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Increased Efficiency

Our Faculty Materially Strengthened by the Addition of Morris and Frantz

Instead of allowing trying national and world conditions to weaken the structure of our college, the management have bolstered up the framework to no inconsiderable extent with the addition of Professors Frantz and Morris to the faculty. Prof. Morris comes to us from Mount Morris College and will teach mathematics and physics. Prof. Frantz has been a graduate student in Yale and will teach modern languages.

Prof. Morris is a Kansas product, having first seen the light at Darlow, Kansas. He moved to Indiana in early life and after completing the public and high school courses, he attended Manchester College where he took his A. B. in 1913. That summer he attended Ohio University and the succeeding winter he taught physics and science at Blue Ridge College, Maryland. For two succeeding years he attended Ohio University and received his A. M. in 1915. He did most of his graduate work in mathematics and physics and upon graduating was called to his work at Mount Morris. He comes to us with the reputation of being one of their most popular and efficient instructors and from all indications will gain the same reputation here. Already there is a quickened interest being manifested in mathematics which heretofore has dragged the enthusiasm of the students down to absolute zero.

Prof. Frantz is a Hillsboro product. He graduated from the Normal Course of Tabor College, and after teaching school a while returned and completed his A. B. work. While in college he was an assistant teacher of literature. While in the Academy and College he had eight years work in the German language together with work in other languages. At Tabor, Prof. Frantz entered into student activities on a large scale. He was a tennis player of renown and was president of the Y. M. C. A. and of his graduating class. He received a fellowship of \$125 to Yale and spent last year there doing graduate work. While in Yale he specialized in German and French. We have long needed a trained instructor in modern languages, and Prof. Frantz is making

the courses popular here.

The Spectator extends a hearty welcome to these two excellent men and their families. We are confident that our relations here will be pleasant and mutually profitable.

Senior Hike

The annual hike of the class of '18 was held Friday evening. The A. B. aspirants and invited guests Cadillac-ed, Forded and Dodged their way to the grove east of town where they proceeded to enter into the joys of the evening prepared for them by the social committee.

The evening itself was all that could be desired. That statement in itself seems so insufficient, but there are times when words fail us. For a time after arriving various games were played which afforded opportunity for the picnickers to visibly express their high spirits. Considering the recklessness of these expressions, the casualties were slight. Two head-on collisions resulted in one nose being pushed fifteen degrees in right ascension and another three points to starboard. The worth while part of the occasion consisted of weenies, beefsteak, buns, pickles, marshmallows and pears.

After imbibing to their capacities the frolickers gathered about the camp fire and expressed their spirits intellectually. The orthodox brethren were held up in the limelight and their inner workings candidly disclosed. Each individual contributed some reminiscence to the discomfiture of the disciples of Lepage.

Out of the abundance of the heart the face shineth. Realizing the truth of that old precept, we cannot but believe that the bubbling joyousness of the entire assemblage was in the ascendancy and that the occasion will long be remembered. Estel Jones, Nan Swanson, Alice Hoerner and Doc Mohler of the class of '17 were guests.

J. W. Maxcy, erstwhile orator, gymnast, base ball pitcher, quartet man, and general arouser of pep around M. C., is making strenuous efforts to get into the Aviation Corps. The requirements are the stiffest in the entire service, best we are confident "Wes" can make it. His opportunity for service in that department would be greater, perhaps, than in any other branch.

Gave Fuller Conception

Dr. Culler Preached a Very Practical and Constructive Sermon on the Universal Place of Faith in Life

"By faith Abraham when he was called, obeyed to go out into a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing whither he went" Heb. 11:8

Dr. Culler chose the above verse as the text of a sermon which the students and all others found to be both instructive and uplifting. Using the example of Abraham by faith going out into new fields and not knowing whither he went, Dr. Culler gave his auditors what was, perhaps, the strongest and most constructive utterance on faith they had ever heard.

Faith is not alone for those who are religiously inclined, but it is an imperative necessity in all life. Everywhere faith is evident. When a man moves from the known to the unknown, when a man widens the horizon of his vision, when he in any way launches out or blazes the trail, when he steers from the harbor of prejudice and ignorance to the open sea of new truth—all is done by faith.

Men who do not have faith are worthless. Faith is a life of venture and of trust. When men from lack of faith refuse to lengthen the radius of their lives: then decadence and decay set in. The church that is no longer growing, the nation that is no longer developing, these all lack the dynamic, impelling power of an abiding faith.

