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GREATER HOUGHTON FOR A GREATER MINISTRY

Much interest is being manifested lately in the preparations which are in evidence for the new financial drive for Houghton College. Many questions are being asked on all sides and students are inquiring what, if anything, they can do to help their Alma Mater.

At a recent chapel Mr. Frank Howe of New Rochelle, New York, experienced Y. M. C. A. financial campaign expert, explained at some length the plan which he is setting up for this drive. He was followed by Mr. Hugh Paine, who is to manage the campaign throughout the summer, and Dr. Luckey, who has assumed general chairmanship of the drive.

For the benefit of students and their parents we are presenting the main details herewith.

Houghton is faced with the immediate necessity of providing more facilities for her rapidly growing student body. The largest registration on record occurred last September and another large registration is expected this coming fall. Goudeau Hall is full to overflowing, and equipment and financial backing are necessary if the school is to continue to grow.

It is proposed to ask the friends of the college for a quarter of a million dollars. This money is to be invested approximately as follows: a needed new library and administration building, releasing additional class rooms, \$50,000; theological building and chapel, \$25,000; dormitory and dining hall facilities \$50,000; increased endowment, scholarships, and academic miscellany, \$125,000—total \$250,000.

In addition, in the distant future, ranged around the impressive quadrangle north of the present main building, there is the prospect of a large recitation hall, a physical science building, a chemical science building, a large auditorium, and
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Rev. G. A. Cole Speaks to Theological Graduates

The class night exercises of the Theological department were held Friday evening June 7, in the Houghton Church.

In connection with this program occurred the annual Strong Bible Reading Contest, open to the members of the theological and Bible school. The first prize of ten dollars was awarded to Miss Dorothy Kenyon and the second prize of five dollars to Miss Prudence Sheffer.

Following the singing of an anthem "They That Sow in Tears Shall Reap in Joy" by a mixed chorus under the direction of Prof. Wilfred Bain, the address of the evening was given by the Rev. Mr. George Alden Cole, pastor of the Prospect Avenue Baptist Church Buffalo.

In speaking from the subject "Forget Not the Old Landmarks", Rev. Mr. Cole said, "Although men have removed many of the old landmarks, there are some landmarks that cannot be removed. As young people step out as ambassadors for God, they will find the word of God the source from which to prepare their messages. God can send forth his word through men who are spirit-filled."

In closing his message, Rev. Mr. Cole urged the young members of the graduating class to be soul winners and to preach Christ. Men should find God's landmarks and stay close to them if they want to be used of God.

The program closed with the singing of a solo "These Are They" by Miss Dorothy Trowbridge.

CONTEST TOPICS INCLUDE VITAL PROBLEMS

On Thursday evening, June 6, the annual Leonard F. Houghton Oratorical Contest was held in the college chapel. The fourth presentation, "Egypt or the Promised Land?" by Arthur Lynip took a well-earned first in the opinion of the jury of awards: the Reverend Harold Wass, Attorney Ransom Richardson, and Professor Hugh Thomas. A. J. Paine's "Atheism" won second place, while W. Ray Perry took a third prize.

After the invocation and brief announcements by President Luckey, a trio—Doris Bain, Beatrice Bush, and Rowena Peterson—trilled a masterpiece of nonsensical absurdities and staved off some of the tenseness for the hopeful contestants.

The order of speakers stood as follows:

"Shall the Constitution Stand?" Ethel Barner
"Let George Do It" W. Ray Perry
"Intelligent Citizenship" S. Henry Andresson
"Egypt or the Promised Land?" Arthur Lynip
"Atheism" A. J. Paine
"Communism or Home" Eurica Heide!

During the interlude between the third and fourth presentation, Dorothy Trowbridge, accompanied by Walter Ferchen gave a facile rendition of "Lo, Here the Gentle Lark." The intermission for the judges to reach a decision passed quickly as the string quartet played three numbers and genial Prof. Stanley spoke on the peculiar problems of live speech-making. With deliberate slowness, well knowing his enviable position, the chairman finally announced the winners and dismissed the assembly.

Marion College President Is Baccalaureate Speaker

To have the baccalaureate service in the new church was a great pleasure. It added much to the dignity and impressiveness of the occasion. Very fine music was sung by the A Cappella Choir, and the address by Rev. William McConn, President of Marion College was well received.

Mr. McConn's subject was: Life's Supreme Quest, his text, Prov. 3:13: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding." He said in part: "A man sets a goal and tries to reach that goal because he thinks it will bring him happiness. But this anticipation frequently does not materialize. 'I know no happy people anywhere,' said Thomas A. Edison, and Clarence Darrow offered this as his advice to youth: 'I should say to the youth of America, 'Go to the tallest building and cast yourself off.'" Life is not worth living according to such men, because we are not responsible for being here and because of the pain, disappointment, and trouble entailed in living.

Pessimism is creeping into the minds even of youth today. An answer is: How would you like to have lived here fifty years ago and suffer the privations of that day? I prefer today with all its uncertainty, its tremendous responsibility, its conflicting trains of thought. In one place happiness can be found—in the hymns of the church. And yet some of those grew out of the deepest pain.

How shall we go about seeking happiness? Possessions do not bring it; wisdom does. Life is the ability to apply knowledge well. Today we have the administrator, the research worker, but seriously lack the interpreter. From history,

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IN MEMORIAM

Rev. John S. Willett

"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"
II Samuel 3:38

COLLEGE LOSES TRUE FRIEND

Did you ever expect something to occur, and yet when it came feel the shock just as a bolt from a clear sky? This was the sensation that came over me when the telephone told me that Brother John S. Willett had passed to his reward.

John S. Willett was one of the best friends, if not the best friend, that Houghton College and Seminary ever had. That this should be so was perfectly natural. Soon after his conversion, he entered Houghton in the year 1894, to prepare for the ministry. In one sense he was distinctly a product of Houghton for it was here that he took the full courses in high school, college, and theology.

From these halls he went forth to render service to the Church and the world to a degree rarely equaled by men. Through all these years he was a friend of Houghton as counselor, financial supporter, and finally as President of the Board of Trustees.

May God grant that we who are left to carry on may be as faithful as he.

James S. Luckey
President, Houghton College
and Seminary

When I first knew John Willett he was a student in the Bible department of Houghton Seminary and boarded with the S. A. Moe family. John had recently come from England and yet he easily adapted himself to his new surroundings and was manifesting something of the quality of character which made him likable—a faculty which was a great asset to him in later life. As a student in the class room, a debater in the old literary society and as an attendant at the various exercises in the chapel he was dependable and congenial even though he might express his views with considerable emphasis. It was during our school days in the old Seminary that the "advanced department" was being added a year at a time. John Willett was the first graduate from this "college department" and Miss Florence Yorton and myself constituted the second college class. These two classes used to find much satisfaction as we worked together in courses which were often being taught for the first time in the new department. John was an eager student and in spite of shortcoming in an instructional way he plowed ahead determined to get all that he could out of his classes.

Brother Willett was converted and called to the ministry before he came to Houghton Seminary; in fact this is the reason he came to school. Therefore it is not surprising to find him frequently out preaching and holding meetings in churches and school houses throughout the Lockport Conference. His zeal for the Gospel ministry and the Wesleyan Methodist Church seemed to saturate all his life. He never allowed anything to dim his vision of his motive for attending school. His calling was a "high and holy calling."

John believed in the leadership of the Spirit but he also felt that the Spirit must have a trained personality to lead. He used to say that a heart trained without the head might result in mere emotionalism; on the other hand a head trained without the heart might be cold and

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SENIOR CLASS DAY GIVES UNIQUE PROGRAM

At 10 o'clock Saturday morning, June 8, the Class Day program was inaugurated with a solemn processional of the Senior Class. After the invocation by Professor Shea, the Senior male quartet, composed of Messrs Hess, Barker, Cronk, and Smith, sang the appropriate selection "On the Chapel Steps". Elizabeth Harmon, as Salutatorian, gave a brief, all-inclusive address in which the desire of the graduating class for a greater Houghton was expressed. A very fine vocal solo, "Dreaming", was then sung by Eileen Hawn.

The class oration was delivered by Paul Allen, who spoke on the subject, "Our Philosophy of Ease". Mr. Allen took examples from history to prove that nothing worthwhile is accomplished without struggle. He then applied this basic principle to our present economic situation, claiming that our philosophy of ease was primarily responsible for such a condition. He spoke smoothly but forcefully, his style being effective without being emphatic.

Florence Smith played "Paysage Russe" by Hartmann as a piano solo, after which Alden VanOrnum presented the mantle to the Class of 1936 in a well-delivered address of good will and friendly advice. Clifford Weber responded for the Juniors in a few sentences of appreciation. Orven Hess then sang the "Prize Song" by Wagner.

Harriet Pinkney, in a comparatively brief valedictory, gave a farewell in the form of an appreciation of Houghton. Without being sentimental, she spoke feelingly of her Alma Mater as her "foster home". Very quietly she affirmed her realization that "all life is changing... a new Houghton is even now being born."

Following a number by the Senior girls trio—composed of Misses Murphy, Brownell, and Harmon. Keith Burr presented the class gift to the College—a sum of money to purchase furniture for the new Faculty-Senior room. The Senior class also pledged approximately \$4,000 for the Student Foundation fund. President Luckey thanked them in the name of the school and the Board of Trustees.

The male quartet sang a new arrangement of "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee", after which the assembly was dismissed by a few words of benediction by Dr. Paine.

Oratorio Society Gives "The Holy City"

Wednesday night, June 5, the Houghton College Oratorio Society, conducted by Wilfred C. Bain, presented "The Holy City" by A. R. Gaul in the College Chapel. The soloists for the occasion were: Dorothy Trowbridge, soprano; Leona Marsh, mezzo-soprano; Orven Hess, tenor; Gordon Clark, baritone. Mrs. Edith Arlin was the piano accompanist.

The chorus portion of the oratorio was well given throughout, but special mention should be made of the selections, "Thine is the Kingdom" and "List! the Cherubic Host".

The solo work showed the results of considerable effort and the fine interpretation of Miss Trowbridge and Mr. Hess was of commendable quality.

The society, consisting of volunteer members from the student body, has given two other oratorios during the school year, the "Messiah" at Christmas and "St. Matthew's Passion" at Easter.

"All wickedness is weakness."

CORNELL REGISTRAR ADDRESSES GRADS

The Commencement program of 1935 began at 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 10, with the processional, "War March of the Priests" by Mendelssohn, played by the college orchestra. The college Seniors, preceded by the Seminary graduates, solemnly filed in to their seats at the front of the chapel. The Rev. Mr. McConn, President of Marion College, Marion, Indiana, gave a very appropriate invocation. The selection, "Far Away Lies the Land," taken from the opera Mignon, was then sung by Leona Marsh, accompanied by Magdalene Murphy at the piano.

Without further preliminaries, the main address of the morning, "The Enduring Purpose of Education", was delivered by Dr. Eugene F. Bradford, Registrar and Director of Admissions at Cornell University. Dr. Bradford began his talk by referring to slogans and war cries. There are two major defects in most slogans, he asserted. They are usually charged with emotion without much emphasis on reason; also, they usually contain false prophecies.

Dr. Bradford suggested a slogan which he declared contained neither of the above defects: Education in a New Era. In discussing this slogan, he went back into history to show that Education is a very ancient institution. It has not changed fundamentally, though it has adjusted itself to changing times and conditions. Neither is it static, inasmuch as the educational system is always altered to accommodate the prevailing needs. Education is versatile. Sometimes it leads the way; sometimes pressure may be applied to lead it away from its primary purpose of seeking after truth. Dr. Bradford took the suppression of public education in Germany by Hitler as an example.

He went on to define education in the
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Rev. Woodhead Speaks at Annual Move-up Day

The annual tradition of Move-up Day was observed May 28 by morning and evening programs in the school chapel.

According to the custom of the school, the passing of the year's examinations was solemnized by a ceremony and sermon in the morning service. After a fitting tribute to the graduating class by the student body, a talk was given by the Rev. Royal Woodhead of Fillmore. For his subject he dealt with the full application of the expression "move-up day" to the Christian person. The exhortation which he left was that every student make every day a day of moving up in Christian experience.

Less solemn was the evening's presentation. Undergraduate classes were each given ten minutes in which to give a snappy skit. Miss Magdalene Murphy, the mistress of ceremonies, introduced the presidents of the classes who, in turn, explained their respective skits.

In the absence of Paul McIntire, Arthur Lynip gave a short talk advertising the qualities of the freshman class. Then a program followed which consisted of a clever pantomime. Carlisle Smith, in a more serious vein, introduced the sophomore production, namely a series of senior impersonations depicting certain members applying for jobs. Paul McCarty offered a few appropriate remarks prior to his class offering of a grammar school scene with embellishments.

Miss Fancher, adviser for the senior class, closed the program with a serious talk in behalf of the graduating group.

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Editorial

For over half a century now Houghton has been annually giving out into the world the best material she can produce, material with which she had worked for years to touch up, strengthen here and there, and perfect.

And now another year of school activities, studies, hard work and pleasures have passed. Another fine group of young graduates have gone from our halls of learning, some perhaps never to return.

And so, with a feeling of regret we must bid adieu to the class of 1935. May happiness and success follow their footsteps throughout the great game of life which lies out yonder before them.

Class of 1935—Farewell.

L. A. A.

IN MEMORIAM

A mighty man among us has fallen whose unfailing friendship, whose understanding heart, and whose jealous desires for college and church have been a strong, guiding force during these many years. Dr. Willett, as President of the Board of Trustees for the college, was ever looking with a widening vision for a greater Houghton in things temporal and spiritual.

The students of the college will miss his princely manhood and pleasing personality. It can truthfully be said that if Houghton College ever had a real friend, it was in this "man of God".

