us that apparently Christianity with its high moral standards and even higher religious experiences is only for those nations and individuals who have reached the highest standards of culture and that it is simple profanation of the sacred to give it to the savage and barbarians.

I answer this objection by a beautiful Esthonian myth. At the end of the creation God went down to the earth to look at all his wondrous handiwork; he went accompanied by the heavenly hosts of angels and archangels and with the sound of trumpets and harps. All creatures were full of admiration at this unique revelation of God's glory, but not all were able to catch its full meaning. The fishes in the water had their ears under the surface, they heard nothing; they just gazed and gasped. The bees in the woods heard the uproar in the air accompanying the divine descent, and they retained it in memory and they always try to imitate it whenever the wind is awakening them from their slumber. The birds and the animals on earth heard the singing of the heavenly hosts and tried to retain in memory and to produce as much of it as they could, the lions roaring wildly in the night and the nightingale singing sweetly in springtime.

Only man had fully understood what God said and what the angels sang, because God had spoken to him as a friend speaks with his friends; so he knew the will of God and could live up to it.

Julius Richter, in *The Missionary Review of the World*

A great command of language enables one to keep still

in Mrs. Wickett's front parlor entertaining a small boy who had been sent to him as a joke. The boy never forgot the kindness of the very aged man. His "Good-bye, Mr. Chips," was that of all the thousands of Brookfield boys whom "Chips," dying, acclaimed as his children.



# Food for Thought

Spring has come. (From last week's weather, you may assume that this statement is a joke in itself) But, anyway, nevertheless and anyhow—spring never is the order of the day. It has especially affected a certain third floor resident of the girl's dorm, (who was speaking of prospective lessons on the organ, lest anyone misconstrue) "you know," she remarked, "I've got enough to learn, without bothering with my feet first thing." . . . . Tsk, Clissie . . . .

At the Senior party, 'other night, it fell to Professor Shea to round up the college quartet, which had, somehow, disappeared for the purpose of practice, we suppose. Out he went, on the porch of Miss Fancher's house and shouted: "Come, quartet! Come, quartet!" Immediately he returned, escorting—Miss Shardon. "This is all I could find," he said. "Will it do?"

Mr. Albert Moxey is an individual who insists upon being different. Coming face to face with the fact that he must have the measles—just like everyone else—he proceeded to have them, not once, but twice—and all in the same week.

Of such stuff are great men made.

According to the other fellows, "Mac" Cronk went over big on the debate trip. (Especially was this true at Keuka) Anyway, our old friend, Peroxide, waxed loudly eloquent, and claimed he was going to spread headlines all over several local papers: "Cronk, Houghton Debater, Raises Blood Pressure of Co-eds 20 Degrees." Tsk . . . . these Lockinvarish Lotharios . . . .

Hotonites are now reviving that old classic: "It all Depends on You." As to its present connotation—well just ask any member of the College Inn Gang. (At least, they ought to know)

Mr. Arthur Lynip, otherwise known as "Gusto" is getting the reputation of being quite the rising young man . . . yes, yes, quite so. Reminds us of a certain other individual of the verdant class. This gentleman came in contact with a somewhat pointed projectile the other day (in other words, a pin) and he rose—well, use your imagination.

They tell this one on Boon—it seems he asked for a pitcher of water at one of the debates.

"To drink?" asked the usher.

"No," said Boone. "I do a high-diving act."

Some one asks the culture committee: "Is it permissible to wear or carry corsages at concerts, and if so what kind?" Yes, its' quite permissible. The only things barred are cabbages, tomatoes, over-ripe oranges an such like, also certain disposal of these decorations.

Speaking of rising young men (or weren't we?) we wish to present this week's laurel wreath to a certain Mr. Wesley Thomas. Accurate observation has shown that he arrives at breakfast anywhere between 4 1/4 and 10 5-8 minutes late every morning. Mr. Gibbins takes a close second.

Last week's section for objections was a great success—none came in at all—which is swell. But just in case the statements didn't fit it with your objections—here are some more. (Remember this astounding offer won't last much longer. Food For Thought is entering it declining years) Check in the appropriate spaces, and mail with return postage to insure reading:

- ( ) I couldn't use any of the jokes in my speech.
- ( ) Paper too small to wrap laundry in.
- ( ) Didn't tell how many points I made.
- ( ) Too short
- ( ) Too long
- ( ) I wouldn't like it even if it were good.
- ( ) Didn't help in my Analytic test.

## Sunday Services

March 17

The Sunday morning services on March 17 were particularly impressive and significant for three outstanding reasons: the new organ was officially used for the first time; approximately thirty-five new members were admitted to the Houghton Church; and a well-attended communion service was held.