There is no such thing as automatic progress. The man who ceases striving on the theory that things will come out all right is utterly useless. Progress is achieved by leaders with faith—men like Noah and Abraham who, knowing the result may prove disastrous to themselves, are yet willing to sacrifice everything. There is a great deal more sense of security on board a ship in a dense fog at sea when that ship is moving than when it is drifting at will, even though there may be more danger in progress. When there is not the element of adventure in life there is an appalling fear.

The difference between the useful and the futile man is a difference of

faith. Lack of self-confidence is the greatest barrier to progress. Men must have faith in themselves and set their stakes out to include greater and greater areas.

There is no antithesis between faith and reason. There is a conflict between faith and credulity. Knowledge is the verified experience of the human race, but faith is a prerequisite of all the knowledge that has been discovered. We are continually living upon unproved assumptions. All scientists have faith in their theories before they can evolve their laws. Every astronomer who has studied the universe with constructive results has done so upon the presupposition that God is a God of Law.

Faith and belief are not the same. Belief does not have that dynamic power which impels a man to launch out. Devils believe and tremble, but they have no faith. Men have wrapped their beliefs about them as cloaks and have clung to them so tenaciously that they have been damned. The church of the Middle Ages lived by dogmatic belief rather than by faith. When Gallileo and Columbus made their great ventures, they had more faith than all the hide bound ecclesiastics of the Middle Ages. "If any man believes on me, let him follow me." Men do not have faith if they do not act upon that faith and venture out.

What a man thinks he is, that is he. The men who lack self-confidence and are afraid to venture out are useless. More churches die because of lack of faith in constructive things, than for any reason. The fact that a great many churches had no faith in foreign missions is responsible for our sluggishness in that activity. The principal thing about some churches is the cemetery. We must expect great things of God and attempt great things and God will do great things.

Nations must have faith. Emerson says, "I don't care so much where you are as the direction you are going." We must have faith that this is the last great war, that peace is possible, that reduction of armaments is a thing which is bound to come. So soon as a nation loses its spirit of venture into the realm of good things, that soon it goes to death and decay.

If a man has failed in a venture, he has by no means failed utterly, for he has launched out. The greatest thing of life is not the grasping, but the reaching; not the attaining but the striving. If we launch out, we shall, like Abraham, be called the faithful.

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Caps and Gowns

The problem of caps and gowns has been one that has worried every senior class of McPherson for a number of years. The plan we follow here of requiring each member of the graduating class to purchase his own cap and gown is a very crude one and one which should be discarded at the first opportunity. The different individuals have purchased caps and gowns from a variety of sources and the designs have been as varied as the individuals. Besides the trouble to the seniors themselves, it is a very unsightly and motley throng which gathers during commencement week.

This year's seniors are now in the midst of this problem. They have appointed a committee to confer with the management with a view to persuading them to purchase a sufficient number of caps and gowns outright and renting them out to the successive graduates of M. C.

Besides solving the above mentioned problems, it should prove to be a paying proposition for they could charge sufficient rent to pay for the

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gowns in a few years and all above that would be clear profit. We believe this matter should receive the most serious consideration. The matter has not yet been broached with them and this effort is in no way an indication that the aforesaid program will be carried out.

Candid Remarks

We have now been studying French for two weeks and have imbibed enough to wonder how a Frenchman talks when he has a cold.

A young lady has been observed lately who needs a prop for her arm. In classroom she always has it in that upright position which signifies, "I know Prof., let me answer. I can do it so much better than these other dubs."

Kaiser Bill went up the hill
To get a whack at France.
Kaiser Bill came down the hill
With bullets in his pants.—Ex.

We have often wondered at that paradoxical quality of good music which inspires us to high and noble things, and at the same time breeds within us an intense longing to slash and mutilate our neighbor who insists on whispering to us during the program.

A heart full of malice is at once the most loathsome and pitiable object in captivity.

The average person, in his attempts to be funny, will hit the bull's eye in about the ratio of 16 misses to one lucky strike.

And of the ten people who laugh at the one hit, nine will do it for the sake of politeness.

We rise to inquire if the habit some students have of sitting on the backs of their necks is an indication of laziness or the weight of the burden on the shoulder of the individual.

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Captain Owen O. Wiard Coming
Word came from Capt. Owen O. Wiard recently that he is contemplating a western trip this fall or early winter. Altho there is nothing definite with regard to this, we feel almost sure that we can promise this community the opportunity of hearing this famous detective either in December or in January.

