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DR. WAMPLER VISITS M. C.

McPherson College is fortunate in that so many missionaries from the foreign field come and address the student body at various times.

Dr. Wampler's illustrated lecture given last Tuesday evening in the college chapel was particularly interesting.

We often hear of the great need of the Chinese and Hindu people. The emphasis, however is often placed on their intellectual needs. By means of his illustrated lecture, Dr. Wampler conveyed to the student body some idea of the physical distress present in the Orient.

In a matter-of-fact conversational manner the speaker told us of the unsanitary conditions found in China which account for the high rate of mortality in that country. The feeling that the speaker was talking to each of us individually offered a pleasing contrast to the formal type of address so common to the lecture platform.

We hope that this talk will be the cause of many workers considering seriously the opportunities for service afforded by China and India.

DO NOT READ THIS, IT IS APRIL FOOL DAY

Did you ever hear how April Fool Day originated? It is mentioned in the Bible and is taken from the reference made to the day in Proverbs 2:23. It seems to be a day when people make bigger fools of themselves than they are by nature. It takes only a casual glance or a moments listening to the humdrum of the busy life of the College people to note that today moods run in a less serious vein and people are learning not to bite on any proposition whatsoever, no matter how innocent it appears. It seems rather more fruitful to pull your jokes early in the day before everyone becomes so aware and timid. For instance the student body were greatly interested this morning during chapel hour by a chorus composed of the faculty who did not happen to connect the reticence and inertia of student singers with April Fool's Day. There was contrary to custom, only one song sung this morning probably because the faculty had not time to prepare or felt themselves unequal to another rendering.

We hereby prove that not only you and small children are cautious.

Dr. Kurtz's Lecture, "The Meaning of Culture", to Become an Annual Event.

Thru the efforts of the Spectator staff a plan has been inaugurated by which all McPherson College students shall be able to hear Dr. Kurtz's most prominent lecture, "The Meaning of Culture." This lecture has been delivered before American audiences approximately a hundred times, and in every instance was received with unparalleled appreciation and deepest response. It is considered a rare privilege that each student who enters M. C. shall have the opportunity of hearing their president set forth his most lifted philosophy of life. This lecture not only embodies his ideals, but the ideals toward which McPherson College is striving.

It is impossible that every student in this college be enrolled in Dr. Kurtz's courses, and though they all receive the inspiration of his personality, many fail to come into personal touch with him as do those who attend his classes. All are eager for his teachings.

Our president is constantly receiving calls to present his masterful lectures to prominent audiences. The Spectator reporters in learning of Dr. Kurtz's wide work have for some time felt that in one respect his own students are not unlike the cobbler's family, who go without shoes, that their neighbors may be supplied. Upon consideration of these conditions Dr. Kurtz was asked that he annually give to the students of this college that lecture which he felt would be the most helpful and inspiring to us. Without hesitancy, in that fine generous spirit which is so much a part of him, he consented. Arrangements have been made that this plan be initiated Saturday evening April the fifth, in the college chapel at 8:30 o'clock.

FORMER STUDENT AN EDITOR

Rev. Ira J. Lapp, a former student of McPherson College, but now pastor of the Church of the Brethren at Milano, N. M., is the editor of a newsy and stimulating little sheet put out in the interest of his congregation. The issues find their way to the reading room of our library. Rev. Lapp is a pusher par excellence. Mrs. Lapp was formerly Miss Ida Keller of Larned, also a student of the college.

Professor Mohler has received a neat little card that looks somewhat like this:

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Dean of Divinity School
McPherson, College, McPherson, Kan.
U. S. A.

SUMMER SCHOOL PLANS MATURING

Summer school at McPherson College will begin this year on June 2 and end July 11. The session will be in charge of Professors Swope, Blair and Craik. Professor Rowland will also be in residence and will teach his specialty.

According to the latest information college courses will be offered in Education, Psychology, Economics and History. No one will be allowed to earn more than six hours credit in the six weeks. In the academy there will be work offered in Mathematics, Civics and History.

The college dormitory will run during summer school and the library will probably be open in the afternoons. Naturally classes will seek the cooler side of the building. Whether this will be the inside or outside remains to be seen; but laying all jokes aside it ought to be rather cool this summer. It may safely be said that there are hotter places than McPherson.

At an early date advertising matter on the Summer School will be published and sent to those interested. If you know of some one who is considering attending somewhere this summer, please give the name and address to one of the above named teachers.

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT GETS A LIFT

Next fall when the new crop of seekers for knowledge comes to McPherson College there will be several new touches in the department of Chemistry that will attract the eye,—not to say the olfactory nerve. One of the acquisitions that will come to cheer the heart of the advance students will be a fine, modern, up-to-date, improved chemical desk. There will be nothing "up-to-dater" in these parts, according to Professor Hershey. The desk will accommodate all the advanced students and thus by removing the old desk to the general chemistry room, there will also be added space for "ye freshmen." And they need it. Professor Hershey says the new piece of furniture will fit gracefully into the economy of the new Science Hall, when that building is erected. The cost of the new desk is over \$350.00. Some desk, eh?