The sacredness of the service was enhanced throughout by the music of the organ, especially the first ten minutes of the service, while the congregation entered His holy temple. Immediately after the call to worship and the invocation Rev. Pitt announced the admittance of about thirty-five new members, as associate members, members transferred by letter from the home church, and members by profession of faith.

Following a special number by the choir, Rev. Pitt spoke briefly on Invitation. He based his message on the story of Jesus and His disciples at the feast of the passover. He stressed, first, that in the Last Supper Jesus passed from Lord to Sacrifice, and second that our communion service should be a peculiarly sacred service, carried out "in remembrance of me." It was at this time that Jesus began those beautifully eloquent passages of the Bible which culminate in His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane—His tender promises and matchless prayers.

At the conclusion of the message, the elders of the church administered the observance of the Last Supper.

The evening service was opened by Glenn Donelson, the leader of the praise service, who in his short talk encouraged his hearers to look to Calvary and think of where they

might be if it were not for Christ's atonement for sin, and the power of God in human life.

The pastor's theme for the evening was on an informal subject, "A Believer's Dependence on the Holy Ghost." Rev. Pitt made some of the following statements: "Jesus promised the Spirit of Truth not only to take His place among His disciples and to do all He had done, but to do much more for them. He was to 'guide them into all truth.' The Holy Spirit was a divine appointment. There is nothing more definite than that the church is under the leadership of the Holy Ghost. What understanding she has got through the Spirit. Through no one else can we come into a knowledge of the things of God. The ministry of the Holy Ghost is of supreme importance to a believer." "How do sinners grieve the Holy Spirit? They grieve Him by rejecting what light He brings to them. How may Christians grieve the Holy Spirit? Much in the same way." Quoting Ephesians, 4: 29-31, Rev Pitt said, "If you don't measure up to such light you'll make no more progress. If you don't listen to the Spirit you'll grieve Him."

March 24

After the singing of the anthem "MySoul Waiteth," by the choir, Mr. Pitt delivered the message of the morning on "Receiving and Walking in Christ Jesus." He showed from the Scriptures what has fundamentally constituted every truly Christian church.

Basing the sermon upon the Scripture Lesson found in Colossians 1:9-22 and the text in Colossians 2:6, he began with the words, "The present trend in the world is away from all authoritative standards." The supreme law has become human choice and the supreme will that of man. All idea of the teaching of Jesus Christ, or in fact of any God, a authority has been swept away in government, society, and schools.

"Unless we Christians watch," he continued, "we shall become infected by this criterion of ruleship." The most alarming tendency from God is in the church, while a man denies the United States seal upon a postage stamp he would be a rebel to the authority of the government.

In studying the Colossian church, several questions may be asked. First by what means were they led to receive Christ? Not through the patriarchs, the decalogue, John the Baptist, or even the truth as Jesus preached it during His fleshly life. It was only by the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the Holy Ghost through Christ's Apostle.

Secondly, how did they receive his ministry? As any church, through the Word by the Holy Ghost. 1 Thessalonians 1:5:6.

Thirdly, what has been the effect? Again, as in any church. Certain characteristics are seen in Colossians 2 and 3. They were (1) "circumcised with the circumcision not made with hands," (2) "dead with Christ," (3) "buried with Him," and (4) "quickened together with Him." They had "put on the new man" in the place of the "old man", and were going toward the goal in Colossians 3:14-15.

In conclusion, he said, "Men who have the fullness of God have because they have heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the Holy Ghost, and because as they have received Him, so walk they in Him."

Fifteen minutes of organ music played by John McIntire, preceded the evening. The pastor preached an evangelistic sermon from the last three verses of Matthew 11, which is Christ's prescription for all who are weary in sin. If one take the right attitude to Jesus Christ, He will do the rest; instructions are unnecessary.

A person may have everything the world can offer and still be unhappy. To the one who thinks he has no need for Christ, the Master, "Woe unto thee," but to those who come to Him He promises rest. The only secret is in Christ Jesus, in lowliness, and in the right attitude. There is therefore no reason for being dissatisfied.

## Evolutionary Theory Topic of Address

Thursday, March 21, marked another fine chapel talk, put on this time by Miss Rork of the Biological department. It concerned itself chiefly with evolution and evidences for and against such a theory. The method used was the tracing of different archaeological discoveries in relation to the gradual development of man from his original position, before the dawn of history, to the present time.

The facts brought out were those that would be used in any average university in presenting so-called evolution. Miss Rork referred to one book in particular, *The Case Against Evolution* by Barry O'Toole. Miss Rork quotes a former teacher of hers as saying that "O'Toole got his religion before he got his science." She also said that Mr. O'Toole's book was the most scientific of any book against evolution that she had ever read. More interest in this author was aroused by the fact that he was once Professor of Biology at Seton Hill College, Greensburg, Pa., one of the places visited by our debate squad.

Miss Rork opened her talk by describing *Pithecanthropus erectus* or the Java man. Next came the Heidelberg man followed by Eranthropus Dawsoni, an English discovery. The last one discussed, the Dawn man was rather youthful, being only a bare one hundred thousand years of age. There are conflicting theories about all of these men, especially about the Dawn man. The amusing incident of the Java skull that turned out to be an elephants knee, was related as an example of a false discovery.

At the close of the lecture several facts had been impressed on the student body. Among these were that (1.) the so-called "conclusive evidences of evolution are discoveries that even prominent evolutionists cannot agree about (2.) the reconstructions from these discoveries may not and probably no not, represent at all the man of the period which they are supposed to reproduce (3.) widely scattered bits of bone cannot be proved to belong to the skeleton of one individual and (4.) that evolution has not been proved but that the Biblical record of the genesis of man is by far the superior and more believable account of human existence.

## PRE-MEDIC CLUB

A meeting of the Pasteur Pre-Medic Society was called to order at 6:30 Monday evening.

A new program committee consisting of:

Miss Ethel Doty  
Mr. Albert Moxey  
Miss Rork

was elected and the remainder of the hour was given to Mr. Kenneth Wright, who spoke on the "Anatomy of the Nervous System." In tracing the complicated system from the embryological stage to adult structure and development Mr. Wright used blackboard illustrations to make it more instructive and enlightening. An informal discussion of various phases of this anatomical question closed the meeting.

The members enjoyed Mr. Wright's talk very much and hope that he may speak to them again.

## "WHAT'S THE IDEA"

Friday, March 15, the chapel service was led by Miss Rickard. "One week ago today", she began, "I stood at the bedside of a woman who was dying unsaved. It was my duty, in the fifteen minutes that were mine, to try to lead that woman to Christ. I did the best that I could, I believe, with the help of the Lord. Now I am given fifteen minutes to talk to a group of college students and I pray that this will be with the help of the Lord.

"If there were a topic chosen for this talk, I suppose that 'What's the Idea' is the most fitting, for I would arouse your interest and spirit to accomplish the Lord's work.

"We know that we are saved by the revealed truth of the Word of God, that is the first idea. Also the idea is that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Again, we have fellowship one with another and with Our Father which is in heaven.

"And, as a consequence, it is our duty to propagate the faith. Paul prayed that the Word of God might run swiftly; the Acts are full of the idea that the saints must propagate the faith of God. So the responsibility is handed down to us that we might carry on the Gospel of God. It is up to us to be prepared for use by the Lord and now is the time for preparation. Let us all make the best of our opportunities that we may not fall down on the job."

## Exciting Tournament

BY DEAN THOMPSON

Last Wednesday evening, the recreation room committee launched a rousing meet in the five parlor sports, ping-pong, carroms, chess, checkers, and camelot. Two representatives from each event collaborated and decided upon a plan which should determine the individual champion of their respective contests. Four events resolved to use the best two out of three systems of reduction in which the winners of each preliminary are matched and rematched to a gradual elimination. Foster and Arnott, ping-pong promoters, hit upon the more interesting idea of requiring each player to compete with every other person in the contest thus giving an opportunity for all to beat rival enthusiasts. The play-offs are in the following order: women's and men's singles, mixed doubles, men's doubles, and men's singles. After everyone has played everyone else, each person's total winning points will be stacked up against his losing points. A mean score will be computed and posted somewhat upon the idea of a big league batting average. From this ping-pong index, a top five will be chosen for the final championship play-offs.

Four intellectual worthies have signed for chess, six for camelot, perhaps forty for ping-pong, while the carrom huskies number twenty. Much interest has been evidenced; the probable outcome are topics of eager speculation.

## LADIES' DEAN SPEAKS

Friday, March eighth, Miss Gudrun Kartevold was in charge of the chapel service. As her topic she had chosen the errors which every Christian is apt to make. That it might not appear condemnatory to anyone she used herself as an example, and took inventory of her own works. Among the mistakes which she listed were: failure to pray as often as she ought and failure to read the Bible as much as was really necessary. She suggested that everyone ought to check up on himself in like manner and make sure that he was living the right kind of life. This talk was well presented and was very enjoyable, a keen humor punctuated her more serious remarks.