His interest in young people was unusual. As we look at his life, spent in interests of others, we wonder if a large degree of his success was not due to his boyhood teacher in England. Many students in need found him ready and willing to help. Only those who have received of his generosity know of its far-reaching qualities, for he was not one to tell of what he had done.

We regret that more of the students did not know him better, but to those who knew him, his life becomes a challenge as a goal towards which we may climb.

But due respect would not be his unless we hear him say with another, "For me to live is Christ." May we catch a vision of the consuming passion that was his and find it welling up within us to nobleness in life.

J. N. B.

CAMPAIGN

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a boys' dormitory. All of these facilities are necessary for the growth and usefulness of the institution.

The friends of the college will be told of these needs in an intensive publicity campaign to be conducted during the summer. The campaign, according to present plans, will be put on early in the fall, culminating some time in the middle of October. Seven different classes of friends are listed as follows: a. the seven conferences in Houghton District; b. the fourteen alumni chapters; c. the faculty, who have already contributed \$20,000, and the town of Houghton; d. citizen friends in five surrounding countries; e. outside friends in New York and elsewhere; f. special friends—those desiring to make special gifts; g. parents of students.

Every student can help in this campaign. Shortly after you reach home you will receive a letter from President Luckey requesting you to forward to the office a list of the names of your friends whom you think the college should have for its friends. Whether these friends decide to contribute or not, they will be mailed complete information regarding the college, and it is expected that as a result of the campaign many new friends will be won for "dear old Houghton".

COMMENT

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new era as he believed it should be. It should be flexible. It should concern itself with persons rather than with eras, new and old. Education, especially professional, should be alert to the reactions and responses of the contemporary world. The subject matter should be of less importance than the fact that the work is done honestly. The final objective should be the building up of trained minds, capable of handling the difficult problems of the modern world.

Another goal of education which the

speaker stressed is character formation. This might be accomplished, suggested Dr. Bradford, by correcting the tendencies toward incomplete and incorrect thinking which the modern college student displays. Faulty character might be corrected by the right type of education, he thought.

Education should dedicate itself to creating a sense of responsibility in the individual. In order to do this, it would be necessary that the individual should have sound character, a sound mind, and a sound body (which is the product of intelligence and character). These he compared to the three fundamental requirements for entrance into Cornell University, which are: fundamental preparation (scholarship), good character, and good health, which he explained, are also fundamental requirements for young people entering the world.

Dr. Bradford had a word of criticism for the college students of 1935—they all seem to be going somewhere in a hurry without any special place to go; they have no experience with the peace that comes from inward meditation. His advice to the graduating classes was to perfect themselves in scholarship, character, and health before they begin thinking of success.

After the "Ariosa", a viola solo by Professor King, came the presentation of the diplomas. This was a simple, impressive ceremony in which Dr. Luckey gave brief, fatherly talks to the members of each department. Dr. Luckey presented the diplomas, while the heads of the respective departments—Mrs. Philinda Bowen, Principal of the Seminary; Prof. F. H. Wright, Chairman of the Division of Religious Education; Dr. Stephen W. Paine, Dean of the College—announced the individual graduates in their respective departments.

Three Seniors, Grace Smith, Orven Hess, and Paul McCarty, will be graduated upon completion of work in Summer School.

Rev. J. R. Pitt then pronounced the benediction, which concluded the program.

Former Student Honored at University of Colorado

Kenneth Glasier, whom the present Junior class will remember as one of their number in 1932-33, is the recipient of a high scholastic honor at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.

At the beginning of this school year, Mr. Glasier registered at the University of Colorado because his health demanded a high, dry climate. After taking his examinations last January, he was given a scholarship for all expenses for the next school year, 1935-36. The conditions on which this scholarship is granted are that the candidate have an average of "1", the equivalent of our rating of "A".

Born on Sunday, May 26, 1935, to Dr. and Mrs. Harry E. Kitterman, Indianapolis, Indiana, a son named Robert Lee. Mrs. Kitterman was formerly Almeda Hall.

"DITTO" CARTER

Dear Alumni and Ho'tonites:

I'm glad to have the chance to send greetings to my scattered classmates, and all those I know in Houghton.

Since last June I've struggled hard to land a teaching position, but it's been like fishing in the Dead Sea. A list of my occupations to date won't sound very inspiring to the present ambitious undergraduate, for I've been a waitress, a five-and-dime store clerk, a nursemaid, and at present I'm a housekeeper, cook, and receptionist for a doctor.

Some time ago I came to New York to seek my fortune, and after a couple of nursemaid positions, I finally got in here I love being in New York, and at least my education is continuing along the most practical lines. I find myself liking to shift around and come in contact with a lot of people.

Perhaps a natural question in anyone's mind might be: Has college been a wasted four years since it hasn't helped economically so far? Even if I were reduced to dish-washing for a living, my answer would be emphatically, "No!" Just the friendships made there would be compensation. Maybe my degree hasn't changed the world's treatment of me, but it certainly has influenced my outlook on the world. Houghton is a grand place to collect a few convictions and opinions that will stick by.

Writing this letter has made me feel very ancient. After leaving college, you start in to reminisce, a sure sign of age, and reading one's own letter in the alumni section will be like discovering a new gray hair. Along with the rest of the alumni I'll always follow Houghton's progress with the greatest interest.

Having Chic a more or less permanent part of the place gives me a feeling of close contact. I'd love to hear from any of you who can spare a few minutes to write, and from any of the Alumni, I promise to be a faithful correspondent. Good luck and goodbye, "Ditto" Carter ("Winona" now) 812 West 181st Street

Alice Hampe McMillen

In a recent personal letter Alice intended to inclose one for the *Star* but in some way it didn't get in.

Her advanced degrees have been earned helping a physician in a country where people are really sick not where they imagine they are. Another part of her training has come through caring for Linda Joan, who is now large enough to get around rapidly in her kiddie car.

Those who gave the set of rhythm band instruments will be interested to know that they are used every Sunday and are enjoyed by the adults as well as by the children.

ALUMNI NEWS

DR. BOWEN TEACHES IN HARVARD

Dr. Ira Bowen of the California Institute of Technology is engaged to give lectures in astronomy at Harvard University this summer, where advanced courses in this field are being offered. He will also lecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He begins work on July 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen will drive through and hope to spend a few days here, visiting his mother, Mrs. Philinda S. Bowen.

Alumni Get-together of New York Ass'n

The twelfth annual get-together of the Houghton alumni and old students of the New Jersey and New York City areas was held on May 4 at the home of A. Clair Beverly, 11 Crane Avenue, White Plains, New York.

At six-thirty o'clock a most delicious buffet supper was served to a group of about thirty of us who had gathered to recall old times and to become acquainted again.

