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The Eddy War Relief Conference.

Sherwood Eddy, "Dad" Elliot, and Miss Butler Spoke.

Kansas Colleges to Raise \$40,000 For Prison Relief Work.

The Eddy War Relief Conference convened in Topeka on Friday, the 26th. The first sessions were special, the women and men meeting in separate assemblies. The ladies were brought together by a luncheon given to Mrs. George Sherwood Eddy at Pelletier's Tea Room at 1:00 p. m. At this time they heard Mrs. Eddy, Miss Butler and Mr. Eddy speak upon the war conditions. Miss Butler described woman's work at home. Her talk dealt particularly with the work being done at the various training camps in the erection and maintenance of Hostess Houses. These meet the needs of the women who visit the camp and also in a very vital way affect the manhood of the place. She made the startling statement that the moral problem of these camps has decreased fifty per cent since the entrance of the Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. Eddy told of woman's work abroad. She spent several months at the base stations in France learning to know the boys and to understand the problems which they must face. The audience was moved to tears as she told of the influence of the life of a pure woman among these men.

The first session for the men was held at the Chamber of Commerce Rooms where a luncheon was given to Mr. George Sherwood Eddy, beginning at 12:15 p. m. Immediately following the luncheon Gov. Capper, after a short and spicy speech, introduced the speaker of the occasion, Mr. Eddy. Mr. Eddy told us things that moved men alternately from tears to joy. His presentation of the horrible world situation as a challenge to American manhood stirred the men to the depths. Excerpts from his talk are given in another column. Mr. Eddy, second only to John R. Mott, is the world statesman today. He is a powerful man and his messages are backed by the dynamic of character.

The college delegation met in the Y. M. C. A. for their conference at 1:15 p. m. Chancellor Strong of the University was chairman of the meeting. Several speakers gave soul-

What Will You Do?

Tomorrow morning the students of McPherson College will be asked to make good the pledge of fifteen hundred dollars made by our representatives at the Topeka Convention. The money thus raised is to go for the purpose of alleviating suffering among the soldiers of Europe. The suffering endured by our soldiers is greater than that which has taken place in any other war of history—something which is beyond the power of man to describe. The skill of scientists the world over has been turned to the dastardly task of outdoing the opposing side in inventing machines of inhuman torture and destruction. Vast numbers of our soldiers are hourly facing death without even the common comforts of life. And it is these men who are standing between us and the spread of German frightfulness throughout the world. They are giving everything within their power to give—they are throwing their lives into the breach that all the finer ideals which we have so carefully cherished and developed for hundreds of years will not be lost to the world. The debt of gratitude which we owe them can never be repaid. It cannot be mentioned in the same breath with dollars and cents. All we are asked to do is to show our devotion in a very small degree compared to those who are showing the last full measure of devotion. What will you do tomorrow morning? Are you disposed to be of that number who will help to embarrass this college by failing to do your duty and cause her to be short of her pledge, or will you give freely and eagerly, not deeming it a sacrifice but a privilege? Who would be so infinitesimally small as to call it a sacrifice at such a time as this? Let each man rally to the support of this pledge and highly resolve that he will not be the cause of our failure to do our duty. Then we will succeed not merely in fulfilling our duty and raising the amount pledged, but we will go far beyond. Come to chapel Wednesday morning prepared to give until it hurts.

thrilling messages at this time. We make mention of the talk by Miss Butler on "Woman's Part in the War" as one of special significance. "Dad" Elliott also spoke, telling of the prison camps of Europe. His kindly, sympathetic spirit and his wonderful power made his one of the greatest talks of the day.

Immediately following the speeches the respective college delegations met in session and planned the work for their local campaigns. The M. C. defegation planned a thorough campaign which will start Wednesday

morning at chapel.

At 6 p. m. the college people all met for dinner at Pelletier's Tea Room and after a most delightful report had the pleasure of listening to "Dad" Eliot again. Prior to his remarks the various colleges gave the reports of what they intended doing at home for the prison camp fund. These are given mention in a separate column. "Dad" Eliot gave us the ideal for college life during these trying times. The meeting was closed by prayer and the spirit that permeated that group of wholesome young men and women was the finest that we have ever witnessed.

Inter-Class Tournament

Basket-Ball Games to Determine the Class Champion of M. C. Will Be Staged Through the Month of November

Owing to the lack of any other branch of athletics at M. C. during the Autumn months, we have a custom of holding an inter-class basket ball tournament before the regular time for the basket ball season to begin. Coach Verink will not call out his hopefuls until the first of December, and in order to get the men used to the "feel" of a ball in their hands and the court under their feet, the Athletic Commission deemed it advisable to keep up this practice this year. The tournament will be aided by the fact that winter has set in unusually early this year.

All classes including college, academy and commercial departments are entitled to representation. Nearly every class will have men enough to make up teams. The plan is to have each team play every other team twice during the tournament. A silver loving cup will perhaps be awarded the team taking first place. This cup will be awarded temporarily, and if a class wins three years in succession, it becomes the property of the class.

At this distance it looks "soft" for the College Freshman Class. Their class is composed of nearly seventy members and there is some good athletic talent in the clan. The first team members are not bunched in any one class as they were last year, but are distributed through two or three classes. With a line-up of men like Neher and Chas. Moors, forwards; Mel Moors and Galen Evans, centers; Kreighbaum, Eichleberger, and Wannie Brubaker, guards; and also capable substitutes like Bozarth, Rexroad and Yoder, the Frosh are entitled to take the "I should worry" viewpoint.

Melvin Moors is managing the tournament. He has charge of the scheduling of games, selecting eligible referees, hours of practice and the like. The referees will be made up for the most part of students who know enough of the game to blow the whistle at the crucial moment.

The Spectator believes the plan of inter-class athletics to be a good one when carried on in conjunction with inter-collegiate athletics. It keeps up class spirit as well as school spirit, gives the great majority of students opportunity for exercise, and is in keeping with the recommendations of prominent educators and the practices of a great number of schools everywhere. Here's wishing success to the inter-class tournament.

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Snatches and Fragments

Impressions Of and Excerpts From Speeches at the Conference

Mr. Eddy informed us that when Major General Pershing arrived in France last summer he made his first impression upon the French nation when he stood with bared head as he paid tribute before the monument of LaFayette and said in French, "LaFayette, here we are."

In a certain regiment in France a youth saved almost his whole company. A howitzer shell of considerable magnitude fell in the midst of their regiment and the lad threw himself upon it just before it exploded hugging it vigorously. It shattered him almost to shreds, but he saved his company. "He saved others, himself he could not save."

Some admirable work has been done in the prison camps of Europe. 5,000,000 Russians, in the prison camps have learned to read and write. Think of the work that you can help to further by sacrificing money and pleasure now.

Our men are suffering two grave dangers in this awful hour. (1) Actual physical suffering in the trenches, which no description can reveal, and (2) a moral menace that comes from fighting in a far country where you do not make the money or have any control. This is the sphere of influence for the Y. M. C. A. To this task we turn ourselves like men.

The salaries of the soldiers vary considerably. The Russian private draw one cent per day; the Belgian private four cents per day; the French private five cents per day; the English Tommy twenty-five cents per day, and the U. S. soldier from one to three dollars per day. The significant and foreboding fact is that the amount of temptation is in proportion to the salary received. In view of this fact greater moral suasion must be exercised in American camps.

The dastardly genius of the German scientist has produced a new and deadlier gas that is now in actual use. The gas is odorless, transparent, and heavier than air. It is used mostly

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at night and enters the dugouts, takes the men unawares, and has them before they realize its presence. Its effects are total blindness and changing the body into one solid blister from which recovery is almost impossible.

The actual amount of food that a European obtains today in 48 hours is less than what you get in a cup of bullion at a restaurant.

The Army Y. M. C. A. huts are instrumental in distributing 20,000,000 tons of correspondence paper a month.

America is responsible to bring the Y. M. C. A. huts to 24,000,000 men. To accomplish this task, the American people must raise the stupendous amount of \$35,000,000. Since we have begun to think in large figures, we can face this task with a hopeful front, believing that American people will stand behind this movement for the conservation of ideals.

