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Snow Blankets Houghton in White With Biggest Fall in Years



Athenia Victim Gives 'Star' Personal Account

Mr. Davis Calmly Tells Fascinating Details Of Trip and Sinking

Houghton campus was visited last Tuesday morning by a passenger on the *Athenia* who was able to give first hand information concerning its sinking. He was Mr. James C. Davis representing Ginn and Company, a book company located in New York City.

Mr. Davis was introduced at the *Star* office by Professor Fancher. Mr. Davis smiled calmly as he sat down in a chair so assuringly that his story would be given in a style interesting to college students.

"How did you happen to be in Europe at that time?" we asked Mr. Davis.

"Just on a visit. My wife and I had visited Germany, France, Italy, England, and Scotland."

"So you were in Germany?"

"Yes, we left Germany July 15. At that time the German people did not seem to be expecting war in the near future, but believed they would finally have to assert themselves in that way as they felt that they would gain nothing over the council table from England and France."

"You like the German people?"

"Yes, indeed, they were most hospitable."

"But returning to the sinking of the *Athenia*; how did you happen to be aboard that unfortunate vessel?"

Then Mr. Davis went into the fascinating details of his experiences with the same self-composure that he had possessed while relating his summer visit. Smilingly he related how he and his wife had been booked to sail on the *Britannic*, but one week before their leaving for home the British admiralty took the ship over to be used in case of a national crisis. "We were delighted," he said, "to finally get passage on the *Athenia*."

"Delighted!" we muttered.

"Yes, for by this time war was inevitable and we desired to get back to America in safety."

Saturday morning, Sept. 2, Mr. and Mrs. Davis sailed from Liverpool on board the *Athenia*. Because the boat was over-crowded it was necessary that they have separate cabins. The first night on board there was a black-out, but this aroused no anxiety as all had become familiar with black-outs in London. Sunday morning the Captain informed them that war was declared and it would be necessary to take extra precautions. Sunday was an uneventful day and no submarines were sighted by the passengers.

Sunday evening about 7:30, Mr. Davis relates that he and Mrs. Davis were eating dinner when there was a tremendous shock like the sudden stopping of a train. Immediately the vessel listed to portside so that chairs upset.

Here Mr. Davis paused. "Incidentally, you might be interested in knowing that the shock blew a filling out of one of my wife's teeth and one shoe off her foot."

His listeners smiled.

The passengers rushed out on deck (Cont. on Page Three, Col. 1)

Mueller's Give Illustrated Talk On Marine Life

Monday night found the college chapel filled to capacity by a large enthusiastic audience. Mr. Wesley Mueller lectured on marine life while Mrs. Mueller projected the pictures on the screen. The film although continuous was divided into three parts: (1) Birds, (2) Crawling and wriggling things on the shore, and (3) Undersea life. Mr. Mueller spoke of many idiosyncrasies of various birds such as: the blacknecked stilts, whose antics caused much amusement; the nodding tern, one of which birds the Muellers had as a mascot; the white heron which is not often seen and is quite shy, and the pelican which had a fish caught in its throat and showed its appreciation of the removal of said object by giving a fair imitation of the "Big Apple."

The "crawling and wriggling things on shore" were largely crabs and snails. There were so many various species of crabs and these so numerous that it seems highly improbable that anyone would want to go walking there, but perhaps anything can be endured when pleasure is at stake.

The undersea life was well photographed and proved to be of a most entertaining quality. The scenes of the octopi caused many "squeamish" persons to turn their heads the other way. The beauty of nature in the hidden depths of the ocean resulted in many astonished gasps of breath. As some fishes changed color before the eyes of the audience, many rubbed their eyes only to discover that they were not dreaming. Mr. and Mrs. Mueller have had the rare experience of sitting on the floor of the ocean to fish and being able to watch the fish play with the bait. This is one fish story in which the listener actually sees "the big one that got away."

Mr. Mueller said in closing that most of the misadventures under the (Continued on Page Three, Col. 3,

Gertrude Berggren To Sing at Next Artist Series Here

To Appear in Place of Graves

The next concert of the current Artist Series will be given Tuesday evening, March 5. Gertrude Berggren, well-known Swedish contralto, will appear in a solo recital.

The Georgia Graves recital which had been scheduled as the fourth attraction of the series has been cancelled, due to an unfortunate oversight which occurred in the booking. The local management released Miss Graves some time ago, but since then has had the good fortune of being able to secure Miss Berggren for the same occasion.

Miss Berggren is said to be gifted with a voice of exceptional beauty and range — so rich and vibrant that it has been likened to "purple velvet." Critics have acclaimed her work as that of an artist of outstanding merit with a fine feeling for mood and interpretation. Her singing has met with popular acclaim wherever she has appeared.

She has established herself as an artist in many fields: concert, oratorio, stage and radio. She is an outstanding interpreter of vocal classics in all languages and has the unique talent of singing with authentic charm the rarely performed Scandinavian music. Born of musical Swedish parents, she was early initiated into the love of music and its performance and schooled in the beauties of traditional Scandinavian music.

Miss Berggren has sung on featured radio programs on both large national chains — NBC and CBS. She was chosen as the only soloist for the world-wide broadcast in memory of Queen Astrid of Belgium, singing Belgium and Swedish songs in her honor.

