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VALUE OF THE IMMORTAL LIFE

CHRIST HAS SOLVED THE MYSTERY OF LIFE AND DEATH BY HIS RESURRECTION

Dr. Culler Emphasizes the Victory After the Struggle of Life.

The death and the resurrection of Jesus have made the "Forward Look" one of hope. Confidence has been given to mankind that there is something glorious beyond what time has to offer. It is conceded that human life came from the realm of mystery and eternity and hence must return to eternity. Life is the shuttle weaving the purpose of God, and each person from earth into death and the latter calls with the great question of life and eternity.

What better evidence have we of the scope of eternity than that the black picture of grief, later mellows and becomes the halo of blessings to the one who endured the trial. The sun of hope shines brightly upon the aged saints who have gained a deep spiritual insight and hold communion with the realm of the Divine. Emerson says that all men have some sense of the infinite or a spark of divinity in their natures, which produces the harmony of life when in tune with the Divine. Even those who have lived a life of infidelity, when inspired by the rushing winds of heaven, confess the presence of God and the hope of immortality. Literature, Philosophy, Art and Ethics make a wonderful contribution to the evidence of immortality and the assumption of the Great God. Men must stand on the hope of eternity to make the best contribution to the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

In the doing of a kindness by one individual to another an offering is made to the cause of righteousness. Poet and artist cry out, that unless there is something greater than time our ethics would fall to pieces with a crash. If men are simply the pawns, while Destiny, as a tyrant, plays to his own advantage on the board of life, then our life is not victorious, but the result of fate. But thanks to the wisdom of the Creator, life is more than the play of fate. Life is the struggle in which man has the deciding initiative and is aided by his God. True, life has its shadows as well as life, but after the shadow has passed the sun of hope only shines the brighter.

Christ's life seemed at one time to be eclipsed, but when it emerged from the penumbra on the other side the Apostles said, "We have had a glimpse of the eternal world." Life is not closed at death, but hopes for an eternity. The immortal hopes of men do not center on a heaven of ease, but an eternity where the undeveloped life which is begun may be rounded and completed. Heaven is not to aim at ease, but to go ON.

There must be mystery in life, for what we worship must be beyond our

understanding. Men bow before the mystery of life and are reverent. Christ by his resurrection has solved the great mystery, so that mankind can enjoy an eternity of "Spiritual Development."

WHO AM I?

I linger in the flowery nooks,
Betwixt the leaves of Wonder books,
I float upon the silver stream,
And mingle in a lover's dream,
I love to soar beyond the stars,
To dwell in Venus, Saturn, Mars,
I dive to depths of ocean blue,
Into volcanoes bosoms too.
Upon the robin's song I float,
And need not care for any boat,
To carry me o'er ocean blue,
And back again in seconds two,
I nestle in the hearts of flowers,
And woo the rose thru golden hours,
I sleep upon the rain-bow bright,
And dance upon the moon-beams light,
Oh who am I? can no one guess?
Does no one know me in my dress
Of rose and pearl? A beautiful thing!
A poet's dream one day in Spring!

—ELSIE STEVENS.

Dr. Kurtz Appears on Lecture Course in Nebraska

Dr. Kurtz returned home Tuesday evening from Holmesville, Nebraska, where he gave his lecture on "True Patriotism" the night before. Dr. Kurtz was at his best and sent the spirit of patriotism thru the crowded church house in such a way that they got it. There are many students in the College from Holmesville and they are very glad that the folks back home get to hear some of the good things too.

China Missionary to Return to China

Miss Minerva Metzger left McPherson Thursday for her old home in Indiana until July when she intends to sail to China to resume her work in the mission field. She has been a student in the College since the Bible Normal. She has been a source of great inspiration to all the students, especially those contemplating foreign field work.

Dr. Culler Talks To Young Men Wednesday

Dr. Culler gave a splendid address on the Y. M. movement Wednesday morning at the men's meeting. He emphasized the good that the Y. M. C. A. has accomplished in the college world and made an appeal to the young men to be loyal to the association in the coming years.

Mens Glee Club Becoming Popular

The College Glee Club is more popular this year than any previous year. It had to cancel two dates this week, one at Windom and one at Central College Tuesday evening the club will sing at the Nurses Graduation Exercises at the M. E. Church down town. They sang at Chapel exercises Friday morning.

McPherson College Won First Place In Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest

PAUL BRANDT ADDED ONE MORE TO THE LIST OF VICTORIES

In the contest held at Central College March 29, Mr. Paul Brandt's oration entitled "Unconditional Prohibition" excelled the others, thus capturing the first prize of fifty dollars. The other two colleges that scored were: Fairmount and Central; the Fairmount Orator "Whiskey—That's All" winning second, and the oration "America's Opportunity—It" delivered by the Central College orator receiving third place. The three other colleges represented were: Southwestern, Tabor, and Cooper.

