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Dr. Kurtz Appeals For Christian Martyrdom

Gives Report of Brethren Conference at Goshen, Ind.

Dr. Kurtz stated very succinctly and forcibly the position which the Church of the Brethren has outlined, especially as this took form during the recent Conference at Goshen, Ind. He impressed us with the unanimity of sentiment with which the following resolutions were drawn up. We make mention of the most important features of the Church's attitude. A resolution was sent to President Wilson and the administration reaffirming the historic position of the Church with respect to war and peace; also requesting that the administration allow all non-combatants now in detention camps the opportunity to do some constructive work—either in agricultural pursuits or in relief work. As a support of this appeal a representative of the Church was authorized to locate at Washington, D. C., as the personal representative of the Brethren.

A paper was also drawn up to send to those already in camp. This was to state what was being done and to give assurance to the boys in their stand. It is important to note in this connection that the Church is to provide pastoral care for the men wherever they may be sent.

This Conference endorsed the work of the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. and urged the Churches to support them. It also appointed a committee, namely Rev. Galen B. Royer, Rev. J. E. Miller and R. E. Lehman, to receive money for the purpose of doing relief work in Europe. This work will in all probability be done in connection with the Friends.

One of the most important moves of the Conference was that requesting that members should raise nothing during the coming year except feeds and food stuffs. It is a lamentable fact that in the past thousands of acres of the best land owned by the members have been devoted to tobacco raising.

By way of introduction to his sermon, Dr. Kurtz gave us the impression which he received from a lecture by Emma Goldman, a noted Anarchist leader. She is a Russian-Jewish of the middle class. She is one of the most learned of the world's leaders and is giving her life in the spirit of martyrdom, for the cause of individualism and Anarchism. Dr. Kurtz most vividly portrayed the wonderful spirit of this remarkable woman as she made her appeal for martyrdom, humility and unselfishness.

Dr. Kurtz assured us that he could not accept Dr. Goldman's position and philosophy but that he was deeply impressed by her passionate conviction. It is this doctrine of martyrdom, sacrifice and service that he then applied to the religion of Jesus Christ. When Jesus declared that "I am the true way of life", He revealed to us the path which all must follow who would really be his followers, and just as Christ was a martyr for truth and humanity so must we all be who have named His name.

Dr. Kurtz then spoke of the great world crisis in relation to this truth. He made us feel that the real issue

is not between autocracy and democracy, but between selfishness and love. We must, as John R. Mott has said, enter into the suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ. We must learn that the essence of Christ's gospel is sacrifice and martyrdom. The ultimate issue for mankind is whether they will gain the victory of the spirit or continue in the maelstrom of selfishness.

The Conservation of Mind

Dr. Kurtz Gives the First Number of the Conservation Lecture Course.

Dr. Kurtz, in introducing his lecture, spoke on the general subject of conservation—our natural resources, our institutional life, and our ideals. He made it very plain that today there is no such thing as the mediocre in the realm of ideals, for they have either gone up or down. In speaking of the need of the ideals of liberty, life, culture and Christianity he produced remarkable cumulative evidence of the new recognition of the truth he has maintained as fundamental.

The bulk of the lecture, however, was limited directly to the conservation of mind. Dr. Kurtz informed us that statistics prove that on the average only ten per cent of the human mind is made use of. There are 13,000,000 brain cells, and this means that 11,000,000 of them are never utilized. The truth was driven home that we must use our minds or lose them.

Dr. Kurtz spoke with conviction in considering the problem as to why people waste time and substitute the less important for the better. The fact of inattention was clearly analyzed and the remedy of always coming back to the subject, well grounded. He said that to increase attention arithmetically means increasing efficiency geometrically. Our President spoke very plainly in explaining why students do not like certain courses of study. The truth is that when one masters a subject he will like it. The importance of concentration and bull dog tenacity were the great truths that were burned into our soul thru the medium of our President's oratory.

This was the first number on the faculty conservation lecture course. This course is to be free to the public. There are four more numbers and each is to be given at 7:30 on Tuesday evenings. Conservation is one of the vital issues before the public today, and every student should avail himself of this opportunity to be informed on this subject. The following numbers remain on the course:

"Conservation of Life by Proper Care of the Body", by Miss Walters, Jan. 29th.

"Conservation of the By-Products of Coal", Prof. Russel, Feb. 5th.

"Physiological Conservation," Dr. Harnly, Feb. 12th

"Balanced Rations", Miss Walters, Feb. 19th.

The Swedes Won.

Good Goal Shooting Defeated Bulldogs.