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GHOSTS

The cold north wind howled and moaned around the corners and thru the creaking shutters of the dilapidated old house. The sky was overcast with clouds; thunder crashed thru the sky sounding like the boom of a huge ball in an immense bowling alley. Occasional lightning zigzagged its way across the heavens giving the spectator an instantaneous photograph of bent trees and falling rain.

Our heroes approached the door of the haunted house with a firm confident tread. Turning to the lovely damsel at his side, one manly fellow spake thusly: "Fear not, oh fair one. 'Tis naught but mere rumors concerning haunted houses."

Suddenly a door opened in front of them; a shriek rent the air, a white clad figure flitted out of the door and seized our beautiful girl by the hair and then suddenly disappeared leaving our heroes scared too stiff to tremble.

From a side door came two spectral figures. One jumped on the smaller hero and used him for a horse for a short distance. The other simply stood and held the big hero's hand and then both faded away into the night.

NOTE: We know that it sounds "fishy". In fact the story is a group of paradoxes. For particulars see Trapp and Beam, the noted Ghost chasers. Maybe they have sufficiently re-

covered from their fright to tell a plausible story now.

BAND BUSIC

Life is like a great musical instrument. If we are in harmony with God's plan for our lives, every chord will vibrate in perfect harmony. If we are bent on doing our own will, there are always discords. On Thursday evening at 6:30 a band of about sixty students meet and together finger the keys of life. Trying to find the note which vibrates in harmony with the talents, capabilities and ideals of each. The following notes are being sounded at these meetings:—consecrated farmers, business men, teachers, rural workers, housewives, Missionaries, etc. This is not ragtime music, but it is the kind that only thinking students can enjoy. The sweetest music of life is experienced only when one is engaged in true service. To these meetings every thinking student is most cordially invited. New officers have been elected and under the direction of our new President, Miles Blickenstaff and Vice President, Ada Beckner, every meeting will be too good to miss. COME!

EXCHANGE NEWS

President Kurtz Pleads For Genuine Democracy.

The president of our college recently spoke in the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan on the subject "The Ideals of Democracy." Dr. Kurtz said that a new economic system must be brought about to crush autocracy and anarchy and establish a genuine democracy.

"In Germany the majority of students," said Dr. Kurtz, "have long been followers of Hegel and Fichte." The latter's philosophy was wholly anti democratic. Men who ruled by force and cunning were supermen who were as far above ordinary humans as we are above the monkey. According to Fichte, virtuousness and righteousness belonged to the weak and effeminate. He did acknowledge however, that Christ and morality must be put aside before they could get rid of Democracy."

"Over against this philosophy comes our belief in democracy. General intelligence, belief in righteousness, and a genuine sentiment of brotherhood and equality are the three influences which will be the most powerful in its establishment."—From Kansas Industrialist.

Two stories by students in the Kansas State Agricultural College are listed in the annual volume, "The Best College Short Stories." The two stor-

ies are "On to Berlin," by Leo C. Moser and "The Cellar at 14 Rue Cholet," by Mrs. Ethel Strother. They were graduated from the course in industrial journalism.

Mr. Smalley who has the art shop down town was recently made a life member of the Smoky Hill Art Club of Bethany College, organized some years ago to further the cause of art throughout the South-west. The club has grown until at present there are several distinguished artists who are members.

MISTAKE IN DELIVERING A TRUNK

Last Saturday the Boone Brothers were busy getting their belongings together in preparation to move from the dormitory. A trunk belonging to A. R. Boone was packed and marked to be delivered to his home. At first there might seem to be nothing ambiguous about this, but on second thought you will agree that the transfer men might be somewhat excused for the mistake that was made in delivering it. At any rate when the Cullens awoke Sunday morning it was to find the said trunk setting on their porch marked A. R. Boone, McPherson, Kansas.—to be delivered to my home. Evidently these directions were not specific enough and the mistake was made. This will explain to some just why A. R. Boone was seen Sunday moving a trunk from Euclid to Bear Street.

SURVEYORS DO PRACTICAL WORK

Last Wednesday afternoon, Prof. Morris, L. E. Blackman and G. N. Boone, equipped with rod and transit bicycled to the home of Prof. Swope to do some surface leveling on his lots at the corner of Euclid and Park Streets. Prof. Swope has worked out a system of irrigation for his lots and it was in preparation for this that he wished the lots leveled. The boys say that the work itself was quite fascinating and that their new transit is a wonder, but the thing that is likely to prove most interesting to the boys, was what followed upon completion of the work. As Blackman and Boone are no exceptions to the rule and even Morris somewhat submissive to the sort of thing that occurred, you will not be surprised when you are told that each did ample justice to the quantities of Ham and Egg sandwiches and the Grapejuice and wafers that were served them. The boys assure us that they

are willing and anxious to work out practical problems for those who need first class surveying and leveling done, and they hope that the Swope have started a precedent that will be followed by others who ask for work by the department.

MUSTACHE

A scuffle, kicks, shouts and then a groan. Tice entered my room dragging a forlorn fair skinned mustached youth. