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FAMOUS VIOLINIST ON ARTIST SERIES

20 Year old Joseph Knitzer Will Give Recital on the 29th

There are few rarities in the world of music today, but Joseph Knitzer might be called a musical phenomena. Accepted by the late Leopold Auer as a pupil when Knitzer was but nine years of age, he refrained from public appearance, upon the advice of such men as Walter Damrosch and Efreim Zimbalist. It was not until he was sixteen that he was finally encouraged to appear publicly, which he did, as soloist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Ossip Gabrilowitsch conducting. This appearance called forth eulogies from the press and tireless enthusiasm from the audience and since then, his every appearance is looked for, far in advance.

He has appeared with many of the major symphony orchestras and the praise he receives is as glowing as that for a veteran artist. Seldom has a young violinist made such an impression on not only the public but on musicians and education as well. He has a repertoire of over two hundred works of the masters, and as technician and master of interpretation, his ability has seldom been attained even by mature artists.

And now, at the age of twenty, he has just played one of the most important engagements in the country—at the Worcester Festival on October 3, 1934. Matching his skill with musicians of the highest calibre, Knitzer was considered one of the most outstanding features of the Festival.

His appearance on Tuesday Eve., Jan. 29 at 8:15 p.m. is anticipated with much interest and well it might be, for each audience which hears this young marvel feels that it has personally discovered him, so appealing is his personality.

Mrs. Gibbs Speaks to Mission Study Class

Mrs. Gibbs speaks to Mission class Monday morning, January 7, Mrs. Opal L. Gibbs, who spent several years as a missionary in Japan under the auspices of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, spoke to the class in history of missions and to other interested students. In order to bring the message more forcefully, she divided it into three parts: the present need of Japan, what we can do to meet that need, and Japan's response.

Japan's importance is great especially since the people are so progressive, so desirous of keeping abreast of the times. Further, she demands attention because she leads the Orient. It is incumbent upon the Christian Church to lead her to the right way lest the entire Orient suffer. Japanese leadership is not confined to material things because when a Japanese hears a good thing he tells it to others and thus spreads the gospel when he is convinced by it.

Japan's situation among non-Christian countries is unusual and presents a problem for the missionaries to deal with. The Japanese, having ninety-nine percent literacy, are the most literate people in the

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Mr. and Mrs. Alton M. Cronk

THEOS CRONK TELLS OF EUROPEAN TOUR

Grad Toured with Famous Westminster Choir

Some weeks ago, these columns made mention of a member of the class of '32, Theos Cronk, who spent two months in Europe singing in Westminster Choir which made a good-will concert tour in various countries of Europe.

We have a letter from Mr. Cronk. Dear Houghton Folks,

I wish I might be able to share with you all the experiences which Westminster Choir has just enjoyed throughout Europe. To me, it still seems like a great dream from which I have not yet awakened. It is a thrill to travel but when that is combined with concertizing it becomes a most unusual experience.

First let me say that the tour was made at the invitation of the Russian Government and the approval of President Roosevelt and a number of outstanding business concerns with the objective of establishing better cultural understanding between nations. To that end our group of forty-five young Americans set out on August 25th, enthusiastic, optimistic, and vigorous for our great adventure.

The French liner "Lafayette" gave us our first and happy impression of ocean voyaging—a perfect sea combined with a sailing list of Vassar, Smith, and Wellesley girls made this trip most interesting—We prayed for rough weather but none came so we were forced to content ourselves with the fact that we had a trip back.

The European audiences are certainly inspiring. They believe in being perfectly frank. If they do not like a number they are polite enough to recognize the effort, and if they like a number, well—anything could happen. They shout "Bravo, Bies" (which means "more"), stand up, wave anything they have in their hands, cry, laugh, and in general remind you of a Sunday School picnic. I shall never forget our first night when all these things were so new and different. It is inspiring and commanding of the very best that one has to give. We were forced to repeat many numbers many times and to sing many encores. Often it was necessary to have the house lights turned out before the last hundred ardent admirers would leave the hall. Such enthusiasm accompanied us throughout Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Russia, Hungary, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and France.

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FACULTY MEMBER WEDS ALUMNA

Ware-Cronk Wedding First to Be Held in New Church

On Saturday evening, December 22, 1934, the wedding ceremony of Prof. Alton M. Cronk and Miss Winona Ware was performed in the Houghton Tabernacle Church. This is the first wedding ceremony to be performed in the new church.

Two couples attended the bride and groom; Miss Winona Carter of Syracuse and Mr. Orrel York of Wolcott, Miss Aleene Schaus of Hamburg and Mr. Richard Rhoades of Cherry Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cronk were the only guests.

Simplicity and quietness pervaded the whole ceremony. The bride and her maids were dressed in black velvet trimmed simply in white; the groom and his attendants wore semi-formal evening attire. Candles burned on the altar and a huge basket of white chrysanthemums nodded their silent heads approvingly as the bride and groom said, "I do."

Miss Ware was a member of last year's senior class. She was always active in college life, held several offices, one of which was Editor-in-Chief of the Boulder. Prof. Cronk is a graduate of Ithaca College, in 1931. Since that time he has been a member of the Music Faculty of Houghton College. His work is chiefly in the field of Public School Music, but he also has private pupils in piano and conducts the college orchestra which in very recent years has taken on the proportions of a small symphony.

Expression Club Presented Fine Christmas Pageant

Wednesday evening, December 17, the Expression club presented a Christmas pageant, a fitting close to the last few days before vacation. A large audience filled the chapel and the fine spirit of the entire hour testified wholly to the success of the pageant.

The spirit of reverence, and a new idea of the true meaning of the Christmas story was the result of a sincere desire on the part of the Expression Club and the cast of the pageant to make this a worthwhile and spiritual performance.

The pageant itself presented the Christmas story from a different angle than is usually understood.

The opening scenes were laid in

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College Student Body Vote in Favor of Student Government

CHOIR BROADCASTS OVER NBC NETWORK

WBEN will present the Houghton College Choir over a national hookup, Friday, Jan. 11th, from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Earlier in the school year an opportunity for a fifteen minute broadcast was given the choir but circumstances made it impossible to take this offer. Now a chance for a half hour program has come: To many this may not seem anything unusual. However, it is unusual since Houghton College Choir is one of two or three choirs to obtain a national hookup this year for half an hour program. This very fact is a tribute to the splendid progress being made in the musical world at Houghton.

The numbers to be sung are selected from this year's concert program and will include the following: *Hosanna to the Son of David*,

Ave Verum Corpus, William Byrd
Wake, Awake, arr. by Christiansen
Soul of Christ, William Webbe
Three Kings, Healey Willan
Cherubim Song, Tchaikowsky
I Beheld her Beautiful as a Dove
Healey Willan
The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Peter C. Lutkin

This is a representative program containing church music from several periods of writing and should be of interest to all who appreciate the fine music of the church.

Snow Bound! Ice Bound!

Thrilling Tale of Adventure Including Frozen Lunches

Perhaps you would not call snowbanks, icy roads, frozen lunches and flat tires tales of adventure, but if they prevented you from getting back to school on time, I think you would change your mind.

Here is the picture of distress: a mountain of snow, a strong wind, blocked roads, impassable routes to a railroad station. What would you have done? What Dotty Blake did, undoubtedly, sit down and wait for Herbert Stevenson to come along with his car. As the roads were impassable they had very wisely waited for the snow plow to come along and started Thursday morning in the trail of the plow. Continuing on their way, the Stevenson carload consisting also of Sartwell, Frost Wright and White, met—snowbanks ice, more snow, more ice, and a blizzard, and enjoyed themselves to the utmost fixing flat tires in a snow drift. In this fashion it took them 8½ hours to drive 150 miles.

Wasn't Marion Whitbeck late in arriving at Houghton? Yes, she was. The reason—trains do not like too much snow so they just slow up. Slow trains cause much discontent, though—the Hoodle-bug, for instance. (By the way, this Marion's favorite (?) train) It took twenty-

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There Appears to Be Conflicting Opinions Among the Undergraduates

"To be or not to be, that is the question."

Shall Houghton College have or not have Student Government, was the question before the student body in the mass meeting following chapel Wednesday.

The straw vote taken in regard to the plan presented by the Student Council before Christmas resulted in an overwhelming opinion against it. The consequent tide of feeling among the students since that time and the discussions carried on all over the campus in regard to the problem climaxed in an open explanation by the Student Council and a sincere attempt on the Council's part to probe student opinion on Student Government.

"A divided student body", said Mr. Allen, president of the Student Council and speaking in behalf of that organization, "cannot function properly. We are working toward a more perfect government in Houghton and we need your cooperation."

In order to more correctly carry out the desire of the student body as a whole, the Council suggested a line of procedure, to take two student body mass meetings. The first was to concern the arguments against student government, to discuss Student Government for Houghton and to take a vote for or against Student Government.

To that end, Mr. Allen explained that any government is necessarily divided into three divisions, (1) Legislative (2) Executive and (3) Judicial.

"The student body", said Mr. Allen, "want a change of rules, and a judging of rules by the Student Council but they do not want enforcement by the Student Council."

Frankly discussing the idea of representation, Mr. Allen showed: (1) That Student Government is more democratic than faculty government, for faculty is of necessity dictatorial. "The change of cooperative attitude between faculty and students during the last four years has been amazing."

(2) Student government depends upon cooperation of faculty and students and also respect for rules. "Student government, then, is desirable because it perpetuates these two highly desirable things." If most of the students are violating rules, however, student government falls flat. "Therefore, if we are going to have student government, it must be more strict than faculty government. "But", continued Mr. Allen, "don't think that it is a pleasure for those in authority!"

The idea has been current that student government in Houghton is not entirely representative. Mr. Allen pointed out that 75% of the representation in our present national government is Democratic despite the fact that the Democrats received only 55% majority in the election. "No democratic government is entirely representative."

The proposition before the House then was as follows:

"Do you want Student Government: 1. Provided that we grant that it enforce the rules.

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Editorial

Each and every student desires to make a success of his life. When he makes new acquaintances he wishes to be at his best and to leave a good impression. However, in order to be efficient he must be cultured.

In answer to the question—Is culture necessary? We say "yes." A certain amount of culture or refinement in manners and tastes should be obtained during a student's years at college. Education should bring out the best that is in the individual. Education in culture should be a means of development of character, of the mental, moral and spiritual phases of one's life. It should fit one for the highest and best.

When considering the time to obtain culture, we would say "Begin now if you haven't already." In chapel we were told various ways in which we could show refinement in our manners. Nevertheless, we shouldn't stop here because there are so many times during the day, in the classroom, when we could be more careful of the things we do and say. Among these would be courtesy and kindness.

A cultured person we admire. Let us remember that we cannot hope to become cultured overnight since this must come through training, discipline and education. Why shouldn't we as college young people who are preparing to go out into the world as teachers, preachers, doctors, lawyers and etc, educate ourselves along the line of culture as well as book material?

P. K. B.

Again the halls and odd corners buzz, and the reason is again the recent student body meeting. Whatever else the Council is accomplishing, they certainly have aroused some interest. We wonder, however, if the subject isn't getting a little out of hand.

We take it that the latest student body meeting had something to do with the by-now famous 'attitude' question but the connection somehow escapes us. There is, however, one point of discussion which touches both the subject attitude and the separate one of student government.

We thought it was clearly stated that we had no argument against student government but were opposed to the specific plan presented at that time. One of the arguments against the plan was the obvious lack of representation. One of the subheads in the Wednesday question concerned representation. There, and there only, lies any important connection between the two discussions.

We want student government, provided we first have representation and then rule enforcement etc. We don't want student government with rule enforcement first and representation as an after thought. True representation may not be possible but it certainly can be more efficient than it is now. Student nomination of members would alone increase the efficiency at least twenty-five per cent. When the standard of representation is raised not only will the student government argument be settled but so would any further this as a panacea for all the ills besetting the government legislation for the enforcement of rules. We do not offer situation, but if we may judge from the discussions during and after the student body meeting, representation seems to be the most common "thorn in the flesh." When that is settled to the satisfaction of the majority the rest of the problems will go a long way toward solving themselves.

K. J. B.

ALUMNI NEWS

Elliott Shows Appreciation of Home-Coming

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
How wonderful it all seemed to get back home for a few hours and visit Alma Mater after what seemed like a long absence. I am sure we all gained more of an appreciation of President Luckey. There are many ways in which he needs our help these days.

Best of all, I received spiritual strength at Home-coming. Every day I mix with the crowd here at Buffalo Medical I thank God for four years in a school offering a wholesome social life and adequate spiritual up-building.

I find myself about the first Houghton grad to have been admitted here. Thus I have a reputation to make not only for myself but for the school. You may not understand me when I say that is quite a task. Come up here and take a quarter's work.

Anatomy "in the wild" is still the best way, although it is very wonderfully interesting on the dissecting table and according to Gray, the hardest part is posing as a human encyclopedia during exams. They ask the dumbest questions!—but what teacher didn't (except at Houghton)?

I find myself paired in one course with a Cornell grad—a nice fellow but unable to understand a good time at Houghton. Home-coming at Cornell, he says, is just one extended drink. I am getting acquainted with a few of the fellows who are really genuinely fine.

Here's hello to friends and teachers I failed to see at Home those hours. I covet prayer that God may find me faithful, as I have proved Him.

Here's to a school that's won our royal favor. Here's to another Home-coming.

Sincerely,
Harold Elliott

KENNETH GLAZIER WRITES FROM COLORADO

The Faculty and many members of the Student Body remember Kenneth Glasier with warm affections. He spent but one year in Houghton, 1932-33, but in that one year he made a deep impression with his fine spirit of loyalty, eagerness for study and participation in Christian service. We sincerely hope that Kenneth may come back.

During the nearly three months I have been in Colorado. I have thought many times of my Houghton Friends. I have been very happy in receiving several letters from you and wish that I might see you all.

The very day before I was to register at Colorado State College my plans changed once more so that I did not enter school at all. Instead I have been spending much of my time out doors doing every possible thing I knew to regain health and strength. I am glad to say that the Lord has rewarded my efforts and has used these means to the betterment of my health. I am feeling quite well and strong now and my weight has increased. I am hoping that I can do some school work during the last semester and I believe that I will.

If you have never been in the Rockies you can hardly imagine the beauty of this country surrounding Manitou. To the East the prairies stretch out for hundreds of miles; to the West the mountains go up to the lofty snow covered summit of

Pikes Peak. Manitou is 6500 feet in altitude while the mountains go up to 14,200 feet. During my stay here, every day but four has been a beautiful, warm one that felt like summer weather. Now we are having the first cold spell and it is not cold enough to freeze things. Because the air is so light and dry, one does not notice the severest cold as he does in the lower altitudes.

Many times I wish that I were in Houghton to enjoy the Christian atmosphere. I never appreciated that so much until this year when I have little contact with real Christian people. I am taking quite a part in the church work here and am enjoying such Christian fellowship as there is, but even that cannot take the place of Houghton and the friends there. I was very glad to read that your new church is ready and rejoiced with you on the day of its dedication. The new church will certainly be a valuable asset to the school as well as to the community.

Best wishes to all my Houghton Friends.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Glasier
Manitou, Colorado

NEWS ITEMS

Miss Harriet Remington ex '28 is spending the winter in Hollywood Florida. Her address is 2438 Madison Street.

Miss Hilda Butterfield ex '29 spent the Christmas season in Houghton with Mrs. Mary Lane Clarke. She has a position as a dentist's assistant in Berea, Ky. Her health is much improved.

Miss Florence Park ex '34 has accepted a position at the Door of Hope Mission in Utica. Miss Gladys Taylor ex '27 is the matron of this mission.

Miss Doris Johnson ex '29 is an interne in the hospital of the Woman's Medical School in Philadelphia. It will not be long before her interne work will be finished and she will begin practice.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Reed (Ethel er (Rena Potter ex '32) January 5, a daughter, Shirley Layton. Mr. and Mrs. Masker live at Warwick, N. Y.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Reed (Ethel Dentler, high school class of '25) November 26, a daughter, Sarah Mrs. Reed now has two sons and a daughter. (News is better late than never, but it's better on time. If you know any alumni news, please send it in to the faculty alumni committee.)