She has appeared on some of the (Continued on Page Four, Col. 5)

Houghton Debaters Tie For Second Place at Shippensburg Tournament, Winning Four out of Six Matches

Calendar

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Thursday, February 22

7:00 Music recital

Friday, February 23

8:00 First Purple-Gold Game

Monday, February 26

Art club, Expression club, Mission study, Music appreciation, Philosophy club

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 Prayer meeting

Wednesday, February 28

7:15 Oratorio

8:15 Purple-Gold basketball

Faculty Notice....

By request of the faculty the *Star* publishes the following:

The following plan was passed by the faculty concerning the ten week's examination this semester. Instead of having two special days and an examination schedule, as has been previously done, the teachers will give their exams during a two-week period at a time announced by them. This means that our ten-week exams will probably come during the two weeks preceding spring vacation and we will have to hear from our teachers as to the time and place.

"Moved and carried that any student recommended to do practice teaching in high school shall have an average of C plus in the major work of his subject field."

'Neutrality' Was Topic of Meet

"First a picture — then we're off." Dean Hazlett, Walter Sheffer, Roy Albany, Jesse DeRight, and Wesley Nussey arranged themselves about the school car which was ready to take them to a debate tournament at Shippensburg State Teacher's college. This was the first tournament that the boys were to debate the question, "Resolved: That the United States should follow a policy of strict economic and military isolation toward all nations outside the Western hemisphere engaged in armed, civil, and international conflicts." Needless to say the varsity debaters with their coach were glad to bring home four victories out of six and a tie for second place in a tournament where eleven or twelve universities and colleges participated.

It was Friday morning, February 16, that the group left on snow-covered roads. Walt insisted that as soon as they reached the Pennsylvania roads that the snow would be entirely plowed off. It was — for the first hundred yards, then the car walled through as much snow as ever. About seven o'clock Roy, being acquainted with the road, suggested to Professor Hazlett that he knew a good place to eat. Professor Hazlett agreed to stop making the stipulation that the Forensic Union provided for only thirty-five cents a dinner. The only way the boys knew to get out of this circumscribing price was to order two separate thirty-five cent dinners. All, including Prof., broke the thirty-five cent limit.

The next stop came at 11:30 in Shippensburg, when all unloaded and went to bed to rest for a day of pitted intercollegiate debating.

A well-rounded breakfast, savored with last minute reviews of the (Continued on Page Four, Col. 2)

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EDITORIAL

Issues of Life

He was famed the world over. The wealth that he possessed surpassed that of all the kings of the earth. So prosperous was his kingdom that in his capital city silver came to be as common as stones. The world listened, literally, to his words, for he was wise. Yes, he was a real success. As many successful people do, this king wrote a book. Books written by such people are best-sellers; their philosophies of life and their thoughts are carefully considered: that is the tribute all human nature pays to success. Reading the book of this notable king of long ago, I found this counsel:

"My son, let thine heart keep my commandments; let not mercy and truth forsake thee: write them upon the table of thine heart: so shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart. . . Acknowledge him in all thy ways and he shall direct thy paths." (The Book of Proverbs)

Each one of us, planning in his heart to make something of his life, has faced the question, "What part shall God have?" King Solomon, by honoring God, is still honored by men. Paul the Apostle said, "He that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God and approved of men."

The special services are over. In the ordinary days which follow, remember the words of the wise king, "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." —R. G. S.

Cooperation

Cooperation is the vital principle of order. The multitudinous hosts of purple night are a continuous testimony of a cooperating universe. The languishing lover's lonely eyes may drift nightly into the deeps to find his particular heavenly confidant in its accustomed, appointed place. Occasionally a body refuses to cooperate, speeds out through infinitude, attracts momentary attention, but quickly passes into oblivion. Earth's regular observance of its neighbors in the universe is an unmistakable evidence that she, herself, is cooperating to preserve the universal order. And upon the Earth, the changing seasons, sunshine and rain, night and day, mountain and plain, hill and valley, plant and animal, seed-time and harvest, all speak the wondrous tale of nature's cooperation. Walk with me the forest paths and friendly giants will whisper to us, "I have my work to do." Drive with me o'er wide-spread plains and waving golden fields will laughingly say, "I am ready for my work." Come with me to a secluded nook, sit with me in thoughtful mood, and the lonesome wind will murmur to you "I, too, have work to do."

Nature shouts aloud the principle of cooperation. Human society, that it may maintain order, must likewise cooperate. He who refuses to cooperate does not long endure — meteor-like, he attracts momentary attention, but speedily hisses away into nothingness. The principle applies to all walks of life and endures throughout all of life. No man ever reaches the place of independence. So long as man remains a part of society, he is dependent upon society, and society upon him. Serf must cooperate with lord for subsistence; king must cooperate with subject, else he does not long have subjects to rule. Part must cooperate with part: rich with poor, artist with builder, dreamer with practicalist, governing with governed if chaos is to be avoided, order sustained, and society prospered.