The fond hopes of the sixty-four rooters who accompanied the team last night were rudely treated by the Terrible Swedes. Surely after enduring those choice bits of corrugated roads which lay between McPherson and Lindsborg the rooters were entitled to some consideration. But it was no use. The Bulldogs were out-classed in the goal shooting department and Bethany took the game by the score of 37-19. But there's another game to be played and its freely predicted in these parts that it won't be the Bulldogs who are defeated.

Bethany jumped into the lead from the first and never was their lead threatened. Altho much of the scrimmage during the first half was around M. C. goal, when the Swedes got hold of the ball it seemed destined to tally a goal. The Bulldogs could not negotiate the rings and the first half ended 20-4.

The second half started with some classy goal shooting by both teams. But M. C. could not keep up the spurt and the game was very ragged toward the end of the half. More floor work was indulged in the goal shooting, with "Davy" having trouble in maintaining his equilibrium.

Jones was chief point-gatherer for the Bulldogs, looping six field goals out of numerous attempts. The zig-zag back stops were hard for our forwards to locate. Lundstrom and Thorstenberg did some fine goal shooting, caging them from all parts of the field.

Automobile mishaps were much in evidence for the M. C. rooters. A Chevrolet suffered defeat long before it saw Swedesburg and had to be left in Lindsborg. Frozen radiators were the order for the night. Coach Verink broke one of the springs on the car he drove. Coach was much disappointed to be compelled to leave before the game was over. He made the trip to McPherson in a miraculously short time to catch the night train for Topeka.

Bethany's band was much appreciated by the M. C. rooters even if it interfered with our rooting. Here's hoping it is brought to M. C. when The Swedes play the return game.

McPherson	F. G.	F. T.
Jones F.	6	0
Eichelberger F.	0	0
Chas. Moors F-C	1	0
Ches. Moors C.	0	2
M. Moors G	0	3
Brubaker G	0	0
Yoder G	0	0
Total	7	5

Eichelberger replaced Chas. Moors who went to center when Ches. Moors went out.

In second half Yoder replaced Brubaker.

Bethany	F. G.	F. T.
Lundstrom F.	6	0
Thornstenberg F.	7	2
Carlson C	3	1
Peterson G.	0	0
Olson G	1	0
Total	17	3

Edwards of K. W. U. refereed.

Bible Normal Best

In Years

Large Attendance—Fine Program

"I've been attending the Bible Normals for the past nine years and they are growing better every year," said one visitor. Exclamations of like nature were heard on every hand. The Thirtieth Annual Bible Normal was a success in every way. Especially gratifying to the management was the large attendance. Many more visitors from out of town came than were expected. In all nearly one hundred out of town guests registered. The program was unexcelled. With exception of changing the time of several numbers the program was carried out as planned. There was one innovation this year which it is hoped will become a permanent feature. That was the platform. W. O. Beckner introduced the speakers, kept things going and in many ways helped to make the messages of the speakers more effective.

During the nine o'clock period Dr. Kurtz gave his lectures on "The Sermon on the Mount." Probably at no time in the Bible Normal was the whole audience so removed from the things of time to that of the spiritual as during this course of lectures. The thoughts were strikingly and powerfully presented. No one can ever forget the message he brought. Dr. Kurtz showed that Matthew is the kindly gospel in which "Matthew wrote the sayings of Jesus." Surely no one who attended but who realized that their former conception of this wonderful sermon was too narrow and limited. Dr. Kurtz gave a largeness and vividness to the sermon which will ever remain in the hearts of the hearers.

Chapel services were conducted thruout the week by some member of the Board of Trustees, with the exception of Saturday when Miss Meizger led. The services were most interesting and each day the room was crowded.

At the 10:30 period Prof. Mohler addressed the men on farm problems and management. Many interesting discussions arose over the new ideas advanced. Prof. Mohler's lectures are most practical. Miss Walters gave a series of lectures to the women at the same hour. The talks proved to be so interesting that early in the week this course was switched to 10:30 instead of 11:30 as on the program, in order that the women of the Hill could conveniently attend them.

Dr. Culler gave six lectures on the book of Job at the 11:30 period. He presented the subject in his exceptionally pleasing and interesting manner. The simplicity, the beauty, the wonder of the book was shown clearly and forcibly. He closed the course Saturday with a scholarly lecture on the problem of suffering. Men have constantly asked why they suffer. It has been believed that men were afflicted for the sake of punishment. Again some have thought for the sake of discipline. Suffering refines and purifies. It brings out the best qualities in man. Our close friendships are not formed in the pleasures of life, but rather in the struggles, sorrows and temptations. Job suffered and then prayed for his friends. His

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was only a hint of the vicarious suffering of Christ which reveals to the Christian a sympathy and love unknown to Job.