Mr. Eddy sounded a deep note when he said that this war is going to drive us down to the bed rock of reality, putting us face to face with the spiritual values of life.

"Dad" Eliot revealed the typical attitude when he said that one of the great problems for us here in America is to really enter into the suffering of this war. There never was a time when there was so much suffering rampant in society as there is today, and it will all be heightened as the winter months draw on. "Dad" Eliot insisted that we must now learn to share a little of the suffering of Jesus Christ.

"Dad" Eliot expressed a profound pity for the College student who contends that he has no time to read or bother himself about the war. We must learn to suffer and to do that we must face conditions.

Miss Butler struck rock bottom in saying that "if we do not have faith in the power of the resurrection of things eternal and lasting, we will not have the faith and hope to see the war through."

There are 8000 students in Kansas. This body is asked to raise \$40,000 as a minimum sacrifice for the relief of the awful prison conditions in Europe. At a dinner of the College delegations, the spokesmen of the respective groups gave their estimates as follows:

Bethel College with 175 enrollment pledged \$1000.

Haskell Institute placed their goal at \$1000.

Southwestern had 16 delegates at the conference and they promised \$1000 for their school.

Cooper College had one delegate, but she was very much alive. Cooper has 100 students approximately. They will do their share.

The College of Emporia, a school of 200 Presbyterians, will raise at least \$1000.

The Fort Hays Normal with 300 students, despite crop failures and a weakened student body, pledged \$1500.

Ottawa University had 14 delegates at the conference. Ottawa has 107 college students and they plan to raise \$1000 as a minimum effort.

K. S. N. with 785 students have placed their goal at \$5.00 per student.

Bethany College with 250 students will not stop short of \$850.

K. S. A. S. was attendant with 66 delegates. They represented a student body of 1625. \$8000 is their minimum goal.

Washburn College pledged \$2000. Pittsburg Normal with a student body of a few less than a thousand will bear their portion of \$1000.

K. W. U. pledged \$700. They have an enrollment of 168.

Baker University took as their lowest stake \$1650.

Midland College, having about 75 college students, promises \$300 as a meager estimate.

Fairmount College, who are already supporting one of their men on the Russian front with \$1,000, will raise at least \$1,400 for the fund.

K. U. will have Sherwood Eddy among them to present the proposition to the student body en masse. Their goal is \$11,000.

Lastly, our own fair college had 12 delegates present. We will secure \$1,500 as the smallest "bit" we can do. Time alone will reveal what more we can do.

Intercollegiate.

At Salina Wesleyan they have organized a Lyceum Course which will be composed of faculty members and student talent alone. The program offered consists of five numbers and the circuit will include various towns in Northwest Kansas.

Dr. Rollins, President of Fairmount College, had a very narrow escape from death recently when a car in

which he was riding crossed a railroad at a treacherous crossing barely in time to escape being crushed by a train.

"The great thing in all education is to make our nervous system our ally instead of our enemy."—Dr. Hopkins, Dartmouth.

Washburn College bears the enviable distinction of being the only institution in the country which has raised an entire ambulance company. It consists of 119 enlisted men and five officers, all of which are former students at Washburn.

At Southwestern the Loyalty League has purchased 100 subscriptions to "The Collegian" which will be sent to every Southwestern man in service. It is safe to say that this brand of literature will be more welcome to the men thus favored than any other.

"This war", declared Bishop Quayle, "is a war which encompasses all the principles involved in the preceding wars. It may be called the fight for a planet".—Baker College.

One student who sends his quizzers home made this explanation of the grading to his father: A means awful; B means bum; C corning; D dandy; and F fine.—Kansas.

Dr. Harnly went to Darlow Sunday where he delivered two lectures.