If it be admitted that cooperation does play such an important part in the intricate mechanism of life, does it not appear that the lesson of cooperation should be learned as early in life as possible? Truth, honesty, chastity are great life principles, and, ideally, are lessons learned in early childhood, from good fathers and mothers. But it might be said without fear of honest challenge that in every group of young people, there are great numbers who

Forensic Union Discusses 'Love'

A well planned and entertaining meeting of Forensic Union was opened on Monday evening, February 19, with devotions led by the chaplain of the club, Kenneth Hill. The principal themes of the program were love and leap year. These were carried out through every phase of the meeting, the orders of music being no exception, for Louella Fisk gave a very fine rendition of two beautiful love songs.

The impromptu and extempore were unusually fine. From Warren Woolsey we learned the reasons why "It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all," in his five minute extemporaneous address. "Pat" Hampton delved into the subject of "Moonshine and its effects on leap year," Alan McCartney attempted to answer the age-old question "To be, or not to be" — in love," and Lee Stock offered a fitting conclusion to this part of the program by explaining "Five new streamline methods of approach."

The main feature of the program was a very entertaining debate, Resolved: That Leap Year Customs Should Be Abolished, with Bert Hall upholding the affirmative and Harriet Kalla doing a fine piece of work for the negative. Parliamentary drill was conducted in a very orderly way, by Mary Tiffany, after which Forensic humor was presented by Alberta Gehrke in a very clever and original story. After the critique by Frank Taylor, and a brief business meeting, one of the most interesting club meetings of the year was adjourned.

200 Use Rec Hall In First Few Weeks

This week almost 200 students have used the Recreation Hall which is being constantly improved. Due largely to the efforts of Coach McNeese and Prof. Stockin numerous new equipment has been added. Racks for the cue sticks and convenient pads and pencils have added to the enjoyment of the shuffle board players. Four additional paddles have been obtained so that it is now possible to have doubles play at all three ping-pong tables. Checkers have also been added.

Pairing will be made Friday and play is expected to begin Saturday in a highly contested table tennis tournament. Entries have been coming in rapidly in both men's and women's divisions. Black, Bennett and Burns are expected to give the other aspirants for the men's title plenty of trouble. Frank Taylor will be hard to get by; Ed Hall is a dark horse. In the women's division Arlene Wright, Huntington and Cowell are definite threats.

At the hall this week, Leech has shown ability at the tennis tables and Ivan Engle has been working a fast deceptive return. Edith Bullock and Eldon Stanton have been scoring consistently in shuffle board while Flossie Jensen was seen at the checker table.

The long awaited opportunity for the checker players to prove their ability is here, the Rec Hall sponsored Checker Tournament. First round play will begin about March first.

apparently never had their first lesson in the almost equally great, if not just as great, principle of cooperation. "Independence!" is their hollow cry. "Let us have independence now, so that we may know how to handle ourselves in later life!" Fools! Are they so blind that they cannot perceive that there is no such thing as independence in this life? Attempting an artificial independence in the present as a preparation for an imagined future independence evidences a wrong conception of living. For all of life is based upon the principle of dependence which in turn necessitates cooperation. Cooperation in present circumstances — learning how to cooperate with one's present associates — is the best possible preparation for future life.

— L. E. P.

Shea House Tops List in House Indices

An item of quarterly interest on our campus is the appearance in the *Star* of the indices received by the various rooming houses in town. Comparing the indices at the end of the first quarter with those at the end of the semester, it is interesting to note that the order of houses is exactly the same for the first eight positions. The Woodhead house which held fifth place at the quarter was dropped because one of the roomers left, leaving only three students there. Four is the minimum for listing in the indices. The Shea House boomed to the top again, raising its own mark from 2,339 to 2,608. Part of this was due to Ivan Engle's 3,000. The other three boys are also to be congratulated. The Lucas House retained second place, and the Russell House, third.

In response to several requests the *Star* is also publishing the indices of some of the girls' dorms. The Markey dorm leads in the girls' division with Yorkwood in second place. Following are the results of a reporter's research:

House	No. of Students	Index
Boys		
Shea	4	2,608
Lucas	4	2,332
Russell	7	2,135
Inn	7	2,100
Steese	4	2,040
Tucker	5	1,987
Smith, W. G.	8	1,970
Murphy	8	1,868
Smith, S. I.	5	1,844
Douglas	8	1,821
Lindquist	10	1,817
Schram	8	1,800
Moses	14	1,673
Beach	4	1,671
Fancher	5	1,665
Bauer	6	1,614
Wakefield	9	1,295
Keeler	6	1,195
Girls		
Markey	10	2,133
Yorkwood	12	2,007
Wilson	5	1,837
Jennings	14	1,785
Greenberg	11	1,695
Hazlett	10	1,470

CAMPUS CREEK IS SCENE OF SKATING

Students and faculty alike enjoyed a few carefree hours of ice-skating on the creek last Saturday afternoon. Because the weather was unusually warm for this season, the ice was thin and broken through in places, but that did not stop a certain group of fellows from making a journey down the creek to the river. Several returned from this journey partially soaked due to stepping through the ice. A larger crowd were satisfied to confine their activities to the portion of the creek at the foot of the of the hill in front of the girls' dormitory. It is seldom in recent years that such an opportunity has arisen for skating nearby, and all who too-part hope that the weather will permit further skating this season.