When passing through Portland Oregon, during the middle of December, Mrs. Maurice Gibbs heard from Louise Gifford Henderson ex '26 through her friends. She has been in the hospital much of the time for the last few months, and is quite low.

Alice Poole, '29, spent a few hours visiting at the college, Friday January 4.

To Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Donnelly. (Mr. Donnelly was a member of the class of '32), of Pleasantville Pa., was born a boy. We haven't heard the exact birth date, but it was either a Christmas gift or just about one.

Bernice Davie, '32, teacher at Willett, New York, became Mrs. Galoosha sometime during late fall.

Isabelle Hawn, '32, teacher at Hemlock, made a short visit here Wednesday, January 2.

Alumnus Gives First Impressions of University

Medical school may be the Waterloo of many, but Kenneth Wright is the same "Ken" whom we used to know. Yet he is different, for the facing and solving of the problems of life always make one different. In the chapel exercise on Friday, January 3, Mr. Wright spoke on his impressions of medical school in Syracuse University.

One of the first questions to be answered was whether or not he as a Christian should join a fraternity. Mr. Wright confessed that he considered himself a noted personage when two fraternities wanted him; later he discovered that every other new student was equally in demand. Upon the correct solution of his problem, he said, depends to a great extent the success or failure of the University student, and he added that his final decision was to join.

Then there is the matter of post-graduate work, which is markedly different from undergraduate work. The advanced student is more than ever "on his own", and whether or not he completes his work depends on him. Merely learning the salient points of one's work is not the best policy, for the professors directing postgraduate work emphasize details, which are essential to the correct analysis of problems.

Mr. Wright assured his hearers that it is quite possible to remain a Christian where elements subversive to Christian character are present, and it is most advisable to take one's stand for God immediately upon entrance. He expressed his appreciation to Houghton for what his years here mean to him now that he has departed from her campus.

Barbara Sanford Writes on Campus Improvement

Dear Alumni,

Of course you were back for Homecoming, and if not you have been treated to a second handed report of the 'goings on'. Blame the alumni committee for my bursting in to print and Mildred Stevenson Fero before them for drawing a too vivid picture of Hot'on's old steps and Lover's Lane beautified.

All of you, who have dashed madly up the steps with a warning bell as an incentive have wished them a little less tiring. If you have tarried in Lover's Lane with an eye for improvements rather than for somebody else, you have many suggestions as to how it may be improved.

Mrs. Fero's blueprint elaborated by one's imagination left nothing to be desired except money for its immediate completion. It has been suggested that the project be undertaken as a class gift. I am glad to say the class of '34 was one jump ahead with that in their mind when they made their class gift and the three classes following are also bent on beautifying the campus.

Therefore the entrance, bridge and steps are taken care of, but a hedge, flowers, shrubs, bulbs, etc., are still "in the money". As a suggestion, probably, all of you alumni have gardens of some description or other and every garden is more beautiful if it has a housecleaning each year or two. Well, what are you going to do with the miscellaneous collection you hoe out? If you are an amateur and your flowers grew at all, you misjudged the capacity of your garden; for where there was one plant a year ago you now have at least four or in some cases even a dozen. Perhaps an appointed committee could make use of them and at the same time make our Alma Mater the ideal fairyland of the Genesee.

Evangelical Student

Already we find ourselves well into the new year, with all its unknown joys and unmet problems, its inviting mysteriousness, and its boundless possibilities for achievement and service.

We have been hearing many a "Happy New Year!" cheerily sung out in greeting by our friends and acquaintances as the new year began, and now we are settling down to the actual living of life in 1935. Yesterday, in a diary at home, we noticed at the top of each page, "January 11,—354 days left." The gentle reminder that the days were slipping on seemed peculiarly pertinent; would that we might always remember that if this really is to be a happy new year—for us and for ours—we must very shortly begin to build for that happiness.

Yes, the new year throbs with possibilities for achievement and service but then, all about us lie such possibilities, ones which we pass by with a glance and only a gentle effort to develop them. We like to think of the old year as being personified, not by the usual form of an aged man and decrepit, approaching the last valley of his life, but by the figure of the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Gift of God to men. And then the new year is best characterized not by the conventional scantily-clad infant, but by the Man of Galilee, youthful and vigorous, flinging out a high call, challenging us to live the Life which is from above. Curious personification you say? Perhaps, but in this the Child Jesus appears to us to represent the impartation of His eternal life to our mundane lives at some time in the past, or at any rate, the work of atonement with God completed in the past; while the Nazarene stands for the perfect Life, complete in God, toward whom we press day by day, and pressing, become like unto Him. The old year contains Absolute, the everlasting Personal Morn; the new year is the out-swinging of eternity's gates where we can enter and know the unending growth of personality in the Infinite Person. And so, like the rabbi of whom we read, let us wish you not merely a Happy New Year, but a Happy Eternity!

January

"This is the month of bitter storm, of weather that strives to break our brave resistance down; and yet when singing souls keep close together what does it matter that the skies may frown? If we resolve to stand like strong crusaders against whatever chilling winds may blow, our hearts will dream of loveliness undying—of garden spots that sleep beneath the snow.

"In every life there must be frigid seasons—and yet no frigid season can persist! To every one there comes a frozen moment—each mind has been befogged with sleet and mist. Yet we must feel that winter has a purpose—so, through the cold our fires should burn brightly. For love, aflame, can melt the chill from winter—and hope can be a candle in the night!

"If we resolve to bow before the tumult—if we resolve to bow, but not to break! If we resolve to smile with chin uplifted, despite the fact that frost-touched fingers ache; if we resolve to say, 'The sun is hidden—somewhere it shines with peace and warmth untold!' then we still stay untouched by winter's tumult, and we will stay serene through winter's cold!"

Margaret E. Sangster,
in *Christian Herald*

To Mr. and Mrs. George Crouch of Houghton was born a girl, Joan Eileen, on Christmas Eve.

Pre-Medic Club Have Miscellaneous Program

The Pre-meds held their first meeting of the year last Monday night. After the business was taken care of the meeting was turned over to Mr. VanOrnum, Chairman of the program committee.

The program consisted of the following reports:

Pritchard Douglas—History of Medicine

Alden VanOrnum—Treatment of Fever in 1350 A. D.

Paul Titus—Quackery in Medicine in America

Albert Moxey—Century of Progress in Medicine

In between the reports Miss Burnell demonstrated some of the wonders of alchemy; such as, lighting a fire with snow, secret writings, and caero serpents.

Last but not least refreshments were served. This came as a great surprise to many but I think all were pleased. It was a very successful meeting.

TRIP ABROAD

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Nearly every concert was sold out particularly our second and third appearances in the same city. In our eleven concerts in Russia there was never a vacant seat, and standing room was available only a few nights. We sang for kings, queens, dictators, cabinets, ambassadors, and many other royalty and government officials. Our receptions were many and elaborate. Europe certainly knows how to make Westminster Choir sing.

Our sight-seeing time was limited but we did see a few world famous museums, castles, government buildings, new projects, native villages, the Kremlin, the Blue Danube, the Austrian and Swiss Alps, many famous cathedrals, and the scenery which is most wonderful throughout.

Europe seemed to be surprised that anything artistic could come out of America. They generally think of us in relation to high buildings, commercialism, and night-life. Therefore, I think our success was far greater and intense. The cities were most wonderful. Probably the greatest tribute was paid us by the Editor of National Geographic Magazine who after a concert said that he liked to think that "Jesus picked twelve such young people and gave to them the opportunity of spreading his teachings".

October 25th found us as anxious to go home as we had been to leave two months before. Our prayers were answered three-fold, when the winds blew, the rain fell, and the waters rolled and dashed for three days. Of the 870 passengers on the "Manhattan" only 60 were in the dining rooms. I pride myself greatly in the knowledge that I was one of the sixty, but I will not brag about how fast I walked the deck, or how deeply I breathed, or how hard I swallowed at those times when—

I never appreciated America before. The Star Spangled Banner never sounded as great as when we sang it in other nations. The Statue of Liberty has an appeal you cannot imagine. It is great to be an American and to be home again.

Lucy Mae Stewart and I are representing Houghton in Westminster Choir School this year. We are already looking forward to welcoming Houghton Choir here in the Spring. Watch for Westminster Choir on tour in January and let me see some of you. Thanks for this opportunity of writing to my friends in Houghton, and special regards for '32's.

Sincerely,
Theos Cronk

OPEN FORUM

Dear Editor, I was strongly impressed Tuesday by President Luckey's admonitions as to a need for culture in our halls, in chapel and in class rooms. May I suggest that there is yet another point to consider, one of Houghton's weakest points? I mean, the lack of due respect to faculty members and upperclassmen. It is one of the first rules of courtesy that we respect those older, more advanced and in greater authority than we. Yet, in the halls, in the entrances and in the dining room, it is common to see underclassmen push ahead of faculty members without so much as an apology for this rudeness.

We may talk all we want to about Houghton's need for a more cultured background—but might I suggest that unless each of us contributes to this so-called culture in his or her everyday conduct, observing those little acts of courtesy which go toward creating a refined individual, Houghton can do little by offering any of the activities which agitators consider so important in acquiring social graces.

A Student

SNOW BOUND

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four hours to travel three hundred and fifty miles—not bad for this slow age of the iron horse. She (Marion) was stranded in Rochester overnight, but through the kindness of the Vincents was saved a night of discomfort and anxiety.

One young lady on her way to Syracuse got stuck in a snowbank (I mean the car did) and in getting out the car became too hot, and part of its anatomy broke. Someone very kindly led them to a garage where they spent the rest of the night—eight hours. As the young lady was totally absent from Syracuse, Lena Hunt was forced to come on without her. The aforesaid young lady caught a terrible cold standing around in the snow, and was therefore unable to be back in Houghton until Saturday morning.

There is one more carload to be accounted for—Alvin Paine's in which was Dotty Seigenthaler and Carl Vanderburg. They were twenty-four hours late coming for Dotty, who, in readiness for their coming had slept with her clothes on that night. As flat tires seemed to be somewhat in favor, Alvin thought he would be in style but he luckily chose a spot in front of a house. It pays to have flat tires if you can get a chicken dinner out of it. The lady of the house was hospitable but quite cool until, when inquiring whether they were bound and upon being told Houghton, she became extremely warmer in manner and exclaimed "Oh, you go to Houghton College? Now I'm sure you're all right," and she hurried around and got them a hot chicken supper. This was out in Ohio, so you see Houghton is keeping her reputation up. Just to show how cold it was—a lunch they had brought along had frozen so that when they ate the sandwiches they snapped and crunched just like crackers.