Every school that was represented received praise worthy of support from its orator, each and every one scoring high on the papers of the judges. The preceding orations had been so good that we knew that our orator, as the last speaker, would have to give us his very best to win, and he did. It did not take long for those who heard him to realize that he had the thing which would bring home glory. Our appreciation was shown by our conduct when the decision was announced.

TRACK MEN WORKING OUT THIS WEEK

M. C. HAS TWO OF BEST COACHES IN STATE

New arrangements have been made since the track work began, and the boys from the high school as well as the college men are working out on the M. C. field. Coach Verink has charge of the field work of both the high school and the college, while Prof. Patterson of the high school is coaching the track work. Patterson is a K. U. track star and Verink has something like a hundred medals which he has won in his branch of athletics. The college boys consider themselves fortunate in being able to work out under the direction of such capable athletes.

Professor Mohler Offered Big Job By The Government

Prof R. E. Mohler of the Agriculture Department, has been offered the County Agency of his choice of four counties in Kansas. The salary offered is seventeen hundred dollars a year with every chance for advancement. He is considering taking it up for the summer only.

American Soldier (in France),
What's the matter?
French Soldier: "A shell hit me."
Am. Soldier: "Did you get its number."

Summary of Boys Letter to the Girls.

1
In summing up the good and the bad,
And the girls that are in between,
We'll do our best
To please the rest.
Although at this we are green.

2
Your letter was read at our Y. M.
And enjoyed by one and all,
And though but brief,
It brought relief,
And for manliness, a call.

3
We like to hear from the other side,
Or rather the fairer sex,
And be a man,
Everyone of us can,
Isn't that what the girls expects?

4
Of course we know you're not exempt,
From the minor sins of the world,
But your mistakes,
And many breaks,
Will not here, at you be hurled.

5
A girl with plenty of common sense,
And a real kind look on her face,
Whether dark or light,
Every day and night,
Is a blessing to the race.

6
A good complexion of flesh and blood,
Is good enough for a saint,
But let us say
In a real kind way,

7
That a barn looks better in paint,
Everyone talks of a low necked dress,
So we slip over this in a haste,
But thick or thin,
From belt to chin,
Make it known that you have on a [wrist,

8
General appearance bears somewhat,
On the higher instincts of men,
So if neat and clean,
Everywhere you're seen,
You'll attract the best of 'em then.

9
No matter then if you are fat,
Or thin as a walking stick,
Either short or tall
We like you all.

10
At your stature we'll not pick.
A girl that is jolly with all the boys,
Yet keeps herself slightly reserved,
Some day will find,
That she has a broad mind,
And character she has conserved.

11
A bit of dignity has its place
You know not what it is worth,
But a heart that is cold,
Should not even be sold,
'Twould freeze this whole round earth.

12
A call may come a leader to be,
And, of course there's many another,
But the wonderful call,
That stands above all,
Is to be an ideal mother.

13
A queen of the forest you are, girl,
A princess of all the world,
You are ruling this land,
With your own right hand.

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Editorial

An old saying is, "that green things grow." Altho we, Freshmen may show a superabundance of the chlorophyllic tendency in many cases, don't become irritated but have patience for it may be only a manifestation of life. We are not dead because we can prove that we have sprouted.

Our class is composed of a cosmopolitan enrollment of fifty-two members. It is impossible to estimate the number of embryonic Abraham Lincoln or Daniel Webster intellects that are hidden beneath the camouflage of the Freshman banner of this year.

Our class was represented by three members out of the total six on the college debate teams of this year. We have taken our active part in society, compulsory if not otherwise. Oratorical contests have not been passed up unnoticed, altho we gained no victory there certainly is no lack of intellectual ore.

The President, and also three associate members of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet for next year, have been selected from our ranks. Likewise the Freshman girls are well represented in the new Y. W. C. A. cabinet for the ensuing year.

In athletics this year we can say that we have not been "slackers." The class basket ball tournament was ours without a single defeat and our prospects as winners of the class track meet are not small. In the absence of our old basket ball stars this year, the Freshman rallied to the "Crimson and White" with five Letter Men.

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Our successes as far as victories would show are not large, but there is yet hope as we have three years in which to improve.

Four of our boys had to leave us this year for Uncle Sam's work. We were indeed sorry to lose them, but are proud of their patriotic service. We can do no more than wish for them the best of success in their grand work.