Father (visiting son at Houghton): "This is a fine greeting. As soon as my train stops you ask for money."

Owen F: "I know, dad, but the train was four days late."

Spark Plugs
Have
Been
Cleaned



By Casey
Kahler

PUISSANT PUNDITS

Jack Haynes was standing next to a traveler who was looking at the wonders of the canyon at Letchworth Park. . . "Beautiful don't you think?" remarked Jack," and to think I made it all myself with a pick and shovel." The stranger, not knowing of Jack's super-power and strength, began to doubt his word, when suddenly Chuck Foster came to his rescue, "That's right, I saw him do it. In fact I carried all the dirt away in a wheelbarrow and made these hills that you see around here."

Prof. Woolsey: "Did you have the car out last night, son?"

Warren: "Yes, Dad, I took some of the fellows for a ride last night."

Prof: "Well, tell the boys that I found one of their little lace handkerchiefs and some bobby pins."

Paul Krentel (Telephoning from New York) Listen, Prof. Schram, I will not be able to drive back from N. Y. until Thursday.

Prof. Schram: "So you want a few more days of grace, eh?"

Paul: "No, Sir — of Millie."

Here's some advice for those who are trying to rid themselves of annoying creatures, do just what Red Ellis did. Why don't you send "Rodent Exterminators" to your Valentine. You don't have to wait until next year, try it now.

Here's a bit of interesting news from the University of California, in Berkeley. After a ban of kissing to check spread of influenza, Dr. S. L. Katzoff came to Cupid's aid by declaring that the heat generated by a kiss is a good antiseptic. Dr. Katzoff checked heartbeats of "Eds" and "Co-eds" to determine the strength of the Kiss. If the heart flutters, the kiss is a good germicide, declares the doctor. I think that this is worthy of being tried on Houghton's campus. (Your reporter is feeling rather ill right now.)

Tom Gardiner pulled over to the side of the road as a State Trooper drew up beside him. "But officer, I'm a student of Houghton college — "Ignorance is no excuse," promptly replied the officer and proceeded to write out the ticket. When Tom was arrested, he was asking Arlene swimming. She had asked him to teach her the sun stroke.

Your reporter has just discovered why Ted Bowditch wears garters. Sh— here's the secret. It's to keep the calves of his legs from getting at the water on his knee. My spies also tell me that he puts wheat in his shoes to keep his pigeon toes from scratching his corns.

Your reporter rises for a point of information: I would like to know who was being chased and why in Public Speaking class last Friday. If there is really no excitement, but just some up and coming Socrates addressing the crowds of people, would he kindly keep his voice down so that he will not wake up the American History students in the next room? Thank you.

When you tighten your belt, it's a recession; when you have no belt to tighten, it's a depression; when you have no pants to hold up, it's a panic.

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LANETTE TUCKER GOES TO CANADA

MABEL

By Bessie Lane

"Why Mabel, how lovely that you could come over! I was just hoping you'd drop by. (Goodness, she would have to come today; now I'll never finish "Gone With the Wind" in time to return it!) Oh, no, I wasn't doing anything special, just keeping up with times. Ha, Ha! John always says that one should literally tear oneself away from the daily grind and snatch a few moments to keep enlightened. You have no idea how it helps one's conversation! But then, you know John; he's so versatile. Oh, that reminds me, dear, I'm simply bursting with news! I forgot to tell you the other day over the phone. You know that dream of a bungalow across the street, the one I've always wanted so horribly. John said, 'No,' because it doesn't suit my personality? Well, some perfectly dreadful people have moved into it. How do I know they're dreadful? Why, my dear, you should see her; she's simply impossible! No chiness! No style! I wish you could have seen that hat she was wearing when she went down town this morning! It was red of all colors! No, it was that hideous new shade of cherry red. Now if it had been that heavenly plum color or even a conservative red. . . . But then, some women have the most unusual taste in clothes! No, I haven't been over yet; I suppose I really should pay her a visit, oh, just to be neighborly of course, but I keep saying to myself, Jen, after all, you can't take up with just anyone. There's always John's business and then, there are the children to consider. With Percy away at college and Junior at the embryonic stage one just can't be too careful! And well, after seeing that hat, you can't blame me for being rather doubtful about the family. No, I haven't seen him yet; probably he's even more impossible. I suppose he's that usual stupid, staid. . . . What, dear? He's not stupid and he's not impossible! Why, Mabel, how would you know? you never even. . . . What? He's your brother? Well, after all, you might have. . . . Well, I mean, I didn't know. . . . Well, well really, Mabel!"

Davis...

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to life-boats. As Mr. and Mrs. Davis had different cabins they were supposed to go in different life-boats, so obeying orders they separated. Mr. Davis attempted to go down to his cabin after a life-belt but found the steps blown out and water coming into the vessel. On returning to the deck he found the life-boat that he should have taken already filled and ready to leave. These were anxious moments as nearly all the life-boats had left. In these desperate moments Mr. Davis was taken in the last life-boat, leaving twenty some passengers on the sinking *Athenia*. Those remaining cried out most pitifully, "Don't leave, Don't leave us! Come back, come back!" But the boat was full so they could not take them in. Later these men were rescued by the captain's launch.