And so—this is the end of our Houghtonite's adventures.

BY ESTHER BOHLAYER

ARMISON—BENSON

Alta Benson, class of '33, was married to Merton Armison on December 25. The Reverend Mr. Mills of Sandusky performed the ceremony. Lillis Fancher, class of '32, was bridesmaid and a brother of Mr. Armison was best man. Mrs. Armison is teaching the school at East Koy. Mr. Armison is a farmer living between Mills Mills and Pike.

Their home will be what was formerly known as the Ingham farm.

Abilities Required of Missionary Presented

"The missionary to pagan Africa", said Mrs. Tullar in her address to the class in History of Missions on Wednesday morning, "needs to know how to teach kindergarten." Apparently he needs to know a great many other things.

He must be able to "manage" when the nearest store is three hundred miles away, when milk cannot be bought for months at a time, and when eggs are not procurable. He may be at once cook—or instructor of the native boy in the art—doctor, dentist, teacher, carpenter, and student of the native language, besides a hundred other things.

The abilities required in the missionary are (1) spiritual ability. He must be saved and have a zeal for the salvation of others, unlovely though they be (2) mental ability. If he can't learn a foreign language at home, he can't learn a native language on the field. (3) Physical ability. (4) Compatibility. Ability to laugh at "tremendous trifles" is most water instead of over water to be kept from the ants, and when white collars come from the wash a dull pink because they have been boiled with colored clothes, a laugh is the best remedy. (5) practicability.

At the close of the address Mrs. Tullar showed a picture of two bright African boys who are doing splendid school work and have become Christians. "There is no greater joy than seeing the people come to the Lord Jesus Christ and noting the change in their lives."

STUDENT VOTE

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2. Provided it be reasonably representative.

3. Provided it have no final power of suspension, dismissal or expulsion."

The motion was made and seconded and the floor thrown open for discussion. The following discussion ensued:

Mr. Boon: What do you mean by "reasonable representation"?

Mr. Allen: Any person who is a member of a body can represent that body. Thus any one student who is a member can reasonably represent the student body. If the student body is divided, however, we feel that we cannot have a reasonable representation.

Mr. Bedford: Just how effective is the Student Council?

Mr. Allen: The Student Council tries to be representative of student opinion when something comes up in the student body concerning faculty action. The Student Council is attempting to promote a growth in friendship between faculty and students.

Mr. Gere: Will you define student government? Is it an auxiliary to the faculty or a body of its own?

Mr. Allen: That question will be discussed in next week's meeting.

Mr. Andrews: How much authority has the Student Council? Is it a final authority or merely a medium between students and faculty?

Mr. Allen: The Student Council is primarily a medium.

Mr. Curty: We want student government without any further power. We desire to be governed by our superiors rather than by our peers! (Applause)

Mr. E. York: We do not believe that we are fairly represented since it is the faculty which first submit the names upon which we vote. The student body should have the power to elect their own representatives. (Applause)

The previous question was moved and the vote was taken.

The count of the votes posted later resulted in 155 to 69 for Student Government.

Star Sport Flashes

Staging one of the most remarkable comebacks ever seen on the local floor, the Sophomores on Wednesday night December 19, won the class basketball championship from a strong Junior team 35-31. After trailing 14-2 at the end of the first quarter the Sophomores put on a determined rally that enabled them to tie up 31-31, as the gun ended the fray. In the overtime period they sunk two field goals to take the game and the championship. In the preliminary game the Sophomores girls swamped the junior co-eds which

gave them the girls championship.

It's happened again. For the second successive year the Eastern representative has won the annual New Year's day Tournament of Roses flash. This time Alabama's Crimson Tide preserved their unbeaten Rose Bowl record by trouncing the Stanford Indians 29-13. In stopping All American Bobby Grayson and sensational passing attack seen in sensational passing attack seen in years. With "Dixie" Howell another All-American throwing most of them and with Don Hutson, also All-American catching most of them the "Bama's completed ten of their thirteen passes. This was Alabama's third Rose Bowl victory in four games one of which they tied.

Purple-Gold basketball, which was postponed because of improvements to the gym floor will probably get under way next Friday night. The line-ups of both teams are uncertain yet and will probably not be known until game time as there has been little opportunity for practice. The Purple have such men as "Steve" Anderson, "Dick" Farnsworth "Walt" Scholoff, "Father" Gibbons, "Jess" Houghton, "Wes" Churchill, "Barney" Gere, and "Herb" Stevenson to pick from while the Gold will have "Johnny" Hopkins, Paul Paine, "Marv" Goldberg, Glen Donelson, Dave Paine and Aldy VanOrnum.

Let's have a good crowd and a good spirit in all the games. Get out and boost your team.

The sanding and refinishing of the gym floor is being rushed to completion so that use may be made of the floor as soon as possible. It's going to be a swell job and in order to keep it so it is absolutely necessary that only gym shoes be worn on the floor. We would appreciate the cooperation of all the fellows, and girls too, and ask that you be careful to wear gym shoes whenever you use the floor.

MOON—FULKS

At the Free Methodist Church in Rochester, Monday, Dec. 24, at 4:00 o'clock Miss Florin Fulks of North Chili and Mr. Charlie Moon were united in marriage by Rev. B. N. Miner, pastor at Jamestown. Miss Francia Fulks, of Washington D. C. was matron of honor and Mr. Wesley Moon of Houghton was best man.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served. The couple will reside in Rochester.

Mr. Moon graduated from Houghton in '31.