Detective Wiard has been on the platform in behalf of reform measures for the last quarter of a century. For the past few years he has been one of the busiest men on the Chautauqua platforms. In 1912 Capt. Wiard spoke at every Chautauqua then alive.

The literary quality and moral tone of his efforts in such that he almost invariably makes annual return dates with lyceum courses, Y. M. C. A. organizations, churches, chautauquas, schools, etc.

Having been associated with many of the important and victorious fights against the saloon, white slavery, gambling, graft and political corruption, his talks teem with facts of recent birth and of real interest to the public.

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Owing to a big demand on the part of the college students, Prof. Mohler has consented to conduct an advanced class on "Diseases of Farm Animals."

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PERSONALS

C. C. Weedle of Bloom, Kansas, expects to enroll soon.

"Knaeve" Phillippi, our enterprising business manager, observes that we have four "post"-graduates and one Stump.

Prof. Rowland has been busy the past week conducting a minstrel show at Canton for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Arthur Wendt, '17, reports that he is safely anchored at Cottonwood Falls where he is teaching in the High School.

Mrs. H. H. Kimmel of Larned was in McPherson Thursday and Friday visiting her sister, Mrs. Berkeybile, and her son Kurly Kimmel.

Wednesday evening, being a cool and pep inspiring evening, a number of our basket ball fans got up a practice game. There was much fumbling and otherwise wasted energy, but all reported a good time.

J. C. Forney went to Lawrence Thursday where he represented the law at a wedding. He reports that the knot was tied firmly and neatly.

Prof. Studebaker spoke at the membership rally of the Y. W. Wednesday morning on "Why every McPherson girl should be a member of the Y. W. C. A." The membership campaign is on and the committee is working for every girl enrolled in the college.

Vernie Mishler, an old M. C. student who has been teaching the last three years, was called in the first draft. He left for Camp Funston on the 20th of September and is now enrolled in the regular army.

Mr. Teeter and Mr. Yoder, both of of Carleton, Nebraska, left the middle of the week to report for military service. We are sorry to lose these men after so short a matriculation with us but in the words of Eugene Fields we say, "Goodbye, God bless you."

Dr. A. J. Culler attended the district meeting of the Middle Missouri Church of the Brethren. Dr. Culler delivered two addresses—one in the Educational session and the other in the Ministerial Meeting.

Prof. Fries was very much frightened when he saw last weeks issue of The Spectator and gazed upon the chronicled fact that there was a girl at his house. He said he was aware of the presence of a boy but hadn't heard of the girl. The Spectator offers its humblest apologies.

Prof. Swope was explaining the artistic and infinite curves of the Greeks. Forney: "I used to make those kinds of curves in listing corn."

O. R. McCune of Kansas City has

Statistics show that McPherson College is leading all the Brethren schools in attendance. Our closest rival is Manchester, with 240.

Prof. Holsopple, recent professor of English at Juniata College, has accepted the presidency of Blue Ridge College and has already taken up his work there. He was given the honorary L. H. D. degree at McPherson last spring.

We are glad to report that Mount Morris has been successful in her endowment campaign. Blue Ridge is now entering upon such a campaign. We wish her success.

Nan Swanson, Estel Jones and Doc Mohler spent the week end at the Alma Mater. The mother is always glad to receive her children and hear of their experiences out in the cold, sad world.

Dr. A. J. Culler, pastor of the local church, has been invited to preach two sermons to the men at Camp Funston next Sunday. He has accepted. We congratulate him upon this recognition of his ability.

Dr. D. W. Kurtz attended the meeting of the Educational Board of the Brethren Church at Elgin, Illinois. He reports a profitable session. The organization of the board remains the same with Dr. Kurtz as President and J. H. B. Williams as Secretary.

While in Chicago, Dr. Kurtz purchased about 100 volumes for our library. These books are the most recent of their kind and are for the most part reference books in Theology, Literature and Philosophy. Additions to our library are always welcome.

donated twenty-five dollars to the agricultural department to use as they see fit. The agricultural department is rapidly being built up and such donations are of material assistance.

Working in conjunction with the Agricultural College at Manhattan, Prof. Mohler and his agricultural students have been conducting experiments in seeds. Last year they experimented with four varieties of wheat, and this year they are experimenting with fourteen varieties of corn and twenty varieties of wheat.

Mr. H. R. Ellenberger who attended M. C. two years ago is again in school. Mr. Ellenberger has enlisted in the hospital corps of the regular army and may be called out at any time. He has a remarkable tenor voice and will be an asset in musical circles if permitted to stay.

The officers of the American Mutual Life Insurance Company, whose ad appears on the back page of this issue are all local men. They are as follows: A. J. Shaw, President; D. R. Maltby, Vice President; Chas. H. Sandy, Secretary; B. Harms, Treas-

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A MEN'S LOBBY

**Social Room in Fahnestock Hall
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There has not been a cessation of the improvements in Fahnestock Hall which were mentioned in a previous issue, but another step has just been taken which will help make the men's home one of the most cozy to be found anywhere.

Owing to the efforts of the Y. M. C. A., the management of M. C. consented to furnish the room which was used last year as a reading room, but which was scantily supplied with anything tending to make it beautiful or comfortable. Within the past few days a large reading table has been put in, a number of chairs, and a beautiful rug. In addition to this the room is to be re-papered and repainted. This step on the part of the management is one more of the many they are constantly doing for the comfort of the students, and the students are grateful. The Y. M. C. A. cabinet is to be congratulated for their initiative in inaugurating the movement.

But the thing which occasions most rejoicing is the fact that the lobby is to be supplied in a very short time with a phonograph. At a mass meeting held Monday, it was decided that a phonograph is to be installed and it was left to a committee to devise ways and means. It is uncertain whether the machine will be an Edison or a Victrola or some other make and the means of obtaining it are still a point in discussion. If the machine is to be purchased outright, the plan is to have the students canvas the town for the herewith, and then have the records furnished individually by the students.

Whatever the decision of the committee, the important thing is that we are to have an instrument. It is our belief that this will contribute as much as any other thing to the well being of the students and we look forward with pleasant anticipation to the time when this music machine will be a reality.

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French Popular at M. C.

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Since we have become citizens of the world as well as of the United States, however, there has been a distinct change. German, Latin, Greek—are all relegated to the background and the new idol, French, has taken their places. Four times a week about thirty-five students thirsting for knowledge of the language of No Man's Land warm the chairs in the basement of Fahnstock Hall. The class had to be separated into two divisions to allow for the conflicts of a number who wished to enroll.

There is grave danger that the zeal of these French fans may change the method of communication on the campus from hissing English to the nasal twang of gay Patee. Although this will be unwelcome to our ears, we can glean comfort from the assurance that it will greatly facilitate the wooing of the French maidens by our swains.

What the Class of '17 is Doing

J. Estel Jones, the president, is superintendent of the Ramona schools. He reports that he is doing well, although he does not know what the natives think of him.

Nan Swanson is teaching English and Latin in the Hillsboro H. S. She, also, reports progress and has come to believe that a great many H. S. students are quite lovable.

Faye Sissler will be in Chicago where she will take a course preparing her for primary teaching.

Bruce N. Eshelman is teaching the young idea of Gilmore City, Iowa, how to play football and, incidentally, a few things from their text books. Bruce is assistant principal.

Fayanna Snader is teaching in Climax high school. She has charge of the domestic science department.

Lulu Ullom will be in Oberlin this year where she will take a post-graduate course in theology.

Alice Hoerner is making practical use of her education by assisting in managing the Hoerner household.

The last heard of Harms he was peacefully enjoying his honeymoon somewhere in the North.

Martin Beyer has also become a benedict. He will manage his father's farm this winter.

Hoover will be in Kansas University this winter.

Cy Miller is another farmer. He will no doubt there find excellent opportunity for the exercise of his giant's strength.

Doc Mohler is superintendent of schools at Roxbury. Most of his spare time is devoted to strenuous endeavors to keep ahead of his algebra class.

Alice Vogt will make use of her fellowship to K. U. this winter.

College Seniors Organize.

Prospects for one of the largest classes ever graduated from M. C. are bright. Unless a number are called out by the second quota, seventeen will receive the A. B. degree in the spring. Morris Harnly and Harold Engstrom have already gone into "service." This loss has been counterbalanced by the addition of two new members, Ruth Shirk and H. R. Ellenberger.

At a recent class meeting officers for the coming year were elected and other important business transacted and discussed. Galen Jones is the president, Wilber Vaniman, Vice President; Ruth Shirk, Secretary. It was decided to give a class play in the spring and a committee was appointed to investigate adaptable dramas. The problems of caps and

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gowns was also discussed. Another committee was appointed to investigate this matter and report to the class.