After feverishly rowing for more than a hundred yards in order to put some distance between them and the sinking *Athenia*, they stopped to reconnoiter. To their dismay there wasn't a sailor among their number. All of the crew they had was the bar tender and scullery man. To add to their alarming condition they found that on one side of the life-boat there were two oarlocks, on the other only one. Thus they found much progress impossible.

The torpedoing took place at 7:30 p. m. It was now 9 p. m. The moon



Travels Widely Every Week-End

H. Park Tucker, a well-known senior, is engaged to conduct services at Brantford, Canada, the week-end of March 3, for the Young Peoples' Fellowship.

Mr. Tucker speaks most of his week-ends, sometimes traveling many miles, at various churches throughout New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and other states of the Union. This is Mr. Tucker's first engagement in Canada. The Young People's Fellowship first chanced to hear of Mr. Tucker through Arthur Choepf, former song leader of Churchill Tabernacle, Buffalo, New York.

Pundits...

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"Frances Pierce: "Oh Dad, I've just found out that the girl next to me in Chem. has a hat exactly like mine."

Father: "Well, I suppose you want me to buy a new one?"

Frances: "Well, darling, that would be cheaper than changing schools."

Hilda Luther: "I can't decide whether to go to a palm reader or a mind reader."

Duane Stoll: "Go to a palmist. It's obvious that you have a palm."

Attention: Wes Nussey, Loren Smith, Ann Madwid, Georgia McGowen, Mary Tiffany: In regard to the article that appeared in the feature column last week, all we can say is "If the shoe fits you put it on!" And we might also add, "The truth hurts."

Editor's Note:

If the editor's name has appeared in this column for having made inquiries concerning some of its contents, it is because he considered himself accountable for the contents of "Puissant Pundits" and not because he suspected J.P.Q. of any uncharitable accusations in cleaning his park plugs last week.

was full. Occasionally a dash of rain sprinkled them. The deep ground well made many of the victims seasick. Then—in the distance a light the size of a pin appeared—then the outline of a boat. Men and women sang and prayed in audible tones.

"Had there been no prayers up to that time?" we asked.

"Not that I heard," replied Mr. Davis, "but every one of us prayed silently."

It must have been a moment of awe?" we ventured further.

"Without assurance of God during these harrowing experiences we could not have remained calm."

The rescue boat came nearer, then stood off. A Norwegian ship passed them at two hundred yards distance. A British destroyer signaled with its lights, turned and started away.

"What if we should be left here after being so near to being rescued. One of those awful tragedies we sometimes hear about."

The destroyer turned again and this time, about 4 a. m., they were rescued. Mr. Davis was delighted to find that the same destroyer had rescued Mrs. Davis an hour and a half earlier.

The passengers were taken to Glasgow. By Mr. Davis, we are assured that the Scotch aren't tight. They gave the rescued passengers clothes, medical attention, even supplying false teeth and glass eyes, and lodging in the best hotels. In short, they received the best of care without thought of expense.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Davis returned to America on the *Origale*, an American vessel chartered by the Maritime Commission to bring American citizens home.

Other engagements that Mr. Tucker will fill this week are Canisteo Wesleyan Methodist church, Buffalo Pine Hill Baptist church, and Methodist church, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

Grade Points

"What is so rare as an A in June?" Why a 3,000 in February, of course! At least that is what a few of our students think. Jesse DeRight, Marie Fearing, Cliff Blauvelt, Ivan Engle, and Tom Gardiner are the honored recipients of this elusive average. How does it feel, huh?

The runners up are Robert Oehrig with 2,938, Thelma Havill with 2,917, Frank Frost with 2,911, Alan Gilmour with 2,96, and Marion Smith with 2,889.

PERSONALITY

By H. E. Rosenberger

In our further thought about personality, let us consider three things which the individual may do toward his own self development. They come under three ideas, namely, self-knowledge, self-discipline, self-control.

1. The most difficult thing in the world is to know oneself. How can we be anything but a mystery to others, when we are such a complete mystery to ourselves? Birth is a mystery, death is a mystery, and life which lies between these two is made up largely of misunderstandings. We shout at each other across seas of misconception, striving to convey to one another that which can never be expressed in words. How much of truth in that bit of verse by an unknown author:

"I searched for God, but God eluded me.

I sought my brother, but I found him not.

I searched within, and finding self, found all three."

This great truth is put more accurately by St. Augustine in speaking of his conversion to God: "Thou, O Lord, didst turn me round into my own sight. . . . Thou didst place me before mine own eyes, so that I saw how ugly I was, how deformed, filthy, spotted, and ulcerous!"

The dawning of self consciousness in a child is a most interesting moment. "Aren't you glad you are my little girl?" asked a fond father of his child. "I'm not your little girl. I'm my own," was the quick reply. What father could help giving a measure of respect to such an expression of childish independence? And this, even though it seemed to deny an obvious human relationship. We get glimpses of our self in the mirror of public opinion by noting how people react to us and in the echoes of what they say about us. Who of us has not often stood at this listening post? But the highest and truest self-knowledge comes only as we see ourselves in the mirror of the Supreme Mind. To see ourselves as God sees us, and to evaluate our lives in the light of an eternal destiny (Continued on Page Four, Col. 1)

Sunday Services

Sunday Morning

The Rev. Mr. Armstrong, preaching on "A Glorious Redemption" in the morning worship service of the Houghton church, based his message on a clause taken from I Peter 1:12, "which things the angels desire to look into." "That Christ should be the Man of Sorrows and acquainted with grief did not cause the angels to wonder. Even His betrayal and death was as nothing to them. But that He, the sinless Lamb of God, should suffer for sin—that sin was the agony of His soul—this was the mystery of them."

The sermon of the evening was on "A Quartet of Fools," particularly the fool who presumed on the future. (Luke 12:13-21). "He sought to satisfy his soul on material things. But only when God has first place in the life will anyone be inwardly happy. 'Ye are not your own; ye are brought with a price.'"

Sunday Evening

With the Sunday evening service on February 18, the February revival services of the college church were brought to a close. In the services which included representatives of about thirty different denominations, students, faculty and townspeople united with the college pastor, the Rev. Mr. Black and with the evangelist, the Rev. Mr. Armstrong, in seeking a revival of vital interest in personal salvation.

The series of meetings were well attended, and fine cooperation was shown by the different groups, each of which came in a body. Each night there was a volunteer choir and special vocal and instrumental music. The song service under the direction of Rev. C. I. Armstrong, with Barbara Cronk at the organ and a volunteer orchestra, was unusually enjoyable. Favorite among the choruses sung were "Jesus Satisfies", theme-song of the series, and "From the Rising of the Sun" by Mr. Armstrong.

The emphasis of the sermons preached by the evangelist during the two weeks was on the adjustment of the life of the individual to the will of God. Using illustrations that were clear and effective, Mr. Armstrong brought straightforward appeals employing no undue pressure. Spirit-directed, his ministry led many persons to seek a new personal relationship to Christ.

Extension Groups Work over Sunday

Alan Gilmour was the speaker in the afternoon service held in the Alleghany County Home on Sunday, February 18. Music was furnished by June Spaulding and Mildred Proctor.

Another group represented the Houghton W.Y.P.S. in the evening worship service of the United Brethren church at Smethport, Pa. Hayes Minnick was the speaker and the trumpet quartet played.

Speakers at the morning and evening worship services in the Wesleyan Methodist church of Falconer, New York, were Bert Hall and Lloyd Elliott. Special music was by a mixed quartet—Pearl Crapo, Clemence Phillips, Lester Paul, and Lloyd Elliott.

String Bean asked Miss Rickard how to spell a certain word for his comp.

"Why don't you buy a dictionary?" she asked.

"What would I do with it? If I can't spell the words I couldn't find 'em, and if I can spell 'em, I don't need one."

TRUE WISDOM

By Henry Ortlip

Wisdom is a quality which we all admire when we see it in people. It is natural that we should admire this quality in others, for we all desire to have this quality ourselves. It is for us to want to know, and to want to know why. As soon as a child can talk, he begins to ask questions, in order to satisfy this desire. It was the natural and legitimate desire to be wise that caused Eve to disobey God.

To have wisdom is not simply to have a knowledge of certain facts, however, neither is it just to have ability to do certain things, but it is the ability both to think and to act properly in relation to the true values of life. Therefore, what we mean by wisdom will depend on our conception of true standards and values of life.

Let us consider a few brief and common interpretations of wisdom in the eyes of people today. There might be some people who could be so low as to regard an exceedingly crafty and yet a wicked person as wise, but fortunately, most people aren't low enough to hold such an opinion. Some, seeing a man who is very shrewd in business, term him a wise man. Others seeing a man who is perfectly upright in all his business deals, who besides this, is still a clever business man say "There's a wise man." Others, deeming that the former estimates are too materialistic and commercial say that a wise man is not merely one who is capable of exercising wisdom in material realms, but one who has built up a good strong moral character, and who at the same time is making a contribution to the general good of society.

We must admit that there is some degree of wisdom in all of these views. Even though in some of these estimates we see wisdom in its lowest, most perverted forms. But, even in the highest and best of these estimates of wisdom there is a sad and a hopeless lack. The writer of Ecclesiastes searched out all of the realms of life. He found wisdom to be the best of all the realms, such as pleasure, wealth, and fame, but even wisdom, along with the rest he found to be vanity apart from God. But when this wisdom is coupled with the true wisdom which descendeth from heaven a man may have a proper perspective on the whole world order of things as they really are. It is this wisdom which not only stabilizes a man's character in relation to his fellowmen and to himself, but that which adjusts a man's heart into an attitude of harmony with his maker, permitting him to live as his great Designer intended he should live.

If a man could conquer in all the fields of earthly knowledge and wisdom, and become a master in every field, even in the realms, of moral and character (if such be possible without a heart adjusted to God's will) he could still be a fool in respect to the most important value of life. Jesus said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt. 16:26). Of what value are the other realms of this life if the most unique and distinguishing capacity of man, his soul, is neglected in failure to give the world the proper means for development found possible in God alone.

Lecture...