Father of Alumnus Dies

The Rev. Charles L. Carpenter of Short Tract, father of Elmor Carpenter ('32) died suddenly at his home on Thursday, Dec. 6. A short service was held in the home on Sunday morning, and the funeral was held at the Methodist church at Marilla, N. Y. in the afternoon.



Food for Thought

Ye printer, along with the printer's devils and other imps concerned, was honored by a visit from the perpetrator of this column in a mood most exceeding vengeful-like. It seems the aforesaid printers, devils and all, left out a whole section of copy in the last issue—with the result that one of the so-called jokes was left hanging in the air. It was bad enough to have people ask us what the point was. But the final straw came when some well-meaning stude gushed at us: "Oh, I do think the jokes are sooooooclever—an' subtle! Especially that one about the nicknames!" Wow—was our (?) face red—

Now, we hereby wish to present the rest of the nickname affair—we started to ask the question in the preceding issue. How did:

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| Marjorie become Sunny? | Lawrence become Steve? |
| Marvin become Dixie? | Rowena become Rusty? |
| Harold become Daniel? | Henry become Weiner? |
| Layton become Wahoo? | Mary become Micky? |
| Eileen become Mama? | Carlyle become Ted? |
| Glenn become Ducky? | |

Presenting Miss Georgina Eileen Hawn, who, among other things, teaches a class in History C. (We had this one from a reliable source)

Eileen: What was George Washington noted for?
Bright Stude: His memory.
Eileen: What makes you think his memory was so great?
Same kid: They erected a monument to it.

Scene: The College Inn
Tourist: Whats on the menu?
Tony York: Vealloafroastbeeffricaseschickenstewedlambbakedan'fried-potatoescottagepuddingmilkteaandcoffee.
Tourist: Give me the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7,th 15th and 17th Syllables.

And twas all on a Friday evening:
Her: Is your watch going?
Him: Yeah.
She: How soon?

Last issue's matching contest was a great success, judging from the threats received from those concerned.

- This week's is a little easier
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| () Clissie | () Let's not have any beating "around the Bush" |
| () Willard Smith | () "Listen—" |
| () Kenneth Eyler | () Slide—Kelly—Slide. |
| () Jim Bedford | () One long succession of giggles. |
| () Ellen Donley | () 'I tell you, I don't know whose bed my rubbers were under!" |

Before we forget it, we'd like to quote Prof. Bain as saying that he now has sopranos, altos and men in the choir—oh yes, and some basses and baritones.

The hero of this story is no other than the Great Lynford Sicard, assistant to the President. In the course of his meanderings, he entered the bookstore demanding a bottle of mucilage. The following dialogue ensued:
Boone: You'll have to have a little slip from the office to get that.
Sicard: I'm a slip from the office.
(Boone says its the biggest slip the office ever made)

Tramp (to housekeeper) Lady, I have here a button—would you please sew a shirt on it?

There was a young man named Haight
Had a passion for staying out late.
When the "wolf at the door"
Made protestar'y roar,
He murmured, "Well, guess I won't wait."
Concerning a fellow named Fortune,
Who stoutly upholds recreation;
For further admission
He'll furnish a cushion
With danger of much retrogression.
I sing of a lassie named Hall,
Who plays classy, fast basketball.
In order to beat,
She should really re-Pete
Her past tactics, not changing at all.
There once was a guy surnamed Allen,
Whose insistence on form was appallin;
In a snappy debate,
He would constantly state
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To the person who sends in the best last line to this poem(?) will be given the privilege of having this line printed as well as his or her name. Seize this opportunity of a life-time to make yourself known in literary circles.

Sunday Services

"Raised up with Christ" was the subject of the Sunday Morning message delivered by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Pitt, who spoke on words found in Ephesians 2:4,5. "Even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

It is only to those who believe in the resurrection of Christ and who believe in the new birth that the meaning of the text is clear, and it is through the resurrection that the promise made ages ago can be fulfilled. Christ not only arose, but he has raised up men by the gift of the Holy Ghost. All true believers have been raised with Him, and the only identity that God takes any account of is one's unity with the Lord Jesus Christ. One should break every bond that hinders him in doing God's will.

The Sunday Evening praise service conducted by William Foster was characterized by a deep sincerity and much reference to Scripture. One testimony expressed the feeling of need for guidance and the divine assurance that such guidance would be supplied. Following the praise service, a girls' trio composed of Magdalene Murphy, Beth Harmon, and Ivone Wright sang, "I Walk with the King", and Prof. King played a violin solo, "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Rev. Pitt, speaking on the subject "The Ways of God", and using as his text Jeremiah 6:16 said, "Jeremiah wishes to bring Israel back to the old paths. The people realize their condition and are in danger of rushing into the wrong thing. He urges them to stand still until they see."

The old paths mentioned in the text are not the individual's old paths or the paths of tradition. Such paths will only bring one to the same place where he is today. The paths of the Lord God are new ways.

The ways of God are ways of mercy, truth, of righteousness, of divine guidance and ways which "shine unto a perfect day." One does

not need to travel one thousand miles to find the old paths. If he asks for them, quits his own efforts, and walks as God directs, then God's promise is that he shall find rest to his soul.