It may fall to the lot of the Seniors to publish the annual this year, although they have not yet definitely decided to do so. Owing to the vast amount of work which will fall upon them, especially at the close of the year, it would work a hardship upon the class to be loaded with this burden, although they will make the attempt should no other class volunteer.

The annual fall social will be held Saturday evening somewhere in God's great out of doors. The Peruna almanac promises a full moon on that occasion, and the Seniors are expecting the social to be a memorable affair.

Student Recital

McPherson College was entertained somewhat earlier than usual this year by a student recital. On Wednesday evening the Department of Singing, assisted by the Departments of Piano and Expression, gave a most excellent program in the chapel.

We congratulate both the students and their instructors on the work done, and we bespeak for them the hearty support of the college in any succeeding recital. The program follows:

- "Caro mio ben" (Giordani) Miss Margaret Malby, Soprano.
- "Cycle of Life" (Ronald) Miss Fern Studebaker, Dramatic Soprano.
- "To Spring" (Piano Solo, Grieg). Miss Evelyn Roberts.
- "Haiden-Roslein" (Schubert) Miss Justina Doerksen.
- "The Maker of Dreams" (Oliphant Down) Miss Gilberta Horton, Read-

- "Rolling Down to Rio" (German) Mr. Claude Wilson.
- "When the Heart is Young" (Dudley Buck) Miss Kathryn Thomas.
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Ray Cullen, as master of ceremonies guided the guests through the intricacies of a varied evening's entertainment. A short program was given consisting of music by the Edison, furnished by Mr. Berkeybile, reading of the Flower Scene from "Ingomar and Parthenia" by Marguerite Muse, the College Mixed Quartet, and short speeches by the presidents of the two associations, J. C. Forney and Edith McGaffey.

Games, contests and a hand shaking tour completed the evening's entertainment. Ice cream and cake were served after which all joined in singing the college song and then said "Good night."

Prof. Russel Offered New Position

An attempt was made late in the summer to entice Prof. Russel of the Chemistry Department away from us. He was asked to head the Chemistry Department of Nebraska Wesleyan University. The offer included a substantial increase in salary, fewer classes than he now has, and a better laboratory for private work.

For a time it looked as though we were to lose our popular scientist, but the management met the offer in a measure and so we are to retain his services for another year. He was appropriated \$150 for his own use in purchasing equipment he will need in his private experiments and was relieved of some of his work.

We are very much gratified at Prof. Russel's decision to remain, although we realize that his services cannot always be retained. His hobby is

soils and he is very anxious to get into some agricultural college where he can devote his entire time to this work. In conjunction with his professor at Minnesota University, he has already done work in this line that is recognized as being quite creditable, and McPherson folks can not but feel that he has a very promising future in his chosen field. Prof. Russel is very popular with the students here and is regarded by them as one of the strongest members of the faculty. They will join with the Spectator in hoping that he can remain with us for many years, but will also join with us in wishing him success if he decides to leave for fields which promise more his future as a chemist.

The Student's Ten Commandments

1. Thou shalt set the service of God and Man before thine heart as the end of all thy work.
2. Thou shalt inquire from each study what it has for thee as a worker for a better world, not relinquishing thy pursuit of it until thou has gained its profits unto this end.
3. Thou shalt love the truth and only the truth, and welcome all truth gladly, whether it bring thee or the world joy or suffering, pleasure or hardship, ease or evil.
4. Thou shalt meet each task at the moment assigned for it with a willing heart.
5. Thou shalt work each day to the limit of thy strength, consistently with the yet harder work which shall be thy duty on the morrow.
6. Thou shalt respect the rights and pleasures of others, claiming no privilege for thyself but the privilege of service and allowing thyself no joy which does not increase the joy of thy fellowmen.
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10. Thou shalt make for thyself commandments harder than another can make for thee, and each new day commandments more rigorous than thine own laws of the day before.—From "The Independent."

The Irving Social

The annual opening social of the Irving Memorial Literary Society was convened in Price's pasture on Saturday evening, the 22nd. All students of collegiate rank were invited and a goodly portion of them responded. The affair was ushered in by the playing of games which required a division of the assembly into four groups. This part of the program was distinguished by reason of its unusual vivacity.

A weenie and marshmallow roast contributed much to the enjoyment of the evening. The M. C. students have a peculiar fondness for this type of sport, and it does hark one back to the early days when his ancestors found a similar method of social life enjoyable.

The intellectual part of the outing was distinctive. Kimmel gave us one

of his characteristic speeches and Dr Cullen entertained the bunch with some of his inimitable humor.

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