We are not egotistical in our achievements this year but are grateful for the confidence and responsibility which has been placed upon us. We have not done as well as we would have liked, yet we can honestly say that we have done the best we could. And with added experience and training we hope to do infinitely more and better work in the future than we have done in the past. May this inspire in each one of us the desire to do the greatest amount of service that it is possible for him or her to do.

A Freshman's Letter Home

McPherson, Kansas.
 March Furst, 18.

My Dear Pappa, Mamma,
 and my Little Brother:—

Say have you got them little yellow cards that has on my grades? Prof. says I flunked in one subject and I wandered which one it is. The rhetoric is gotten harder every nite and I got a mind to stop takin it. Besides it ain't doing me no good no way. I got called in the office house one day and darn if I didn't shake pert near into, but Im gettin into things now and they like me. Sa mamma there is a feller here that had his hed sheered close to the skin but he did not have no purty hair nohow. I guess he wanted to wash it without washing his hair. Is my heffer fresh yet? Is tig's eye swelled shut yit? Have you sode any korn yet? That money is pert near gone. I am stuck on a girl now and Dad Forney told me how to ask her but guess she didn't here me the way she acts. There are going to have a Easter here purty quick and I am going if the tickets ain't to much. Ther having the awfulest bash I ever eat now days.

Your Respectful Sun,
 Willie.

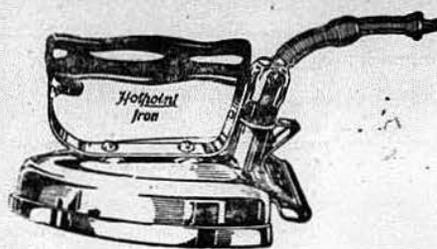
Heard Oscar Seagle

A number of the faculty and students motored to Hutchinson last Wednesday evening to hear Oscar Seagle, the famous baritone from New York. Mr Seagle's program was unusually interesting, varying from light French Carnival songs, beautiful love ballads and inspiring patriotic songs to the more somber Negro Spirituals; the last was most unique. Being a Southerner Mr. Seagle was able to give the most unusual interpretation of them. The audience so greatly appreciated Mr. Seagle's art that after he had concluded his program, they demanded an encore to which he graciously responded by singing his favorite hymn "The Ninety and Nine."

Mr. Seagle with his fine sense of humor and congenial personality bridged the gulf of formality between himself and his audience and forcefully drove his thots and truths into the hearts of his hearers.

PRE-SUNRISE SINGING

The Volunteer Band has found one of its most fruitful and practical services in singing for the sick and aged. For the past three Sundays singers have gone to the Hospital to sing and



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altho they are not able to express their appreciation of the music, the attendants assure the singers that the benefit to the inmates is incalculable.

Easter morning a double quartette sang several Easter songs outside the Hospital building and upon invitation from a nurse went inside, where the ladies and men's quartette sang separately. The group went in to see Mr. Hollenburg who was feeling remarkably well and looking eagerly forward to his return to us in a few days.

From the Hospital the singers went to several private homes in the city. The way the appreciation of the music was shown by these people and also their neighbors made the singers feel that the singing program for next Easter morning must be extended to most of the city.

Three groups were organized on the Hill, numbering from fifteen to twenty. For an hour before the sun rose you could hear the different groups at various places. It made us realize the significance of the occasion, as the Resurrection songs sounded forth on the calm morning air. Many thanks were extended from the windows. Some of the aged were especially impressed and praised the young people for remembering them.

The groups assembled on the East Dormitory steps just as the sun rose and held an Easter Prayer Meeting. Under the leadership of Prof. Morris we were made to see the beauty of the resurrection,—the basis of our hope.



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PERSONALS

Harnly has been selected to be one of the judges at the Northeast State I. P. A. Contest that is to be held at Salina, April 2.

Harold Beam spent several days of the past week at his home in the vicinity of Holmsville, Nebraska.

Mrs. Sweet who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Naylor, returned to her home at Edmond, Kansas, Friday. The exchange letter, from the boys to the girls, "What M. C. boys expect their future wives," was read to an appreciative audience in the Y. W. building Wednesday morning.

As usual Prof. Studebaker spent Thursday in Newton, helping J. D. Schmidt with his questionnaire.

Ray Neher left for his home, at McPherson, Kansas, last Monday. He is going to "Do his bit" by taking care of his farm.

Mr. Fred Hollenberger is recovering nicely from his appendicitis operation. He will soon be able to resume his duties.

The Misses Maud Christ, Berdine Hanson, and Martha Urey spent last Wednesday shopping in Salina.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker of Plattsburg, Mo. have been here visiting their daughter, Miss Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. Eichelberger of Morrill, Kansas have spent the last few days here with their son David.