MRS. GIBBS SPEAKS

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world, but yet they are not thoroughly evangelized. The Japanese are very religious, but they have no power to live up to the high ideals set forth in their beliefs. The university students are turning rapidly from the old religions as they see their absurdity, and since no one has led them to Christ, the only alternative is atheism. The educated people give utmost credence to the theories of science and grasp with great difficulty anything, such as the virgin birth of Christ, which seems contrary to the laws of science. Their perhaps the greatest hindrance to the acceptance of the Christian religion is the fact that so many of the missionaries have become modernists and have but another code of ethics to foist upon them.

Now, what can be done to meet the need? First of all the country should be studied with a sympathetic spirit and her economic problems learned. Japan, which is about the size of Montana, has a tillable area of only about one-half the size of Ohio. With this paucity of natural resources, she must feed her sixty-seven million people or conquer other land to raise the food. Since it is impossible for such a small place to sustain the life of so great a nation Japan was forced to conquer Manchukuo.

Another thing that can be done for Japan is for consecrated young Americans to prepare themselves for the call of God to serve her, which according to Dr. Speer, consists of "an inward impression, reasonable fitness, and an open door." They can prepare themselves spiritually by keeping the quiet hour every day for prayer and devotional reading. Then they should make some preparation along specialized lines. The

men should know the rudiments of carpentry, plumbing, and electricity, and the women should know cooking and dressmaking. Both should be able to sing, or at least play hymns on an organ or piano.

Finally, Mrs. Gibbs discussed Japan's response. Japanese do not want foreigners to interfere with them and their religions. Christians bring an absolute religion, whereas Japanese embrace three religions at one time, the patriotic Shinto religion, the ancestor-worshipping Confucianism, and the philosophical Buddhism, since these are not incompatible with each other. When Americans try to approach the Japanese with Christianity, they are met with the cynical sneer, "America calls herself Christian and see how her government has treated us." Then, too, since Americans are not nature-lovers like the Japanese, they have very little in common with them. The last probably greatest reason for Japanese rejection of Christianity is the sin in their lives. They have no idea of morality. It is said that no family in Japan has an untainted blood-stream. Besides this, they are guilty of the gross sins of idolatry and spiritism.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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An Inn at Bethlehem where a young girl Miriam lies ill and unable to walk. Her father and mother Abiathar and Rachel, and her younger sister and brother, Deborah and Isaac cannot understand the strange dreams of a star which Miriam sees every night and which she feels is sent to foretell some great new good to come to the world.

As Mary and Joseph enter the Inn, Abiathar turns them away, for there is no room, but he gladly offers the three magnificent wise men his bed as they tell of a strange star which they are following to find the Messiah.

As she goes, however, Mary gives her blessing to Miriam, the lame girl who offered her bed to the poor strangers.

As the story progresses, Ethan, a shepherd who also has seen the Star and heard the story of the angels on the Judean hills, runs to tell Miriam and together, they go to find the Christ child.

The scene changes, finding Abiathar and Rachel mourning the loss of their disobedient children who have disappeared without leaving any word. Abiathar calls Ashball, Miriam's betrothed husband and as they conjecture about the lost children the missing ones rush in, telling the wonderful story of the Christ child and Miriam's remarkable healing. Ashball leaves in disgust and relieves Abiathar of his vow, just as the wise men return, to present gifts to the young girl healed through the birth of Christ.

The significance of the story rather than the acting left a lasting impression, and the fine type of the story particularly reacted in the conduct of the audience.

Miss Fox and Miss Filson are largely responsible for the smoothness of the general performance, and the entire cast of the pageant deserve praise for the excellent presentation of a wonderful.

- The cast is as follows:
Miriam—Lina Pettit
Ethan—Paul Mc Intire
Rachel—Katharine Schehl
Abiathar—Prof. Stanley Wright
Deborah—Hazel Fox
Isaac—Emerson Keogh
Mary—Florence Smith
Joseph—Paul Allen
Three Wise Men—
Albert Fortune
Merritt Queen
Arthur Lynip
Lighting Committee—
Vincent and Van Ornum
Costume Committee—
Peterson and Dusch

Schedule of Semester Examinations

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

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| 8:00-10:00 | Class scheduled regularly at 9:00 T.T.S. |
| 10:30-12:30 | Classes scheduled regularly at 10:30 M.W.F. |
| 2:00-4:00 | Classes scheduled regularly at 1:30 T.T.S. and General Chemistry |

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

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| 8:00-10:00 | Classes scheduled regularly at 8:00 T.T.S. |
| 10:30-12:30 | Classes scheduled regularly at 11:30 T.T.S. |
| 2:00-4:00 | Classes scheduled regularly at 2:30 T.T.S. and History for Teachers |

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

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| 8:00-10:00 | Classes scheduled regularly at 8:00 M.W.F. |
| 10:30-12:30 | Classes scheduled regularly at 10:30 T.T.S. |
| 2:00-4:00 | Freshman English and Principles of Education (High School Study Hall) |

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

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| 8:00-10:00 | Classes scheduled regularly at 9:00 M.W.F. |
| 10:30-12:30 | Classes scheduled regularly at 11:30 M.W.F. |
| 2:00-4:00 | Classes scheduled regularly at 2:30 M.W.F. |

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

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| 8:00-10:00 | General Psychology (High School Study Hall) |
| 10:30-12:30 | Freshman Bible (High School Study Hall) |
| 2:00-4:00 | German 1 and French 11 (High School Study Hall) |

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

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| 8:00-10:00 | Sophomore English (High School Study Hall) |
| 10:30-12:30 | General Zoology and Greek 3 |

Quoting a local text-book: "He was a man of great literary ability and a musician of some note."

Mr. Queen would like to know which note.

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