The missionary department of the Normal was very strong this year. Miss Metzger's five talks on Missions were very instructive and intensely interesting. Rev Eby gave four scholarly lectures on "Comparative Religion." Also on Saturday evening he gave a lecture on the educational system of India. India is thickly populated, in one place, he said, a territory scarcely larger than McPherson County contains 682 towns. The British government has been doing great things in extending the educational system, but much remains to be done. At the present time there are one hundred and fifty colleges in the country. Industrial schools are of untold good in paving the way for Christianity. The natives cannot believe that women need education and so only send their boys to school. The great need is more schools, especially boarding schools. And with more schools is the need of more active teachers, men of Christian character and a broad education.

Mrs. S. A. Chappel of Winfield gave two speeches on Sunday School work. She is the Elementary field worker for the Kansas State Sunday School Association. Wednesday afternoon she lectured on the work of the elementary department. After the lecture all the elementary teachers at the Normal met at the home of Mrs. W. O. Beckner, elementary superintendent in the Sunday School here. The questions and problems of their department were discussed and Mrs. Chappel gave them many helpful suggestions. "Who's Who in the Sunday School" given Wednesday night was a most inspirational address on S. S. work. The "Who's Who" are the pastor, the superintendent, the teacher, and the pupil.

Four lectures of special interest were those given by Rev. Finnell, Prof. Yoder and Prof. Studebaker. Rev. Finnell gave two addresses, one on "Service" and the other on "The Beginner." Prof. Yoder's talk on "The World Outlook for Peace" was of great present interest. The question of national prohibition is one of the great problems of the day and Prof. Studebaker gave a clear outline of the subject.

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expression department Friday evening and the joint program given by the societies Saturday evening pleased the audiences. For half an hour each evening Prof. Rowland conducted a class in Church music. He decried the idea that special talent is necessary to have good music. An enthusiastic leader and an audience willing to do as the leader directs can always have good music.

On Tuesday evening Jan. 22 the Advanced Chorus Class gave their annual concert which is a feature of the Bible Normal. The work used was, "The Heavenly Vision" by Finley Lyon. This sacred cantata follows the vision of John as found in Revelations.

The soprano solo work was taken by Miss Kathryn Thomas. She is perhaps most at home in this style of singing and received much commendation for her work. Her tone production and phrasing were good and her interpretation excellent. Amos Boone, tenor, did creditable work in solo and duet. J. Howard Engle who is young as a soloist has a baritone voice of good quality. He is to be commended particularly for the ease with which he sang. The Chorus responded very well to the direction of Prof. Rowland whose interpretation was at times quite exacting of the chorus. While this cantata was not as strong a composition as "The Word of God," by Spross which was given two years ago, it was considered by many as more pleasing and easier understood by the average lover of good sacred music.

Miss Pauline Vaniman who is an accompanist of unusual ability contributed largely to the success of the concert.

After the recital Dr. Kurtz gave a wonderful address on "Education." W. O. Beckner in opening the meeting compared the President to a lookout of a ship. The President was the man with "long range look." And this meeting was his opportunity to give to the people his vision of the future for the College.

In the opening of his address Dr. Kurtz told of his thoughts last year when everyone was rejoicing over the completion of the endowment campaign. He said he feared the success in that people might become self satisfied and think that everything was finished.

Later he reviewed the great educational meetings which he has attended the past year. Everywhere he was impressed by the cry for Christian education. Always before the minds of the educators the speakers held the idea that ideals of truth, charity, brotherhood Christianity must be upheld as never before. Our ideals must be maintained until after the war. To insure this it was imperative that the colleges should be kept open during the war. And also a larger and more place must be given to religion and the teachings of Christ in the college curriculum.

Finally Dr. Kurtz gave his plans for the future. He advocated as the less possible goal for the next twenty years first, the building of a Science Hall, and second, the raising of \$1,000,000 for endowment and buildings. This was the minimum. In order to attain this there must be a loyal and united Church to aid in this program. And also an Alumni which shall back up the College with their moral and financial support. In the next twenty years McPherson College should take her place as one of the strongest Christian Colleges of the country.

Y. M. C. A.

There has never been a time in the history of the world when the opportunity for service was so great. The one organization which is giving itself in service to the needs of the world, is the Y. M. C. A. As a world organ-

ization, it is doing more for the physical, intellectual, and the spiritual life of the young men of the world than any other, especially during this time of unrest. The great motto of the Y. M. C. A. is to serve the world.