President Luckey was our guest of honor and it was a real pleasure to hear him tell of the latest developments at Houghton and be allowed to ask him many questions concerning the various activities and departments and the whereabouts of "this one" and "that one". All these he answered in an informal way, bringing us much nearer in thought to the Houghton as it is to-day, likewise to Houghton as we had known it in the bygone days.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the present ones to serve in the same capacities for the coming year. With Beverly Shea at the piano we sang some of our dear old college songs.

A rising vote of gratitude was given to Mr. and Mrs. Beverly for opening their lovely home to us and for their delightful hospitality.

After a fervent prayer our twelfth annual meeting was adjourned.

But you will want to know about some of those present—so the "roll call check up" will be given here:

A. E. Bernhoft, Tomkins Cove, N. Y. (Chairman of this group)—Principal and teacher of the Tomkins Cove High School.

Ralph Davy, Morris Plains, N. J.—Executive Secretary and Field Missionary of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Josephine Davy, Morris Plains, N. J. Bruce Davy, Brookside, N. J.—Instructor in auto mechanics.

Harriet Meeker, Succasunna, N. J.—"Teaching school five days every week in Fort Lee, N. J., but that's only one activity."

Robert S. Chamberlain—"Minister of Glenmore Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, N. J.—Residence at 522 Autumn Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Esther J. Chamberlain—"Active in Girl Scout work address same as above."

Ray W. Hazlett, 67-77 Fleet Street, Forest Hills, N. Y.—"Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York!"

John P. Kluzit, 35 High Street, Croton-on-Hudson, New York—"Teacher of Sciences at Croton-Harmon High School, evening school instructor and track coach."

Mrs. J. P. Kluzit ("Steph") Croton-on-Hudson, N. Y.—"Mother of two husky boys. Spare time busy with substituting work in French in Westchester County."

Beverly Shea, 203 Woodlawn Avenue Jersey City—"Clerk in Mutual Life Insurance Co. N. Y. Medical Dept., also sing on radio some—perhaps not many listen in! Don't blame 'em!"

Mrs. Beverly Shea, 203 Woodlawn Avenue, Jersey City—"My center of interest is in piano playing and teaching."

Corinne Cole, Stony Point, N. Y.—"Teaching Latin and French."

Jesse I. Frazier, 64 College Place Ridgefield Park, N. J.—"Chemist—Corn Products Refining Co. Research Lab.

Edgewater, N. J."

Mrs. J. I. Frazier (Ethel Kent Frazier), 64 College Place, Ridgefield Park, N. J.—"Busy keeping a fifteen year old boy out of mischief, teaching piano and keeping house!"

George Beverly Shultz, Mt. Freedom, N. J.—"Minister—Mt. Freedom Presbyterian Church."

Frances W. Schultz, Mt. Freedom, N. J.—"Only a minister's wife!"

Fred L. Bedford, 300 South Broadway, Tarrytown, N. Y.—"Instructor of Math. in Washington Irving High School and assistant in Math. Dept. at Teacher's College, Columbia University."

Catherine Bedford—"Fred's private secretary."

Ralph L. McCoy—Electrical engineer—Public Service Electric and Gas Co., Kearny, N. J.—Residence, 1000 Mountainview Avenue, Nutley, N. J.

A. C. Beverly, 11 Crane Ave., White Plains, N. Y.—"Teacher of History, White Plains High School and State Civil Service Examiner."

Mrs. A. C. Beverly—11 Crane Avenue, White Plains, N. Y.

Mrs. Ralph L. McCoy (Grace Bedford McCoy) 100 Mountainview Ave., Nutley, N. J.—"Busy 'managing' four small McCoy's and one large one!"

Three Bernhoft children, two Shultz children, and the Beverly children had a delightful evening with games and stories in another part of the spacious house and grounds.

Grace Bedford McCoy

Secretary-Treasurer

IONE'S FAMILY

I was asked to write for *The Star* and decided to tell you about my family. I have two "daughters", one about eight, the other eighteen. Fatu Dumuya Noroma is the younger. The girls call her Dumbuya, for we have four Fatu's.

A few years ago Dr. McMillen was awakened in the night by the wailing of women over the death of a baby. Hastily he went to the dispensary thinking it might be the child he had treated that day. Yes, she was dead, so her mother said, but the doctor found the spark of life. By careful, patient work, he fanned that spark to a flame and Fatu lived. Should they take her away from the mission compound? No! So they faithfully paid for her "chop" until the father died. What should the mother do then? Why not beg a pot (white person) to take her. I was the victim. Though I at first refused, I finally consented. She's a dear child, though mischievous. Our seamstress gets quite tired when she mends her clothes. Fatu says she can tear her dresses now, for hasn't she a pot to buy her more?

My other "daughter", Mary Kamara, finished our highest standard last year. Two months she spent in her own home. A chief visited her father and offered L30 (\$150) if she could make Mary his wife. A mission boy had been promised her hand, but should the chief keep his promise when he could get L30. Not in Africa! Mary was called and told her father's bidding. He begged, he threatened, but she stood firm. When we heard of it, we offered her a home, and she came at once. Had she stayed there, how easy it would have been to put poison in her rice. Her boy friend is now a teacher and would like to marry at once, but he is poor. We've loaned him L5 to beg for her. If the chief agrees, they'll be joined after he has paid his debt and saved enough to pay for the wedding feast. His salary is about \$5.50 a month. How quickly can he return \$25?

My work with the girls is pleasant. I long to be a blessing to them and to the teachers. We heard today that a new gold mine is being opened twenty miles from us. That's the fourth. What a temptation to our workers. Pray for them. Would you blame them if they should go where they could get twice as much money? Only joy in His service will keep them with us. Pray for us all.

A Ho'tonite in Africa

Ione Driscoll

Makeni Sierra Leone

Large Group at Alumni Banquet

Some hundred seventy-five, acquaintance-renewing alumni were the source of the pleasant hum in the dining rooms of Gaoyadeo Hall from five until eight o'clock on Saturday evening. Eight of the twenty members of the class of '25 were present and each of them spoke.

Keith Farnar, attorney at law in Buffalo, represented his profession as one in which men can be as honest and straightforward as in the ministry or in medicine, or anywhere else. "There is a chance for real service in my profession," he said.

Laura Baker, teacher in Fleischmanns New York, recalled the days of pleasure ten years ago when the faculty and others so lavishly entertained the first-born college class. Josephine Rickard expressed her appreciation of being permitted to teach in a Christian College where one has the unrestricted privilege of informing the student who says, "I want to know what I am going to tell my children about God."

The fact that college graduates do not make as good office workers as high school graduates because they think themselves too good for their jobs was brought out by Pearl Russell who is chief clerk in the offices in Cornell University. That personality is the greatest single factor in the success of the teacher was brought out by Kenneth Gibbin. He placed training next, stating that a B average makes the best teacher, but emphasized the fact that teachers need all the extra-curricular work they can get.

Rachel Davison first expressed appreciation of President Luckey, and then stated that what keeps a teacher at the job year after year is the interest of students who come to school with a purpose and who will diligently apply themselves. Mary Williams, instructor in the Academy at Berea College, Berea, Ky. said a most comforting thing: "No one is indispensable." And again, "Life isn't so serious as many of us seem to think."

