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## Dr. Culler In His Pulpit Again

Students Hear Him For First  
Time in Several Weeks.  
Preaches to Young  
Ministers

Dr. A. J. Culler directed his Sunday morning sermon to those who were being installed into the ministry as well as to those who are already in the ministry.

The forepart of his sermon was given to the discussion of the heritage which the minister of today receives from the historic Church. Dr. Culler emphasized the receptive attitude of the early Church; for during the first two hundred years of the Christian era the Church was distinctively a learning Church. During this period the Church was open to Greek philosophy and oriental contribution to thought.

From this time on to the ninth century the Church was characterized by its teaching quality. This was almost a necessary innovation for there were arising within Christian circles heresies which would destroy the purity of the Gospel message. The Church had to combat the heresies of Gnosticism, Manichaeism, Neoplatonism, Sabellianism, Apollinarianism, Arianism and many other tendencies that would have destroyed the power of Christ. Dr. Culler held up Athanasius as a true minister of Christ, for he stood almost alone against these heresies which would have destroyed the doctrines of the Divinity of Christ and His atoning work. He also commended a close reading of the Church Fathers and disparaged that pernicious idea that age makes these writings out of date.

With the crowning of Charlemagne by the Pope in 818 the Church ceased to be a teaching Church and became a ruling Church. From this time forward the papacy grew in strength and hardened into a system. The Church had complete control of Education, wealth and the State; it was the binding authority.

In 1517 Luther rebelled against the existing system and was forced to a complete break with the Church. Following this time we find Protestants pitted against Catholics, and Protestants fighting among themselves; so that there arose the Lutherans, Anabaptists, Calvinists, Moravians, Hussites, Mennonites, and many other separate bodies. During this period the Church was the supreme institution the minister being the boss.

With the coming of William of Orange to the throne of England in 1688, the note of toleration and religious liberty was sounded. We now see the church in its individual capacity, its greatest protagonists, being John and Charles Wesley. However, concomitant with toleration came individualism, the dawn of which is the doctrine that our communities are sinking Titans and that the business of the Churches is to get a few in the life boat. But this won't do today. We want a social message, there is not enough which binds Christians together today.

What should be the message of the

Church today? In speaking of this Dr. Culler emphasized these tenets:

(1) The modern Church must be a learning Church. There is too much narrowness in the clergy today. The minister's mind must not be sealed. He must realize that there is no fight between science and religion and make use of all knowledge.

(2) The Church today must be a teaching Church. The minister must have the conviction of Athanasius. The sacraments are to be taught so as not to drift into Catholicism on the one hand and Universalism on the other. The minister must know and then go down to teach and serve.

(3) The church must have a strong social gospel. The appeal today is to come into the Church that you may serve your fellowman. The Church must teach brotherhood, break down class walls, wipe out social distinction. We must present Christ the Carpenter, Christ the Sinless, Christ the Savior, Christ the Rest of Men.

At the close of the sermon Paul K. Brandt and Galen Evans were ordained into the ministry. Dr. Culler presided.

### Announcements

Tuesday, December 4, Debate Club meets in Room 4 at 7:30. Basketball practice at 6:30 in gym.

Wednesday, December 5, Y. M. Devotionals in Chapel at 10 A. M. Y. W. Devotionals in Irving Hall at 10 A. M. Student Recital in Chapel 7:30.

Thursday, December 6, Student Recital in Chapel at 7:30.

Friday, December 7, Emersonian and Ciceronian closed programs at 6:30.

Saturday, December 8, Irving and Iconoclast programs at 7:30. Local Red Cross Auxiliary meets in the basement of the Library at 3 P. M. An invitation is extended to all who would do their bit.

Sunday Dec. 9, Sunday School at 9:45; preaching at 11 A. M. Christian Workers Meeting at 7:00 and preaching at 7:45 P. M.

Monday, Dec 10, Red Cross Auxiliary meets at 3 P. M. Choral Union at 7 P. M.

### A Conundrum.

In these days when Red Cross is needed so badly, a woman is called a "pig knitter" when found knitting for herself. What term shall be applied to those of our ladies who have plenty of time for clubs but none to help in the Red Cross work which is done in the basement of the library on Monday and Saturday afternoons? "A Red Cross supporter would like to know".

Private Merrill Weeden, who is enrolled in the Medical Corps at Ft. Riley, was on a furlough Friday and Saturday and spent the time in McPherson, visiting parents and friends.

What is this old world coming to? Last Monday's Daily printed the following in the Church announcements: Eternal Destiny; or Heaven, and a cordial invitation is extended to Hell; and in the same paper on the front page was printed: Hear Captain O. Wiard, Detective, etc., over 17,000 arrests at McPherson College, Monday and Tuesday nights.