The program which has been planned by the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. in conjunction with the Student Volunteer Movement for a world campaign is no small undertaking. The work that is being done among the soldier boys in America and in the trenches is no small part of the task. But the greatness of the task is not only with the boys at the front, as strategic as it is, but the strategical point is preparing the world during the present crisis and after the present deluge of blood, to unite in an international brotherhood, with a vision of the Fatherhood of God, which will avoid the repetition of the present world curse. With a vision of this sort the associations have planned a large and constructive program for the coming year. The plan has three fundamental principles: first, a campaign for bible study in which 200,000 men and women shall study the life of Christ, and keep the morning watch; second, that every man and woman make use of every opportunity to live the Christ life and influence the community in which they live by making the bible study practical; third, to raise a standing army of volunteers who will evangelize the world in this generation, with a million dollars the coming school year to push the work. International and durable peace can come only when the world has been Christianized.

The local organization of the college has not been idle this year. In face of the many oppositions the cabinet have been successful in doing some very constructive work. However, not all has been visible. The following is the financial report for the past year up to the present date.

Athletics	\$ 40.10
General expense	61.54
Mens lobby	172.36
Friendship War Fund	1391.00
Missions	100.00
Delegate to Northfield	77.76
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PERSONALS

Miss Winona McGaffey has enrolled for the second semester.

Miss Mildred Thorson of McPherson has enrolled for the second semester.

C. Bowman in English Class; "The one will never come when man and woman will be the same."

Mr. Clarence Bailey who attended school part of last year is again appearing around his old haunts.

Leland Moore has discontinued his illegal work. He expects to attend automobile school in Kansas City during the winter.

Myrtle Flora and Modena Heckman have ended dorm life for the present at least. Miss Flora is boarding and rooming at Keim's and Miss Heckman is staying at Folger's.

Keim:—Miss Young, you did not turn my English quiz paper".

Miss Young:—That's strange Mr. Keim, I'm sure I did not keep it for souvenir as you got a III—.

Prof. Craik had been giving references to the history class. "Now don't ask the librarian for a book by him", he cautioned. The same afternoon Roy Neher and the assistant librarian searched the stock room for an author.

I. P. A Plans

The local Intercollegiate Prohibition Association is one of the most active organizations in school. Recently representatives from the College I. P. A. met with those from Central Academy and a course of lectures to be given by Prof. Shaw arranged for. Prof. Shaw is head of the School of Expression at Kansas Wesleyan University. He is a speaker of note and is employed by national I. P. A. to give lectures on prohibition. At present the I. P. A. is doing anti-alcohol educational work among the Army and Navy Camps over the country as a subdivision of the Y. M. C. A.

Prof. Shaw is to speak at Central Academy on March the first, McPherson College the second and at some city church on the afternoon of the third.

The contestants for the local I. P. A. Oratorical are working hard on their orations. At least four and perhaps five will enter this contest. The District Contest is to be held at Central College some time in March. In view of this fact the Association here has decided not to collect dues from the members. Sufficient funds were left over from last year to pay the national fees.

Dr. Sharp Sends Picture.

A fine picture of Dr. Sharp has been received by the College. Dr. Sharp was the first President of the College. The faculty had asked him for a picture of himself to be placed in the chapel of the Administration Building in whose honor it is named. He has granted their wish by sending a large bust picture.

Marie Mayer Pleases.

The third number on the lecture course was one of the most interesting ever given at McPherson. With the skill of a born actor, untrammelled by artificial training the story of the Passion Play was told by the one who was the Mary Magdalene in 1910. Interwoven in her story was the call for patriotism to the highest ideals of our country. The spirit of the lecture, and the skill with which Marie Mayer seemed to create for her audience, the deep religious tone of the Passion Play was truly marvelous.

Intercollegiate

Washburn Day this year is to be Patriotic. This day is set aside each year for the Washburn family, students and faculty to get together for a good time.—Washburn Review.

Wisdom is a nut, which unless you choose with Judgment, may cost you a tooth and pay you with nothing but a worm.

Dr. J. T. Willard, graduate of K. S. A. C., Dean of General Science and senior member of the faculty has been chosen as acting president of the State Agriculture College.—The Industrialist.

Sport News

Since M. C. entered the Conference we have played seven games with the Swedes. In looking up the records we find that M. C. has won four and Bethany three of these games. But the total score shows that we are one point behind them.

M. C.	Year	Bethany
14	1913-14	10
29	1914-15	24
20	1914-15	25
18	1915-16	30
21	1915-16	25
20	1916-17	18
20	1916-17	11
142		143

St. Marys defeated Bethany at St. Marys last Tuesday night 22-19.

The M. C. Reserves will have a chance to get in a few real games. Prof. Mohler is trying to secure a schedule of six games for them. The first game will be with Moundridge High School at Moundridge, Friday night, Feb. 1. This is all that has been definitely arranged. A tentative date for Moundridge here is Feb. 15.

A new feature in the line of preliminaries will be staged at our next game on the home floor. This will be in the form of a Volley Ball Game between a Faculty team and Student. It promises to be intensely interesting.

The schedule for the Bulldogs is still incomplete. It is probable that games can be arranged for with Fairmount and Friends of Wichita and the Chilocco Indians at Chilocco.

Athletic Board Meets

The Athletic Board met in regular session last Saturday morning. The plan of the basket ball tournament was decided upon. A committee was chosen to whom the students desiring to enter the tournament should give their names. The committee will then classify and arrange the men into teams of as even ability as possible. The aim is to have the tournament be as much of a contest as possible. In other years there were generally one or two strong teams and the interest soon lagged as the outcome was never in doubt. If there is a sufficient number of men entering, the tournament may be divided into two classes. This will secure even more closely contested games.

The Board also decided to have a track team this year. Meets will be secured with other Colleges. Tho we have not had a track team before there is much talent in the school and a strong team ought to be secured. Tennis proved to be a popular intercollegiate sport here last year and the Board has decided to arrange for several matches this year. All of last year's team is in school and with the addition of several new stars prospects look very bright for a winning team this year.

The following are on the Athletic Board this year: Prof. R. E. Mohler Chair. Miss McVey, Delilah Stutzman, Ruth Armstrong, Melvin Moors, Wilbur Vaniman, W. E. Brubaker and E. Schmerhorn.

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Prof. W. H. Johnson, of the School of Education, K. U., predicts there will be a shortage of between four and five hundred in men teachers for the high schools next year. The vacancies are in the departments of mathematics and sciences, vocational training and languages. More than likely women will be called upon to teach in these departments.—Kansan.

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Dramatic Activities.

Expression Department to Stage Religious Dramas

The department of expression, under the admirable instruction of Miss McVey is preparing several religious dramas of unusual merit. These will be presented first at Monitor; and will undoubtedly be re-staged at the College at some later date.

The two dramas to be given at Monitor are: Maurice Douchor's "A Christmas Tale" and William Yeats' "The Hour Glass." Maurice Douchor is a Frenchman and was born at Paris in 1855. He is a dramatic poet of rare inspiration and tragic depth. His best known plays, "Tobie," "Noel," and "Les Mysteres d'Elensis" are according to an eminent French critic, "among the most beautiful works of our time." "The Christmas Tale" is a one act drama of remarkable religious significance.

W. B. Yeats is of Irish extraction. He was born in Dublin in 1865, springing from a talented family of artists. Yeats early developed an interest in strictly Irish things and in writing about them. His first writings are dramatic, but later his chief interest was absorbed in launching a literary movement among young Irish writers. Like Russet, Yeats is interested in mystery. He went to see mediums and consulted fortune tellers, witches, and other eccentrics. He writes of legends, landscapes, magic, universal beauty, Rosicrucianism, and folksong. In all of this there is none of the popular poet, for Yeats is scholarly. The qualities for which he is significant and his symbolism, his fine Irish atmosphere, and his powerful portrayal in unadorned lines of strong passions, with its nearness to the dream world.

In "The Hour Glass" Yeats gives classic expression to the undeniable truth that spiritual reality is not discernible by pure logic, but has an intuitive basis. The drama is one of the finest pieces of literary art.

We are sure that the public will receive these plays with very keen appreciation. The cast of the respective productions will be announced in a later issue.

S. V. Convention at Emporia February 2nd and 3rd.

One of the greatest Student Volunteer Conventions in the Kansas Volunteer movement is scheduled to meet at Emporia, Saturday and Sunday of this week. Speakers of national and international fame will be present.

In addition to the regular conference a special delegation is called to launch the movement for mobilizing the Kansas Students for their share in bringing in the Christian World Democracy. This movement is the result of the Northfield Conference. Dr. Kurtz is a member of the Kansas Committee and expects to attend the Convention.

McPherson College is asked to have at least fifteen representatives. The following are expecting to be present: J. D. Schmidt, Mayme King, Mary Durst, Edna Neher, Ray Cullen, Wilbur Vaniman, Fred Hollenberg and Dr. Cullen. It is hoped that others will decide to go.

Miss Kathryn Shirky who graduated from the Academy last year is spending a few days at the College. She is teaching this year.

Estel Jones came down from Ramona accompanied by a real Kansas blizzard Saturday. Jones will be remembered by the old students as 1916-17, Editor of the McColpa. We are glad to see him but prefer to have him keep his wild weather "to him".

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