The class President, Mark Bedford, of Niagara Falls High School, concluded the class program by alluding to the social and moral conditions to be found in secondary schools. He believes it to be not so much the children's fault as the parents'. In the course of his short address he used some splendid quotations: "Forgive yourself nothing and others much." "Great virtues are destroyed by little vices." "Busy, yes, but about what? Occupied, to be sure, but in doing what? Quo vadis?" "For trifling one day Esau filled his life with regret; for one day's courage Esther's was full of glory; Peter, by sleeping one hour, lost a matchless opportunity; the name of Mary is fragrant for one loving deed of one day."

The most inspiring part of the program, however, was the picture presented by President Luckey of the campus of the future.

Once again as last year the president mentioned his desire to accomplish in this next four-year term two great projects: getting the school of theology accredited and becoming a member of the Middle States Association of colleges.

KEITH FARNER IS NEW ALUMNI PRESIDENT

The alumni officers elected on Saturday night at the Alumni dinner are as follows: President: Keith Farnar; Vice-President: Gerald Scott; Sec. and Treas.: Ruth Brandes; Men's basketball manager: William Farnsworth; Women's basketball manager: Vera Hall; Baseball manager: Clair McCarty; STAR Committee: Josephine Rickard, Bess Fancher, Crystal Rork, Roma Lapham, Willard Smith.

Armstrong—Reither

Miss Jennie Reither of Stoneboro, Pa., and Thomas C. Armstrong, '32, were married June 2 at Stoneboro. After the summer vacation, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will make their home in Silver Springs where he is engaged to teach for another year.

IN MEMORIAM

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unfeeling. In brother Willett we found a man with great sympathies and a faith in God and in His eternal purposes that nothing could shake.

In the passing of brother Willett I have lost a very dear friend, the Wesleyan Church has lost a great spiritual and financial leader, and the world has lost a worthy citizen.

—H. Clark Bedford

It is difficult in a brief article to indicate properly just how much Brother Willett meant to the entire church. There are those little kindnesses that are thought of as just personal and that are known not to the public, but to the individual. These cannot be mentioned. In a recent conversation with a fellow minister I learned of just such ministries to the humble man of God on a small and obscure charge. Herein lies true greatness in the public servant of the church.

In April, 1904, Brother Willett entered into the public work of the church as office editor of the Wesleyan Methodist in the editorship of Rev. A. T. Jennings. For eight years he labored in this capacity during which time he acquired skill and ability which was rewarded in 1913 by his election to the position of Publishing Agent, made vacant by the resignation of W. J. Seekins. Bro. Willett was at this time the pastor of the new church at Eastwood, New York, a church which he had founded, and president of the Rochester Conference. As Connectional Agent and Treasurer he was very successful. The liabilities of the connection were then about \$20,000, but at each General Conference the report of the Agent showed a substantial gain both in the profit and loss, and business gain. It was gratifying indeed to see our church entering upon a period of balanced accounts and prosperity. Repeated drives for new funds brought in money enough to reduce the liabilities to the zero point and put our church in the credit side of the column. In 1927 Bro. Willett was elected vice president of the General Conference, then in session at Houghton New York. He was also president of the Book Committee.

Thus, for twenty-one years as connectional agent, he did his greatest work for the church that he loved and for which he gave his devoted services. He leaves for his successor a record of faithful and successful work. He has laid down his task. It is for us all to carry on the work he has left for us to do. "God buries his workmen but his work must go on."

—F. H. Wright

It was almost exactly one year ago—during the commencement exercises at which his son, Edward, was graduating from high school, that Dr. John S. Willett, our beloved Brother Willett, became most painfully conscious of the disease that had gripped him. It has been a year of suffering. Yet through that year the same abounding energy and courage that have made him for twenty-two years the church's most notable servant carried him on. He still served faithfully. On Saturday evening, June 1, he was the more grievously stricken. The trouble was made the worse by pneumonia complications, and on the following Monday evening at about eight o'clock, he passed on to be with his beloved Lord.

Funeral services were held in Eastwood Thursday, June 6, at the church where he had been pastor for twenty-eight years. It was noticeable that the congregation that completely filled that church on that occasion was composed so largely of men of middle age. A part of the great Resurrection chapter was read by the Rev. E. D. Carpenter, President of the General Conference. Prayer was offered by the Rev. C. I. Armstrong. A male quartette from the local church assisted in the service, and Mr. Roy Washbon, brother of Mrs. Willett, sang, "Just across the River Jordan". Mrs. McLeister, Brother Willett's assistant pastor, read a fitting biographical sketch. A group was present from the Billy Sunday Club, of which Brother Willett was an esteemed member

Annual Concert Feature Choir and Orchestra

On Saturday evening of Commencement Week, a selected audience gathered in the college chapel to hear the annual program of the music and expression departments. The Houghton College Orchestra and the Houghton College Choir furnished the major events. Mr. J. Stanley King, a member of the music faculty, and Miss Eurica Heidel, a student in the expression department, were the featured artists of the program.

Miss Heidel opened the concert by reading "The Triumph of Faith" from Barrett's *Sign of the Cross*. Miss Heidel did her number exceptionally well, and both she and her instructor are to be complimented. Following this reading, Alton Cronk led the college orchestra in Bizet's *Carmen Suite No. 1*. Of the five numbers in this suite, "Les Toreadors" was the most enjoyable.

For his violin solo, Professor King chose the ever-popular "Walter's Prize Song". Professor Kreckman performed a very acceptable accompaniment, and the soloist deserved much credit for his part.

The closing feature of the evening was the singing by the Houghton College Choir. To the people of Houghton the splendid work of the choir was not new; to visitors it was a new acquaintance with Houghton's outstanding musical organization. At the special request of President Luckey, the choir used as their closing number the lovely "Song of Mary" in which Eileen Hawn's beautiful soprano voice was featured.

That esteem was expressed by Mr. Keyes. The Rev. Geo. H. Hague spoke in behalf of the Ministerial Association, of which Brother Willett was vice-president. A few sentences gleaned from that brief address tell of the love of that group for their friends.

"He adorned the doctrines of the Lord Jesus Christ".

"He was a man of deepest convictions. He held those convictions strenuously but always so graciously".

"He had a genius for comradeship".

The Rev. I. F. McLeister spoke of "Lessons to Be Learned". Some of these were:—

"He had a faculty of making you feel that you were at your best in his presence".

"He possessed a desirable ability to forget".

"He was one of the kindest men I have ever known".

"He loved humanity for humanity's sake".

"It has been said that he worked too hard. I do not know. If he burned the candle fast, it was a candle that gave a good light while it burned".