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sea are due to the carelessness of the diver and that he has found that it is the human who usually starts the excitement. The mysterious depths of the "Blue-Green Water" is "still a great frontier to be conquered" he stated as the sudden brilliance of the lights brought many back to earth.

Personality

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—only thus do we get a true view of what we are, and dimly of what we may become. For "now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be."

2. The unexamined life, said Socrates, is not worth living. So it was that the great sage of the Periclean age took for his motto, "Know thyself." He also practiced on himself what we would today think of as a most rigorous self-discipline. A modern writer has said that a person without self-discipline is like a barrel without hoops. At the first touch of difficult circumstance such a person, like a barrel in dry weather, falls to pieces. "There is no defeat except within," wrote Emerson, "there is no really insurmountable barrier save one's own inherent weakness of purpose." Everyone needs to keep watch over his thought-life, his emotions, and his aims. When thought is overdeveloped, we find action "sicklied over the pale cast" and losing itself in hesitation. Such a one needs to make quick decisions, to act promptly, and 'live dangerously.' If, on the other hand, one is inclined to follow his emotions and to act impulsively, he needs to cultivate thoughtfulness and to reflect before he decides and acts. Others are weak in will and need to cultivate persistence and the power of effort. Thus every faculty of our threefold nature needs to be toned up where it is weak and toned down where it is too strong. And so we may build a well balanced personality.

3. Self-control is perhaps the greatest of all achievements, for it is nothing less than the mastery of self. And "he that ruleth his own spirit is greater than he that taketh a city."

Thought is the root of action. Therefore, if we would control our conduct, we must manage our thoughts. Now, the secret of thought control lies in the faculty of attention. We cannot entirely stop the stream of thoughts as it flows through our mind. But we can control it indirectly, turning aside some thoughts which are undesirable and selecting others for consideration. It is this power which we designate attention. Attention brings ideas into the focus of the mind, the hot-spot of consciousness so to speak, and gives them the impulsive power for action. Turn the switch of attention upon a thought, and it becomes a live idea, which releases emotion and leads on to action. Turn attention from that same idea, and it falls back into cold oblivion, like a live coal when removed from the hearth, and loses all influence over our action. It is by continued cultivation of attention that the genius in any line is developed. For genius is mainly the continued application of our powers to a single line, until one day we wake up and find ourselves among the competent ones in our field. It has been said that genius resides mainly in the power of patient attention. It is one per cent inspiration and ninety per cent application and perspiration.

"Self knowledge, self discipline, self control," wrote Tennyson,—"these three alone lead life to sovereign power." And they are the secret of effective personality, in so far as it is within our power to determine its growth. They are indeed a sovereign power, especially if they operate in a life fully surrendered to and controlled by the divine Spirit. If any youth will but look to Christ for the divine endowment, and will seek to bring his own will into complete harmony with the divine will, he will find power to overcome his weaknesses and to build his life into a tower of strength. It is not a short road nor an easy way, but it is Christ's way and it leads to life.

"Can this coat be worn out in the rain without hurting it?"
"Lady, did you ever see a skunk carrying an umbrella?"

Debate...

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tion, gave the team a good start for the day's battle of wits and arguments. About 10:45 the teams participating congregated in the Shippingsburg State Teachers' assembly hall for a few introductory remarks. In the first round at 11:00 the Houghton affirmative team, Roy Albany and Walt Sheffer, debated Grove City college negative team, winning the decision. The Houghton negative team, Jesse DeRight and Wesley Nussey debated Lock Haven, also winning the decision.

At dinner, served in the college dining hall, the teams all got acquainted. Attention was called by the host of the occasion that Houghton debaters had come the farthest distance. In the second round which took place at 1:30 Houghton's affirmative and negative teams defeated Shippingsburg's negative and Bridge Water's affirmative, respectively. At the end of these two rounds American university and Houghton college were the only two to have won all their debates thus far. So in the third, which was the final round, Houghton's affirmative and negative were matched against American U's negative and affirmative, respectively. This time Houghton's teams were defeated after a gallant clash with their opponents. This gave American U. six wins out of six and Houghton four out of six.

The day's program completed, the group returned by way of Harrisburg, Pa., where they ate under the shadows of Pennsylvania State Capitol Building. Then came the weary trip home. Professor Hazlett rolled up in a sleeping position, while the boys reviewed their college years and the personages who had in one way or another gained some of their attention.

At 4:00 Houghton interrupted the conversation and "good night, old boy" sent each to his welcomed bed.

We suggest Gerry Beach put this up in the print shop to encourage the ambitious young employees. "Work hard for 8 hours a day and don't worry; then in time you may become the boss and work 18 hours a day and have all the worry."

To Be a friend is to be lifted toward heaven. —Your Faith

Town Basketeers Defeat Gainesville

Tie for First Place in League

The Houghton town team, now traveling under the appellation "Indian," tomahawked the Gainesville Firemen last Saturday night with a 30-24 victory. The Indians returned to their teepees happy in the thought that they were wearing on their belts the fresh scalp of the leaders of the league. Now the first place honors are equally divided among Houghton, Gainesville and Pike.