## Captain Wiard Well Received

Lectured to College Audience  
Four Times

The lectures of Detective Wiard were received with an eagerness that is seldom manifested in efforts of this nature. His example of militant righteousness, his championing of idealism and his scathing utterances against vice and corruption are things that one will not soon forget. Mr. Wiard, because of his wonderful personality, his prepossessing appearance, stalwart physique and unusual oratory has left an impression with us for the good.

The evening of the 26th Captain Wiard lectured on the subject, "The Black Traffic in White Girls." His indictment of rotten politics, which permitted the permanent enslavement of 600,000 girls for illegal purposes, was startling to many. Mr. Wiard revealed to the unsuspecting, the inhuman means which perverted humans are using to win girls from paths of virtue.

Tuesday evening, the 27th, Detective Wiard brought a most timely message under the title, "The Peril of the Race." This lecture was illustrated with eighty artistically colored slides from his own factory. In this lecture the truths of heredity, environment and education were driven home with a vigor and intelligence that is unparalleled on the American platform today.

Captain Wiard is a champion of the single standard of morals, the clean life for two, and his appeals for right living were given with a spiritual fervor and conviction that alone can move men to act.

The two chapel lectures were by far the most distinctive and impressive of the year. Tuesday morning the parable of the builder was graphically illustrated by instances from the actual life experiences of Captain Wiard. The oratorical style, coupled with the intensely dramatic word pictures held the students spell bound. On Wednesday morning Mr. Wiard gave excerpts from his famous lecture, "The Game of the Gambler." The remarkable truths here presented were not mere theories, but the actual experiences of a man who has hazarded all to enforce the law. He convinces us that the most insidious forces making for evil are the little foxes of sin. It is the "little, petty" gambling devices of the large cities that ruin larger numbers of the youth than the more notorious dens. Only a stern morality among the city officials can ever save this situation. The most important thing in the training of the youth is the keeping of the halls of imagery free from impurity and sin. This is the task of the Christian home, the school, the church, as well as the state and business.

Captain Wiard's attitude on the tobacco question was clearly spoken. In his experience the detective has taken the Bertillon record of over 18,000 criminals. With but few exceptions, the yellow finger tips were in evidence. Mr. Wiard believes that the habitual user of the cigar

ette is morally unsound, untrustworthy and a positive evil in society. The Spectator was glad for this convincing message.

Many interesting and instructive facts might be related with respect to Captain Wiard and his work among us, but brevity is forced upon us. We wish to thank the Student Council once more for securing such high grade talent for the Student Ticket.

## College Debate Tryout

Will Be Held Thursday, the 18th.  
All are Urged to Enter

The skill of the aspirants for honors in the forensic realm will be tested on the evening of the 18th. According to the present indications there will be about twelve men and women pitted against each other upon that occasion. The question under discussion is: "Resolved: that the United States should adopt a system of compulsory arbitration similar to that of New Zealand for the purpose of settling all labor disputes."

The nature of proceeding at this tryout will be entirely new to an M. C. audience, but it is more efficient and a decided improvement over tryouts of other years. The Spectator is glad for the opportunity to elucidate upon its merits and to outline the plan for the public.

The debaters, as has been the custom, will first make a thorough study of both sides of the question, thus gaining a general impression and understanding. Then they will make a definite study of both sides of the question, without prejudice, that they may know. After completing this, just one week prior to the evening of the debate, they will cast lots to determine the particular side of the question each shall discuss at the tryout. It will be so done that there will be an even number on either side of the question.

When the debater has discovered his side, it is the intention that he shall choose one main issue of that particular side and prepare an extensive argument upon that one peculiar phase of the subject. This will eliminate the rambling, all inclusive speeches that have characterized too many tryouts of the past.

On the evening of the 18th these parties will experience some actual debating. Two persons, one affirmative and the other negative, will take the platform at one time. Each will have a main speech of eight minutes, followed by a two minute rebuttal in reverse order; just as they will have to do in an actual contest. The debaters will not be permitted to listen to each others speeches.

The judges for the tryout will be local professors. The reason for this is the fact that these people will be in a better position to judge the real ability of individual students than those who are unacquainted with the students classroom work.

The Spectator wishes to urge all those who are undecided as to whether to enter the tryout to go in with all the vim and pep that is exhibited in our athletic contests. Let us rally around this proposition with the high resolve that we shall never know defeat.

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## The Problem of College Students.

(By Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War.)

When the call to national service arose, spirited young men everywhere of course wanted to be employed in a patriotic way, and I suppose there is scarcely a young man in any college in the country who has not very anxiously addressed to himself the question, "What can I do?"

I think that there is no general answer to this question. Even in those cases where it would be obviously better for a young man to stay at college and prepare himself for later and fuller usefulness, yet if the young man in so doing acquires a low view of his courage and feels that he was electing the less worthy course, the effect on the young man of that state of mind toward his own actions probably would be so prejudicial that it ought not to be encouraged.

To the extent that the men in college are physically disqualified or to the extent that they are too young to meet the requirements of the departments, it seems quite clear that in the present state of the emergency their major usefulness lies in remaining in the college, going forward with their academic work. The knowledge that the students will acquire at college will equip them for subsequent usefulness if the emergency

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But we do not want to chill enthusiasm. We want to preserve enthusiasm and cultivate it and use it; but we do want to be discriminating in our enthusiasm and prevent people getting the notion that they are not helping the country unless they do something different, which very often is not the case at all. The largest usefulness may come from doing the same thing. Now, it is not unnatural that there should be these ebullitions of feeling, this desire to change occupations as a badge of changed service and devotion to ideals. Our college can exercise a steadying influence in this regard.

We are going to have losses on the sea; we are going to have losses on the land; our communities are going to be subjected to the rigid discipline of multiplied personal griefs scattered all through the community, and we are going to search the cause of those back to their foundation, and our feelings are going to be torn and our nerves made raw. There is a place for physicians of public opinion to exercise a curative impulse. The young men who are in our colleges, who go to their homes from our colleges and make up a very large part of the direction of public opinion, can exercise a curative influence by preaching the doctrine of tolerance, by exemplifying the fact that it is not necessary for a nation like the United States, which is fighting for the vindication of a great ideal, to discolor its purposes by hatreds or by the entertainment of an unworthy emotion. —Patriotic News Service.

### Intercollegiate

Knock at St. Peter's door.  
St. Peter: "Who's there?"  
Candidate: "College Student."  
St. Peter: "Did you support your college paper?"  
Candidate: "No."  
St. Peter: "Down below."  
—Central Collegian.

War bread is mentioned in the book of Ezekiel. It contained barley, beans, lentils, millet, and fitches. The injunction was, "Put them into one vessel and make these bread thereof." —Vancouver Sun.

On Nov. 22, K. U. witnessed the first competitive game of hockey between women ever played on the campus.

The Executive Committee of Kansas Wesleyan University have decided to shorten the school year by a month. There will be no spring vacation and no holiday at Christmas except Christmas Day.

Quoth the Raven "Knit Some More"  
And the ladies, ever knitting,  
Knitting things no living mortal  
Ever, ever saw before.  
And no single word they utter  
Till at dusk they softly flutter  
From their rockers to the door.  
And a voice comes from the shadow  
Where they cluster near the door,  
"Thursday next, at half past four."  
—Exchange.

Hays Normal easily cinched the conference championship Thanksgiving when they romped over Cooper to the tune of 30 to 0.

Mr. Eshelman and children, Greta and Clifford, motored down to McPherson from Red Cloud last week. They spent a day here and returned

accompanied by Mr. Eshelman's son, Clarence and family.

A recent letter from Prof. Long, head of the English Department from 1911 to 1915, states that he is likely to be a farmer permanently. Prof. has purchased a farm in Maryland and is adapting himself to his new profession.

## PERSONALS

Miss Kathryn Williams visited her sister, Ruth, last week.

Miss Mae Rowe has been enjoying a visit from her mother.

Carl and Martha Blickenstaff have been visiting M. C. for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Boone spent Thanksgiving visiting their children who are enrolled in M. C.

Mrs. Fergus accompanied her daughter, Ruth, to McPherson. Miss Fergus has enrolled.

Dr. Kurtz preached twice at the Congregational Church in the city on Sunday. His morning subject was, "The Ethics of Christ" and that of the evening "The Doctrine of Suffering."

The Ophelia Girls Sunday School class have adopted a French orphan for one year. This is done by providing the support of the child which is ten cents per day of \$36.50 a year. The girls are to be commended for this splendid act of service.

Mr. Dirks started out to take Dave Brubaker a ride on the former's motor bike last Saturday. A flivver came tooting up behind them. It scared Dirks' mount and off it went. Dirks fearing that he couldn't handle the motor with Dave on behind kicked the latter off but in doing so he stuck his heel through a tire. Dave had presence of mind enough to throw his hand out in front of the Ford in an effort to stop it but the little Henry ran over his hand. By this time Dirks had been dismounted but by grasping the hind wheel with his vice like grip he stopped the unruly machine. Dirks ditched his machine and took a short cut to the tailor.

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J. Estel Jones spent his Thanksgiving vacation at home on College Hill.

Mr. Newcomb was here Thanksgiving visiting Miss Ruth Shirk.

Mr. Ikenberry, principal of the Quinter schools, visited friends in McPherson Friday.

Miss Marion Muse who was in school last year was on the campus last week. Miss Muse is attending K S. A. C. this year.

Curtis Bowman enjoyed a visit from his sister and brother from Quinter during the holidays.

Alfred Rinehardt left for Quinter, Kansas Wednesday afternoon to spend Thanksgiving at home.

Professor to Grace Sheets: "Miss Sheets name some of our farm crops and tell where they originally came from."

Miss Sheets: "Maize, pepper, sugar cane and watermelons originally came from Asia, but cantaloupes came from Rocky Ford"

Mr. George Boone was very much surprised when he learned that a match would light when dropped. Oh! these Freshies have much to learn.

Miss Carrie Smith who is teaching this winter came back to the Alma Mater Wednesday evening to spend a few days visiting friends.

Mr. John Ebersole and Mr. Rowland returned to their homes in Conway Springs over Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Don Sawyer left Wednesday morning for his home near Morrill, Kansas. He wanted to make sure of that Thanksgiving dinner.

Miss Fayanna Snader, '17, who is teaching in the Climax High School, visited at McPherson Thanksgiving.

Miss Susie Flora who is teaching school in Western Kansas spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the College. Crawford had something to be thankful for.

Leland Haldeman has enlisted in the the engineers corps of the U. S. Army. His particular work will be that of watch maker. Owing to the urgent need for such work, he will perhaps be sent to France immediately.

Recent word from Morris Harnly who was recently transferred to the aviation corps in France assures us that he is very much elated over his new work and that he will train in sunny Italy during the winter months.

Detective Wiard had the good fortune to find two uncles and several cousins in McPherson County while among us. He also located the graves of his grandparents who are buried in the McPherson Cemetery.

Abram J. Harms, '17, who is teaching in the High School at Peabody, Kansas, spent Thanksgiving visiting old friends in McPherson. He was accompanied by his wife.

Paul Harnly, '15, came down from Holton where he is principal of the Holton Junior College, to visit his parents over Thanksgiving.

They were discussing "Sense Realism" in the History of Education class. Thereupon one Junior girl came to this startling conclusion: "Education is obtained by rubbing up against people."

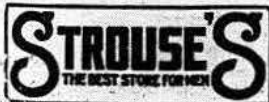
There must have been 'some' social out at Bessie Brubaker's school last Wednesday evening, if one could judge from plans laid. Monday evening Agnes Baker began talking to Bessie over the telephone about pies and on Tuesday evening at the same hour they were still talking.



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Miss Butler, who spoke in the Friendship Welfare War conference at Topeka, said, "It is much easier for the young man, who goes into the trenches, to keep clean when he has the assurance that there is some one back home who has faith in him." The character and aspiration of a boy depends upon the confidence the father has in him. The pupil is successful only to the extent of the teacher's trust and belief in him. Faith is the element that determines loyalty to a cause. Manhood and distrust are not found in the same social group. The thoughtfulness of a young man is in proportion to the faith society has in him. The principal element in faith is action. The faith not expressed in action is not faith, but mockery and the unpatriotic hypocrisy of an inconsistent society.

The girls of McPherson College have faith in the manhood of America as they are going and are at the front, a faith which shall assist mightily in keeping the manhood of America clean physically, morally and spiritually. The rapid moving knitting needles are the expression of that true genuine faith of the patriotic womanhood of McPherson College. The girls of M. C. have never been found wanting in womanly deeds of true heroism. Their faith in the men of M. C. is expressed in the artistic touch which has been given to the men's lobby by the beautiful curtains that blend so artistically and the constant spirit of womanly virtue which inspires young men to manhood and the true beauty of soul. The time to prove your faith in men is while they can see, feel and hear; while they are still within the sphere of the personal touch. The Matron and the girls of the dormitory have taken advantage of the personal touch and have proved, by their kindness and genuineness of womanhood, their explicit trust and confidence in the manhood of M. C.

"This expression of womanliness stands out as a challenge to every man in McPherson College to live pure, noble lives and to face the present world crisis with the conviction that he is supported by the never wavering faith of the truest Womanhood in America. It is with a keen sense of gratefulness and appreciation that we give expression to our inmost emotions. In behalf of the boys at M. C., we thank the Matron and the dormitory girls for their much appreciated expression of faith."

Mr. Sherfy was driving his Ford down in the main part of a good sized town and as he was crossing the street his attention was attracted away from his driving. As a result he ran into the side of a street car. The conductor came out of the car in a rage and said, "Mister, don't you know you can't run your Ford under a street car with the top up?"

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