The main address of the service was delivered by the Rev. E. F. McCarty, Foreign Missionary Secretary, from the text, "—the day of death (is better) than the day of one's birth". (Ecl. 7:1)

Further funeral services were held on Friday at Levant, N. Y., to which community Brother Willett had come from England as a lad of fifteen. A mixed quartette from the Levant Church, Mr. Roy Washbon, and the Reverend C. I. Armstrong all assisted in this service with song. The Scripture was read by President William McConn of Marion College. Rev. Walter Thompson, President of the Indiana Conference offered prayer. President Luckey of Houghton College spoke of the greatness of the friend who had just gone from us. The sermon was preached by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Edward L. Elliott, President of the Lockport Conference. "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" (II Sam. 3:38) was the text. Six Elders of the Lockport Conference, bore the body of him, who had given himself so unstintedly to the service of the Lord and laid it to rest in the cemetery close by the church where the earnest lad had found his Lord forty-one years before.

Sunday Services

Morning, June 2

Following the usual preliminaries and a special number by the choir, Rev. Dean S. Bedford brought the message of the morning. He used as his subject, "The Judgment Seat of Christ", taking for his text II Cor. 5:10.

By way of introduction, he pointed out the judgment in Rev. 20, which is the judgment of the great white throne. Also in Matt. 25, Christ comes in His glory to meet out judgment and to separate the wicked from the righteous. Again in I Cor. 11, there is judgment promised to the one partaking of the Lord's Supper unworthily. If we neglect our own judgment as Christians, God will bring chastisement upon us. He stated very clearly that judgment in the Bible, theoretically, should not be compared with an earthly trial.

He dealt with the text in a fourfold manner, asking questions implied therein and answering them.

Who are the subjects of this judgment? This is answered in the antecedent of "we", which is God's children. God does not parade the sins of His people. He takes them away from the gaze of the world and deals with them within the family circle.

When does this judgment take place? It awaits the day of the coming of the Lord when He shall take His people out of the world.

What is the basis of this judgment? "That every one may receive the things done in the body." It is going to be the product of our labours. Not the works which men try to substitute for the price of their salvation, but that which is the product of our salvation. "He that hath entered into rest hath ceased from his works." The basis of this judgment will be that which we have built upon the one and only foundation, even Jesus Christ.

The service was concluded with the ministrations of the Lord's Supper.

Vesper Service

On Sunday afternoon, June 9, an impressive vesper service was held in the Houghton Church, by John McIntire organist, and Paul McIntire, violist. The service consisted entirely of hymns of the church and classical numbers of long standing in the religious annals of the church. After the prayer, offered by Reverend Pitt, Mr. McIntire rendered the solemn "Pilgrim's Chorus" by Wagner. This was followed by "Rock of Ages," "The Old Rugged Cross", "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" and "O Come All Ye Faithful," all organ selections alone. Mr. Paul McIntire played "I Need Thee Every Hour" with careful interpretation. The organist continued the service with Massenet's "Angelus". Following this an other viola selection, "Jesus Lover of My Soul", was played and the service came to an end with a poignant rendition of "Abide with Me."

Rev. Dean S. Bedford Is Guest Minister

Sunday evening June 2, Rev. Dean Bedford spoke on "Your Choice—Mamre or Sodom?"

Lot chose according to the flesh. In II Peter 2, he is called a just and a righteous man; but nevertheless, he chose by natural reasoning and not by faith. As a result, he was taken captive and one of God's separated people became the means of his deliverance. This type of choice inevitably results in defeat. Yet, he was successful in a worldly way. He became prosperous, obtained great possessions and rose to a place of authority in the city of which he was a resident; but it was only temporary prosperity and he lost his testimony with his family and friends soon. They, who at one time had confidence in him, now scoffed at him. Even the angels refused his association, and in the end he lost all he had gained, his possessions as well as his friends. Motivated by fear he did what he had failed to do through love, and finally became

Musical Survey

The School of Music might well be called the prodigy of Houghton College, for it has risen to a place of importance in less time than any of the other departments. The close of this school year ends another season of outstanding work. This year's successes add to the record already attained by the college in the field of music.

Foremost in the musical curriculum of the college, and well known both locally and throughout the eastern states, Houghton's A Cappella Choir has just finished a strenuous but worthwhile program of regular concerts and much appreciated home concert.

The College Orchestra has taken on the proportions of a little symphony and has enjoyed a very successful and profitable year. Two home concerts and one outside concert of symphonic music have been played.

Another organization of the instrumental department is the string quartet, which was organized in the fall of 1932 under the direction of Prof. H. Sorenson. The quartet plays a program of strictly chamber music and has had a very successful season of study and concerts. Besides a home concert in conjunction with the Madrigals, the quartet has made several other appearances both in Houghton and in surrounding towns.

Houghton has been especially privileged in the artists' series presented by the lecture course this year. Such concert artists as Joseph Knitzer, the well-known violinist; Oscar Zeigler, pianist; and the Ionian Male Quartet have been featured.

The musical events of the year were brought to a grand climax by the annual Genesee Country Music Festival featuring Frank Simon as one of the adjudicators. Mr. Simon, conductor of the famous radio Armo Band, former member of Sousa's Band, and considered the foremost cornetist in America, appeared both as conductor and soloist.

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literature, science, mathematics, and other branches of learning, we become acquainted with the experience of the race and facts of the universe. Wisdom is the ability to interpret and use that knowledge. It is more important that a man should know how to live than that he should be able to recite facts. And after all, our knowledge is most limited in comparison with what there is to know.

As you go forth, undertake a worthwhile task; have a conception of your responsibility to yourself and to the world; remember that you have graduated from a Christian institution. I trust that as you look back on life you will find that it has been worthwhile, that you will have found wisdom and understanding, and that you remember that you are going out some day to stand in the presence of God.

the progenitor of the Moabites, a snare upon the earth.

Abram's faith was worth more than all else. He had the "fear not, I am with thee" of God and finally received a place in the hall of fame which Lot was denied. Anyone who lets God choose has nothing to fear.

"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward"—Abram—Faith.

"If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire"—Lot—Sodom.

Vesper, June 2

The vesper service Sunday afternoon by having as its theme the "Cross" was especially well adapted to communion Sunday. The program, under the direction of Willard Smith and Magdalene Murphy, consisted in a solo by Gertrude Wolfer, readings by Mr. Smith, and hymns by the organist, Miss Murphy. The variety of the program contributed greatly to the meditative atmosphere of the occasion.

The Year in Sport

The past year has been very successful and the realm of athletics is no exception, due largely to the fine cooperation between the students and the athletic director. Although the Purple men and the Gold women made a clean sweep of their events, they were hardpressed at all times by hard-fighting rival aggregations.

The year opened with the annual Varsity-Frosh baseball clash. The Varsity men crushed the Frosh under a barrage of base hits 22-3 to start the jinx of defeat which seemed to follow the hapless yearlings.

In the next important athletic event, the luckless Frosh were scrubbed by the Varsity 61-29 in their annual basketball tilt.