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The Edison was installed in the lobby in Fahnstock Hall last Monday and since then it has been in almost continual use during the hours when its use is permitted. When it is going the lobby is filled with students, both men and women. About twenty double records were brought out with the machine, and since then the students have been gradually adding to the number. Besides the ones actually bought, a number have been ordered and will arrive shortly. It is hoped that they will be sufficiently classified by next week that the list of donors of records can be published. There remains yet only about thirty dollars to be raised for the payment of the Edison. Last week a systematic campaign was carried on down town among the business men. All of them could not be reached, owing to lack of time, and it is certain that the remainder of the payment can be secured from those men who have not yet been canvassed. A list of the business men who donated money will also be published next week. Mr. Forney and his cabinet members deserve the gratitude of the entire school for their sacrifice in time and labor in making possible for the students the pleasure which this music maker gives. The business men and friends on the Hill are also to be thanked for their liberal donations. The students are grateful to them for this substantial evidence for their interest in our welfare.

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College Press Meeting

We are in receipt of a letter from the President of the State Press Association of Kansas Colleges announcing that the annual meeting of that body will occur at Salina Wesleyan University on November 9th.

This date is much earlier than it has been in previous years and the reason for this is that at last year's meeting it was the consensus of opinion that the constitution which has governed the organization is faulty in a great many respects and that it would be better to meet earlier this year and draw up a new constitution. By adopting this new constitution early this year, the colleges will receive the benefit of it through most of the school year.

The McPherson College publication is a member of this organization and will have a representative at the meeting. According to the old constitution McPherson is to be host for the Association next year. It is not known whether this will hold good under the proposed constitution or not.

Short Courses at M. C.

The college is inaugurating an advertising campaign now to let her constituency know of the short courses she is planning for the winter terms. Large hand bills are being distributed throughout the county and literature is being mailed over several states announcing these courses. These short courses will start with the beginning of the second quarter of school and continue for two quarters or from Nov. 12 to March 20th. There will be Commercial, Manual Training, Domestic Science, Vocal, Stenographic and other courses offered. They are designed especially to meet the needs of farm boys and girls who find it impossible to be in school during the entire school year. The terms offered are exceptionally low and it is expected that our student body will be materially strengthened Nov. 12. The College has also stationed sign boards at various places throughout the county pointing out the distance and direction to McPherson College.

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PERSONALS

The coal pile in the heating plant is on fire for the third time. It is to be hoped that this bothersome pestilence will soon end.

J. W. Maxcy came to McPherson from Navarre Monday evening. He does not know the exact date when he will be called to his training quarters.

Ray Cullen will go to Beatrice Tuesday where he will officiate at a wedding. Miss Zelma Sheaffer, an old M. C. student is to marry Mr. Ernest Dell. Miss Shaefer is a cousin of Mr. Cullen's. The Spectator congratulates Miss Shaefer and wishes Mr. Cullen success in this, his first experience in representing the law.

Prof. Chas. Morris became sick Friday and has been unable to take up his duties since. He was to have preached at the College Chapel Sunday but was unable to do so. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Immediately upon his return from the Topeka convention, Dr. Kurtz cranked up his Overland and went to Camp Funston. He held services in one of the Y. M. C. A. huts of that place on Sunday and visited the boys with whom he is acquainted who are already enrolled at Funston. Mrs. Kurtz, Ernest Ikenberry, Paul Brandt and Joe Bowman accompanied Dr. Kurtz.

Owing to the sudden set in of bad weather, it looks as though the tennis tournament would have to go unfinished. More matches were played in Class A than in any of the other five classes. The competition in this class has been quite keen and the outcome quite uncertain. It is a disappointment that the tournament could not be finished although enough matches had been played to indicate that Prof. Studebaker is the champion. He is closely trailed by Wilbur Vaniman and Prof. Morris. The

tournament assures that there will be a world of material in school for the intercollegiate matches this spring.

Word has come to us from France that Morris Harnly is now enrolled in the aviation corps of the American Army. He is at present in training in Paris. Mr. Harnly has been on the French front for several months doing ambulance work, and this preliminary experience will be of great value to him in training for an aviator. Although his personal danger will be in no way lessened, he should have a better time of it in the way of living quarters for the aviators stay back of the front lines a short distance. All of Mr. Harnly's, McPherson friends congratulate him on this advancement.