April fifth is the day set for the annual college-interclass track meet. The Freshies have ten aspiring youth track stars working hard for the event. The coaches expect to get a line on them who will represent the college track work this spring.

The Y. W. C. A. has elected a committee to see that their tennis court is put in condition. Boys wishing to be heroes take notice.

Peggy Muse dismissed her gym class last Tuesday that they might play tennis. How many appeared to play, Peggy?

Remarks—Candid and Otherwise

Stover:—"The high cost of living is all a joke. It's the high cost of loving that's keeping me broke."

Professor Craik:—"After giving an exam. in history was looking over the papers when he found a Marriage Ceremony procedure. How about it Wampler."

Staff to each other:—"I love its gentle warble; I love to hear it flow; I love to wind my mouth up; I love to hear it go."

Visitor:—"I hear that you have quite a human factory here."

DWK:—"Yes we can them once in a while."

Teacher:—"What do you consider you can do better than any one else?"

Sam Merkey:—"Read my own writing."

Nina Teeter, to a School Board:—"What do you pay for teachers here?"

School Board:—"All they are worth."

Nina never applied.

All bets off.—Ida:—"I'll bet you a hundred that I'll never marry."

Holsinger:—"I'll take you."

Ida:—"Will you really? Now I won't bet."

Modern Scene.—Place. Typewriter room. Carter:—"Whats the difference between an apple and a girl?"

Ebersole:—"You squeeze an apple to get sider, you sit side a girl to squeeze her."

American Soldier (in France). What's the matter?

French Soldier: "A shell hit me."

Am. Soldier: "Did you get its number."

Prof:—"Sin is missing the mark."

Stubby: Then if I went to hit Ida for a date and missed getting it, it would be a sin.

To get a girl, go after her.

To keep a girl, stay with her.

To win her, love her.

Eva:—"Wake up Amos! wake up!"

Amos:—"Whats the matter?"

Eva:—"I hear a harsh, grating noise. I think someone is trying the door."

George:—"Nonsense. Its some rats trying that cake you made today."

Prof Russel in household chemistry class:—"Miss Burkholder, describe how

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Alice:—"I don't believe I remember."

Hughes to Art Harms:—"Are you going to Iva Curais' birthday party?"

Hughes:—"What birthday is it?"

Harms:—"Her twenty-first?"

Hughes:—"No I guess not, I went to that last year."

(Original poem by a Freshman)

"Go to papa," she said, when I asked her to wed.

And she knew that I knew that her papa was dead.

She knew that I knew of the life he had led,

So she knew that I knew what she meant

When she said, "Go to papa."

An Extended Preaching Tour Thru Texas

Business manager J. J. Yoder and Professor Studebaker made an extended preaching (?) tour thru different parts of Texas last week. They report that some of the fall wheat has not come-up yet, but the farmers are expecting to see it any day. Prof. Studebaker that "Nothing risked, nothing gained," so he purchased another farm in that land that flows with milk and honey.

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E. R. Shaw Leads Chapel Exercises

Professor Shaw head of the public speaking department of Kansas Wesleyan University of Salina addressed the students in Chapel Saturday morning. He is working for the interest of the I. P. A. The inspiration he gave the students was very noticeable, especially, when he said to enjoy all good things about the Campus and not let the studies interfere with the dates.

WANTED ADS

WANTED:—A good Bullbog. One that will bite. To keep the boys from our dorm at nite.—Matron.

We got no more milk bottles. They took 'em from our room. So we want some more milk bottles. To take away the gloom.
Room No. X. Y. Z.

FOR SALE:—Dandelion greens and fish worms. S. H. WRAY.

Any of the boys in college who want a personal interview with me may call at my room on second floor any time when I am not out walking.

J. C. FORNEY, (Specialist.)

DOUBLE VICTORY GOES TO COLLEGE DEBATING TEAMS

Taking first place both at home and at Baker University, the Kansas State Agricultural College team won first group of the annual pentangular debates in which Washburn College, Ottawa University, the College of Emporia, Baker University, and the Kansas State Agricultural College are competing.

The Aggie negative team, composed of C. O. Chubb of Baxter, senior in general science, Samuel James of Riley, junior in agronomy, and R. L. Richards of Manhattan, sophomore in agronomy, debated in Baker University. The affirmative team, composed of K. D. Thompson of Densmore, sophomore in agronomy, Selbert Fairman of Manhattan, junior in mechanical engineering, and A. F. Swanson of Manhattan, senior in agronomy, debated against the Ottawa University negative team here.

The question for debate was whether or not the United States should adopt the responsible cabinet system of government.—Kansas Industrialist.

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