Shortly after this the class series was inaugurated and will be remembered as one of the most interesting in several years. There were two outstanding teams, the Juniors and the Sophomores. The High School also entered a fine team whose play was always characterized by an unconquerable fighting spirit. The Juniors and Sophs were scheduled to play the final game and both teams went through the rest of the series undefeated. In the final game, the Sophs, playing an inspired brand of basketball, tripped the Juniors in an overtime period 35-31. In the women's division, the Sophomore girls were undefeated to win the championship for the second successive year, thus making a clean sweep of the class series for the Sophomores.

After the Christmas holidays the annual Purple-Gold series was begun. A supposedly weak Gold team upset the dope bucket to take a game from the Purple and to make all the others very fast and hard fought. The Purple won only the first game by a margin of more than five points. The Gold girls took their end of the series by the same count 4-1, but were hard-pressed by a well-coached Purple team.

From the close of the basketball season till after the spring holidays, interest in sport lagged somewhat; but, with the coming of spring weather, interest was again aroused and the students dragged out their spikes, baseball bats, gloves, and tennis racquets. Sports reigned again.

Annual Track and Field Day was favored with fine, if a bit chilly, weather which helped to feature a very interesting meet. "Steve" Anderson was the outstanding performer of the day, winning three first places and setting a record in the 440 yard dash. However, the Gold contestants managed to keep the meet interesting, resulting in a tie with only the relay to run. "Steve" came through again here to overtake and pass VanOrnum who had held a twenty yard lead when "Steve" took the stick. This won the meet for the Purple 57-52. The Gold women won handily 32-26 despite some fine Purple competition.

In the baseball series, the Purple again came through to win by the slimmest of margins. The series was shortened to five games because of inclement weather. Purple taking the first two games and the last. Every game was marked by ragged playing on the part of both teams, especially the last one in which the Purple scored nine runs in the last inning.

We are looking forward to a more successful season next year with an improved brand of play occasioned by better training and more practice. Officers for next year are: President of the Athletic Association, Henry White; Vice-President, Glen Donelson; Secretary-Treasurer, Ellen Donley. Varsity Captains are Dick Farnsworth and Barbara Cole.

Sports Summary

Sports writers, bookmakers, and the sports world in general are all agog over the impending Baer-Braddock match for the heavyweight championship of the world. Braddock, a rank outsider a year ago, has climbed to his present position mainly by virtue of his victory over Art Lasky this winter. Baer, who took the championship from huge Primo Carners

by a technical knockout last summer, is rated at about five to one to retain his crown. However, some writers have gone so far as to predict a win for Braddock because of his magnificent physical condition. He has trained very faithfully, while Baer was never one to take his training too seriously. Braddock can take a terrific amount of punishment and can hand it out too. It is said that if Baer fails to win by a knockout in the early rounds, Braddock will have a chance to win by a decision. However, Baer has all the odds in his favor and it looks as if he will retain the crown.

Major league baseball has been moving swiftly. The early season pace-setters dropped back somewhat and the strong teams of last year have crowded to the front. The New York teams lead their respective leagues, the Giants by a wide margin and the Yankees by a slender one. Detroit and St. Louis, last year's pennant winners, have begun to hit their stride and are giving the other teams some trouble. The three outstanding rookie pitchers—Blanton of the Pirates, Whitehead of the White Sox, and Tamulis of the Yankees—are continuing their phenomenal flinging and helping to keep their clubs in the thick of the pennant fight. Everything points to a very close race as there are about four clubs in each league to make things interesting before one team snags the bunting.

A new "black menace" has arisen on the athletic horizon. He is Jesse Owens, Ohio State sophomore, whose success on the cinder paths this spring has been phenomenal. About a week ago in the Big Ten conference meet at Ann Arbor he accomplished the almost superhuman feat of breaking three records and tying another. Jesse broadjumped to a new record of 26 feet, 8 and 5-8 inches. He was then clocked at the record time of 22.6 seconds in the 220 yard low hurdles and 20.3 seconds in the 220 yard dash. He tied the old mark of 9.4 seconds for the hundred yard dash. It looks now as though he would be a big help to the United States in the Olympics next summer.

FINAL TUESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

The Tuesday Evening prayer meeting June 3 was conducted by Miss Gudrun Kartevold, who used as her theme "Prayer and Its Power." After a short message with appropriate songs, the rest of the hour was spent in prayer and praise.

Miss Kartevold spoke of the helpfulness of the student prayer meeting after a busy day. In this day of tumult the prayer meeting is a great blessing. The Seniors were given a special chance to tell what Houghton had done for them spiritually.

Following the prayer meeting the Y. M. W. B. officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Bill Foster
Vice-President—Eulah Purdy
Secretary—G. Blauvelt
Treasurer—James Bence

THE LAWN SERVICE

The final service of the W. Y. P. S. for the year was held on the campus lawn in front of the High School building. The service, lead by Alvin Barker, was very inspirational. The testimony meeting was centered around the theme, God's love for his children if they will but let him have full control of their life. The testimonies were interspersed by some of the old gospel songs including "Take the Name of Jesus With You", "I Love to tell the story", "Rescue the Perishing". The quartet rendered the selection "Jesus Only Jesus". The Seniors who are leaving all testified to the great spiritual benefits they have received in Houghton and all were eager to spread the Word wherever they happen to be in the future. The service closed with a song by the entire group.

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'36 Have Breakfast

The class of '36 again showed its class spirit by greeting the new-born day at 4:00 a.m. on May 30, and journeying to Letchworth Park to enjoy a class breakfast.

Upon the arrival at the Park, things happened fast and furiously. One old cat proved the favorite game and, lead by Dr. Paine and Prof. F. H. Wright, the game progressed at a merry rate. The fields, however, were in question as to which sport they were playing, water polo or one old cat.

The grand cry "soup's on" broke up the game—to the satisfaction of Dr. Paine, who had just struck out. Then followed a mad scramble for rolls, hamburgers, catsup, mustard, coffee, doughnuts, bananas and what have you.

The cry rang out, "Is everyone present?" It seemed that Tony York met one of his distant cousins and was showing her around the place, as was Mr. Farnsworth.

Breakfast over and a long climb up on to the bridge. Cliff went back to nature and started up a tree. Marion B remarked, "There goes one of my brothers." Marve says it's fun sailing paper airplanes off the bridge.

And so, with a spirit of joyfulness (joy and fullness) the class returned to its Alma Mater.

Message Give by Belgian Mission Representative

Following the short lawn service held on the lawn in front of the college buildings, the annual Missionary Service was held in the Houghton Wesleyan Church. The Prelude, a medley of missionary hymns, was given by John McIntire at the organ after which Willard Smith led the song service. Mrs. Clark led in prayer; a quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. Kreckman, Mrs. Zola Fancher and Dr. Woolsey sang "Just Where He needs Me." Mrs. Opal Gibbs read the Scripture from Psalms 107, verses 1-15.

Clifford Weber, chairman of the evening, introduced the guest speaker of the occasion, Mr. Jonathan Williams, Field Representative of the Belgian Gospel Mission. He spoke on missionary giving and based his speech on the following main points: we should give, first because of our ability as a nation to give, second because the religious nature of the Belgians is ripe for the planting of the gospel and third, because of the heart hunger of the Belgians.