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During Dr. Harnly's absence Friday Mrs. Harnly taught his classes.

Frantz (to boisterous crowd in the lobby) "Don't make so much noise. My foot's about to go to sleep."

Prof. Russel spent Sunday at Darlow, Kansas, where he delivered two lectures on science.

Prof. J. J. Yoder spent Sunday in Navarre where he delivered the dedicatory sermon.

A number of friends gathered at the Moors home southwest of McPherson Monday evening to help "Mel" celebrate his twenty second birthday.

The students most recently enrolled are: Marie Stambaugh, of Waterloo, Iowa, Mr. Weddle of Bloom, and Mearl Christian.

The Choral Union recently organized with Ray Cullen as president and Amos Boone secretary.

"Well, Evans, how do you feel? I've just had some ox tail soup and feel bully.

Evans: "I've just had some hash and feel like everything"

F. E. Mishler preached both the morning and evening sermons at the Monitor church Sunday. W. H. Yoder, the regular pastor, was absent holding a series of meetings.

David Eichenberger returned from Morrill, Kansas, where he has been visiting home folks for a few days.

Don Sawyer and Myrtle Flora returned from Quinter, Kansas, Thursday, where they have been visiting for a few days.

Merchant: "You boosters have no get up about you at all. Why don't you have photographs of your school taken, or your teams? Are you ashamed of them?"

Booster: "Not on your life. I want you to understand that our school doesn't stand still long enough to be photographed."

A LOVE POEM

Now Autumn's here
Each long, chill night,
We yearn for thee,
Oh, Ann Thracite.

--Boston Transcript

Many of the students were gone over Sunday to a meeting which was held at Navarre, Kansas. Practically all the students who live there returned home. Miss Trostle, the matron, also went. The dedicatory services for the new church built there this summer will be held during this meeting.

Miss Ruth Shirk invited a few of her friends last evening to a party held at Miss Evelyn's Trostle's home given in honor of her two sisters, Lillian and Naomi, her brother, Charles, and a friend, Mr. Weekly who came over from Lost Springs with them yesterday. Mr. Weekly is located at Ft. Riley at present working for the Y. M. C. A. in the Medical Camp. An enjoyable evening was spent in playing games

John Hoerner who graduated from McPherson College in '15 left Saturday for West Liberty, Iowa. He has accepted a position in the high school there in the normal and agricultural departments. Mr. Hoerner spent a part of the school year of '16-'17 in Chicago University.

Glen and Edith Beshore were called to their home at Murdock, Kans., Tuesday morning on account of the serious illness of their father. Mr. Beshore passed away Tuesday evening, a few hours after the return of his children. Glen will be forced to remain out of school the remainder of the year, but Edith will return in a few days. These students have the sympathy of all McPherson College in their bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. McGaffey and family from near Abilene motored to McPherson Saturday and visited their daughters, Edith and Fannie, for a short time.

Harper Frantz, son of Prof. Edward Frantz, former president of McPherson College, passed through McPherson Monday morning en route to

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Elgin, Illinois, where he will visit his parents for a short time before joining the national army at the Texas camp.

Owing to the absence of all the management Friday, Prof. Craik was master of ceremonies during the chapel exercises. He recommended to the students that precept which all the economic forces of this country urged just after the outbreak of the war, i. e., "business as usual."

Peggy Muse, Ray Cullen, and Mr. and Mrs. Heiner went to Funston Sunday in a Ford. They report an interesting trip.

Miss Anne McVey stopped at Navarre on her way home from the Topeka convention where she attended the district meeting and visited friends. She returned home Monday.

Chas. C. Maxcy attended the Navarre meeting Saturday and Sunday. His mother and brothers from Morrill also attended. One of his brothers accompanied him to McPherson for a short visit.

Prof. Studebaker left yesterday for Norcator, Kansas where he will speak tonight in a district conference held by the Church of the Brethren.

Dr. Kurtz, Dr. Harnly, Galen Jones, Clyde Forney, Ruth Brubaker, Mary Durst, Edith McGaffey, Anne McVey, and Jonathan Schmidt all went to Topeka to hear Sherwood Eddy, Dad Elliott and other noted Y. M. C. A. men speak.

Mr. Frank E. Mohler, M. C. '17, was in McPherson Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Mohler was recently offered a position as secretary of one of the Y. M. C. A.'s at Funston, but could not accept owing to the fact that he is superintendent at Roxbury, and it is impossible to get a man to replace him. "Doc" preached for the natives twice a week ago Sunday.

The Academy debating club has been organized and meets each Friday evening in Room 4. The interest among the folks in debating is manifested by the unusually large number of forensic aspirants enrolled in the course. Prof. Studebaker is the instructor and intends first to drill his pupils in the fundamentals of argumentation, after which attention will be turned to practical work.

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Dr. Jenkins Lectured.

About one thousand people went to the Tourney Theater Thursday where they were well repaid with a most interesting lecture of over an hour's duration by Dr. Burriss A. Jenkins. Dr. Jenkins is a Kansas City minister who has been over in the warring countries of Europe for several months engaged in Y. M. C. A. work. A great many people had become acquainted with him through his remarkable contributions to the Kansas City Star telling of conditions in Europe as he observed them.

Dr. Jenkins is an orator of unusual ability—one who keeps his auditors impressed with his reserve power. The attendants were deeply interested throughout and at the end of an hour begged him to go on. He took his hearers to the British, the French and the Italian fronts in turn and gave little characteristic glimpses of each front. The British Tommy is the most cheerful of the combatants and when off duty they play football in one part of the field while the shells fall in another. The speaker gave

convincing reasons showing that the British people have been closer to us than any other nation throughout our entire history and declaimed that America would make no mistake by sticking to England. His comparison of The American and the Englishman was interesting.

The French front is mud and devastation everywhere. The French soldiers are perhaps the most heroic on the front. Dr. Jenkins paid a high tribute to the peasant soldiers who defended Verdun and gave rise to the motto, "They shall not pass." America should be more impressed with the debt we have owed France since the Revolutionary War and which we can never repay.

The great feature of the Italian soldiers is their industry which is chiefly apparent in their construction of roads. Every soldier not actually employed at the front is put at this constructive work. A high tribute was paid the Italians for refusing to retaliate when the Germans practice frightfulness on Italian cities.

As an incentive to purchase the Liberty Bonds, Dr. Jenkins related how he saw American soldiers in France getting clothing from the Tommies so they could keep from freezing. This should shame every American, citizens of the richest country on earth, into action. He stated that the war would be carried through and that the government would get the money by compulsory extraction if not otherwise.

The speaker was introduced by Mayor F. O. Johnson who also closed the meeting with an appeal to the people to keep up the reputation of McPherson county and subscribe freely so that the quota would be covered.

ODE TO WINNER

The wood'n coaly days have come,

The sootiest of the year:

With radiators icy cold,
And pancakes brown and sere.

Heaped in the hollow of the grate

The glowing logs lie red:

When necks are cold and toes are
numb,

The janitor's in bed.

The bathing suit and sun are gone,
O'er head a cold wind passes,

While from the bed there comes a
grunt:

"I'll cut this morning's classes."

—Princeton Tiger.

Miss Grace Entriken visited with home folks at Abilene over Sunday.

The pulpit was filled by two M. C. students Sunday. Homer Engle preached in the morning and Mr. Hollenberg in the evening. Both men had good audiences and preached interesting and worth-while sermons.