It was a nip-and-tuck battle throughout the entire contest but they retained their early lead by virtue of a third quarter spurt. Heap big brave Paine was the high-scorer, as usual, with eleven points and Marvie Eyles was runner-up with ten counters. Baker led the Gainesville cohorts in scoring with four double-deckers.

Next Monday evening at the Fillmore gym the Indians will square off with Pike. If you want to see a real game, come on down.

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GOSSIP

by Allyn Russell

Confucius' son says: "Pop talk too much." Yours truly of Bleacher Gossip Inc. thinks that maybe we've done a little too much spreeing this year ourselves so instead of stringing along with some uninteresting midyear sport news we assumed the role of the "Inquiring Photographer" this week and interviewed several of the students concerning tomorrow nite's thriller-diller. The general question proposed to all ran something like this:

'Who's going to notch that first game of the Purple-Gold series tomorrow night on the Bedford Gymnasium floor and what are your predictions concerning the series as a whole?'

Naturally, we met a diversified group of opinions, but we present them to you just as they gave them to us—Take it away cameraman!

Opinion No. 1 comes from Frances Pierce, social science major from Endicott, New York and Houghton's number one feminine sports' follower. Interviewed in the Willard Houghton Memorial Library Miss Pierce said: I'm Gold, but boy,

that Purple team looks mighty convincing. It looks to me as if the first game of the Purple-Gold series promises to be a nip-and-tuck battle from start to finish, and when we remember the thrilling last minute finish of the series last year, it doesn't even look safe to predict. All I'll say is—"May the best team win!" (P. S. I'm rooting for the Gold and expect them to take it!)

Opinion No. 2 comes direct from the local "Professor of History" Mr. William Bisgrove, an avowed and ardent rooter of those champion senior sages and no doubt the A No. 1 male fan in school. Bill gave the following statement to the press: "The Purple-Gold series will be a thrill-packed, exciting, hum-dinger of a series. To-morrow nite's contest pits a gallant Purple team battling a star-studded Gold outfit. I expect the latter to win the first game, but five games will be played, with each one close. The Purple with its fight and teamwork will emerge champs, again. The fems will be giving their all for the fans, but with the Paines in there how can the Purple lose?"

Freddie Morse of the Bookstore Incorporated, when questioned in the lower hall last Monday, burst forth with the following response: "Why the Gold of course! Which side am I on?—that's pretty obvious. But call it the knowledge that we have a good Gold team, or call it just intuition—I predict success for the bright side. The contest will probably be a close, hard fought battle, but after breaking the jinx last year, the Gold will be off to a good start to hold their title with a first game victory."

Keenest response of all our interrogations came from this week's faculty representative, Dr. Douglas. We

HOUGHTON IS HOST TO CONFERENCE OF COUNTY TEACHERS

The teachers of the First Supervisory District of Allegany County met Friday, February 16, in the Houghton college chapel. Following Dr. Paine's informal welcome to the group, the college choir sang two groups from their repertoire.

The business meeting was devoted to reports from the House of Delegates of classroom teachers, held at Albany this year. These reports were presented by Mrs. Hannah Findlay and were followed by reports of the Associated Academic Principals' meeting at Syracuse, presented by Principals Albro and Haynes of Rushford and Fillmore respectively. Mrs. Gladys Smith presided at the business meeting. The morning session was completed by an extempore address by District Superintendent F. L. Tuthill on "The Teacher's Compensation," which emphasized the values of growing life and living life.

After lunch which was served in Gaoyadeo Hall the conference divided into two discussion groups. One group under the chairmanship of Mrs. Blanche Tapp of Rushford discussed the new arithmetic syllabus, the advantages and problems of this syllabus were approached from the Elementary school view-point.

The academic group discussed the problems which arise in organizing a student council. Various situations and difficulties which must be dealt with in the formation of capable and efficient student government were discussed under the chairmanship of Howard Andrus of Rushford.

After the announcements of future teacher conferences and meetings the group listened to an inspirational discussion of the topic "How Big Is the Job" by Professor Stanley Wright.

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most memorable programs of the National Broadcasting Company such as the first official two-way short wave broadcast between New York and the Vatican in Rome, dedicatory programs at the opening of Radio City, the Memorial for Will Rogers, and many others.

Miss Berggren's press criticisms have been most laudatory, and among the orchids tossed her from this source are not a few of this character. "No program to be presented this season, it is believed, will surpass in beauty that given with Miss Gertrude Berggren. . . Miss Berggren won her audience with the richness of her voice and the sympathy of her interpretations, in which she brought to the forefront the full spiritual meaning of the selections."

Prof Stanley: "Well, David, just because your roommate was out in the road on his hands and knees is no sign that he is crazy. Hasn't he ever done that before?"

Dave Johnson: "Yes sir, but this time, he was trying to roll up the white line."

The feeblest knock will open heaven's doors. —Your Faith

climbed the science hall stairs, interrupted "Doc's" work on some fine looking specimens of the cat family and then explained the situation. After pondering over the merits of the boys on both color squads and seeing that Dave Paine, Glen Mix and Jim Evans have gained considerable experience playing town ball, "Doc" came thru with that good old fashioned smile of his and remarked unhesitatingly: "Well, if that's the situation—I'll take the Gold in three straight! !!"

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