Professor J. Stanley King played a viola solo, after which President Luckey explained the significance of the missionary service. He spoke briefly of the raising of funds to support the college missionary.

With the rendition of a medley of hymns by the organist, and a selection by the new college quartette, the congregation was dismissed.

Year -- Spiritually

Sometimes teachers wonder what they have managed to teach through the school year, especially when they see the blue books. And the students wonder what they have learned. Review is a good thing. Hence this review of religious activities and interest.

This year there certainly has been an awakened interest in spiritual things. Evidences?

Desire for testimony. One cannot remember a single instance of a slow testimony meeting. Usually many have been waiting their turn. Indeed, not enough time has been available.

Spontaneous growth of prayer groups. There are at least five such among the students and one among the faculty. The faculty group and at least one of the student groups meet almost daily, others less often.

New interest in prayer shown otherwise. The Sunday morning prayer meeting in the dormitory has attracted many. Class prayer meetings have shown increase in attendance and interest. On Thursday some have fasted and prayed, and the

blessing of God has been evidently upon them. The Thursday night prayer meetings at the church have been a veritable Bethel to those attending because of the illumination of the Spirit through the spoken message, the inspiration in prayer and in testimony.

New interest in Bible Study. Bible study groups have organized themselves, especially in the dormitory. One has continued from February until June. Students were sufficiently interested in Bible answers to doctrinal questions to attend a question and answer hour at the church after Thursday night meeting.

Upon being interviewed on the subject of the spiritual life this year, Miss Kartevold replied: "Spiritual life is much deepened in comparison with that in former years. The reason is that individual students have settled things for themselves."

As the pastor sees it, "The past year has been a time of great spiritual progress. The church membership has been increased by twenty-five. The evangelistic meetings were a decided success. The church prayer meeting is numerically and spiritually on the increase. There is also an evident increase in the impulse toward expression. Desire for revival is deepening as evidenced by prayers and testimonies."

The future? "Behold I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." Houghton, keeping the Word and holding fast the Name, has an immeasurable future. Houghton depending on man rather than on God, will find that the arm of flesh will fail her. But Houghton has those who pray.

Seminary Class Have Interesting Class Day

June 7 marked the program of the Seminary Class Day. After the prelude, played by Professor Kreckman, Miss Fancher opened the exercises with the invocation. Dorothy Beach then gave a combined Salutatorian's address and oration, speaking on "The Greatest Thing". She compared the greatest object of material value with the greatest thing of spiritual worth—the diamond versus the Christian. After a comparison of their most significant qualities, she showed that a true diamond is merely beautiful, whereas a true Christian is both beautiful and useful.

Gerald Wright next favored us with a clarinet solo, "Lovely Month of May". J. Curtis Crandall gave an interesting discourse on "The Part Political Parties Play in our Government". He gave the reasons for political parties, showed why they were inevitable, then pointed out the evils in the present political organizations. Mr. Crandall is to be commended on his splendid delivery. Chester Lusk followed with a trombone solo.

"The Ten Commandments as Our Laws", delivered by Hazel Green, showed how most of the laws of the United States are outgrowths of the Ten Commandments. Victor Murphy well fulfilled his duties as class poet, after which James Hurd sang "I Must Down to the Seas Again" by Densmore.

Harold Kaufmann's oration, "Abraham's Eternal Influence", showed that Lincoln's influence was possible not because of his education but because of his fearless character and love of truth. "We, as fearless Americans, must by the help of an Almighty God uphold the principles for which he stood." Mr. Kaufmann had very good diction as well as a fine delivery.

Victor Murphy played for a trombone solo "Berceuse" from Jocelyn by Godard. Gerald Beach then gave the valedictory, "Modern Science, Helpful or Harmful?" Mr. Beach admitted that science had been very deadly in the great war. However he showed how it is a great boon in the domestic world of to-day. He claimed that modern science should not be condemned because it has brought sorrow and pain, but rather hailed because it brings a broadened scope to life and peace and comfort to many homes.

Missionary Day Well Attended

The annual Y. M. W. B. Convention held at the Allegany Charge on Memorial Day was attended by representatives from thirteen out of the twenty charges in the conference. Enough were present so that in the morning and afternoon sessions numbers were obliged to stand up. Eight ministers were present.

The director of the convention was disappointed in not being able to secure Mrs. Helen Davison Stark, and Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke for speakers. The inspiration which these two can give would have added much to the occasion. However, the programs throughout the day were interesting and practical.

The special treat came in the evening when Mrs. Opal Lenore Gibbs spoke from the Scripture: "From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs" (Isa. 24:16). It was a most unusual missionary address. She spoke of the songs of the children in the Japan Sunday School, of the favorite hymns of certain Japanese Christians, of a coolie whistling "Blessed Assurance" and so driving away her blue spirits, of natives who under the most trying circumstances were able to sing Christian hymns. As a preface to these references to Japanese singing and songs, she sang for us a verse of a typical native melody, a melody in the minor key and with something of the dirge about it. "Outside of Christ," she said, "there is no music in Japan."

In the afternoon Mrs. Edward Elliott, who has spent one term in Africa, gave a heart-felt address on "Our Responsibility"—responsibility for our influence, our character, our opportunities. Among the striking things she said were: "The question is not only, will the heathen be saved if I fail to carry the Gospel to them, but will I be saved if I fail to heed the command, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?'" "If you wait thirty years to give to foreign missions, four hundred millions for whom Christ died will be dead."

Papers were read by representatives from Levant, Cattaraugus, Higgins, and Olean charges. One of the most practical was that of Harold Elliott on "How We Get Interest in Our Y. M. W. B." It is through frequent missionary speakers, missionary books, giving, projects for groups such as Sunday School classes, Y. M. W. B. meetings, missionary sermons by the pastor, having the convention on the charge.

In the morning session, Miss Rickard gave a short Bible study on missions: the command—Mt. 28:18-20; the power—Eph. 1:18-23; the purpose—Acts 15:12-18; the consummation—Ps. 2. "Blessed is the man who when his Lord comes is found at the business of making men know the truth." She gave also an address on the relation between interest in missions and spirituality. She presented a survey of world revivals, of world needs, of the relation of knowledge to interest, and this in turn to spirituality. Mission movements have always grown out of strong spiritual movements, and contrariwise, spirituality (and incidentally financial strength) grows with interest in foreign missions.

The high school boys quarter, the Misses Wright and Hotchkiss, and Mr. Malcolm Cronk added much to the convention by their offerings in song. Mr. Cronk was the musical director.

Year -- Extension

During the year three separate Sunday Schools were held and about seventy-five church services conducted. Sixteen people are known to have made a profession of faith. Special meetings at Easter were numerous, and two churches wanted a week of special evangelistic services conducted by the students, but the request could not be granted because of the vacation period.

The people in the various churches always seemed to respond well to the type of message given, and a spirit of earnest conviction was usually present.