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The McPherson High School Art Exhibit which has gained renown all over Kansas for drawing the attention of the public to and arousing their interest in the exceptional works of art which Kansans are producing, took place last week for several days at the High School. In addition to the pictures exhibited they offer each year several programs of especial aesthetic merit. The music faculty of McPherson College have been having a place on these programs for several years. Tuesday evening Prof. Rowland, tenor; Miss Brown, pianist; and Prof. Bragers, violinist, appeared and rendered the following program:

O! Lord of Life Mary Turner Salter
Fiore che langue Rotoli
When My Ships Come Sailing
Home Dore

Mr. Rowland Grieg
The First Meeting Dvorak
Silhouette

Miss Brown Drdla
Souvenir Chopin
Nocturne Op. 9, No. 2
Mr. Bragers

The Birth of Morn Leoni
Hark! Hark The Lark Schubert
Don Juan's Serenade Tschaikowki

Mr. Rowland Schuman
Fruehlingsnacht
Miss Brown

Drdla
Kubelik Serenade Massenet
Meditation (From Thais)
Mr. Bragers

In addition to the names mentioned in another column, Mrs. Fahnestock and Homer Engle attended the War Relief Convention at Topeka as delegates from M. C.

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No Peace Contest This Year?

Recently a letter was received from the acting Chairman of the State Peace Oratorical Association to the effect that there would be no need of a peace oratorical contest this year. We quote his exact words, "I am afraid that there will be no activity in that line this year, and perhaps never. It seems to me that the work will be done by the present war better than any educational scheme can do it."

Such an attitude we take to be entirely beside the mark, for if there ever was a time in the history of nations when men ought to think seriously concerning the plans for peace, it is now. There are several reasons for the position which we take and for the reaction which we have experienced against the above quoted proposition.

In the first place we fail to understand that type of person who begins to cry calamity when a situation arises which startles him. Just because world peace is not coming by the means which you had predicted that it must come is no sign at all that it cannot come.

An harassing situation always brings two types of reaction: (1) those who succumb and go down before a difficult problem, and (2) those who taking it as a challenge meet it with a manly heart and triumph. We choose at M. C. to put ourselves in line with those statesmen who are taking this war as a challenge to the better understanding and finer use of those ideals to which men have been looking for deliverance from war, viz., education, social idealism, international law, fraternalized commerce and Christianity.

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick points out several reasons for taking such a reaction to the present crisis: (1) because of the increasing solidarity of mankind which fact can be moulded to produce either brotherhood or war; (2) the fact that this has been the only war in history that has been heralded

as a fact proving the failure of Christianity; and (3) in view of the assurance that comes out of the perspective of history. True it requires some insight and faith to arrive at such conclusions, but we prefer to accept Dr. Fosdick's opinion in preference to the one quoted.

In the October number of The Scientific Monthly, Dr. Chas. W. Eliot has an article entitled "Is An Informal Peace Conference Now Possible?" He believes that such a frank and sincere conference of the belligerent nations without an armistice should be called and that the two principal subjects for discussion ought to be:

I. The means of so organizing the civilized world that international war can be prevented—by force when peaceable means have failed.

II. The removal or remedying in good measure of the public wrongs, injustices, and distrusts which contributed to the outbreak of the present war or have been created during its course—wrongs and passions which will cause future wars unless done away with.

Is it not a sign of progress that during so awful a conflict the statesmen are turning their attention toward the prevention of war, and that they have almost all declared the principles for which they are contending and which must be made safe? There never has been such an amassing of influence around proposals for international co-operation as there is today.

We imagine some will say: "We will grant that all you have said is true, but what has that to do with an intercollegiate peace oratorical contest?" Let us see.

First of all, all serious minded college men owe it to themselves to be conversant with the subject of peace and war. True this might be done without an oratorical contest, but surely the richness of the other fellow's thought upon this question will be of interest to you, for no man

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is sufficient unto himself.

In the second place we must know the plans that are being proposed to alleviate the present distrust between nations. For one can never rightly relate himself to a movement unless he understands that movement. And as stated previously, the clashing of the different reactions that men of different schools have taken toward this problem will tend to clarify the view in general.

If anyone has any fear of supporting the peace contest on the ground that some radical pacifist may make some assertions which should be considered unpatriotic at this time or might interfere with the government program, let him remember that such a one would not get a hearing outside the local contest.

Lastly, we who believe that this problem can be solved also contend that it will only be solved by the men who are now working upon its solution. Surely it would be an indictment upon the efficiency of the Kansas colleges if they would at this perilous hour dispose of their peace contest because some were unable to see the light of the coming new era of international relationship.

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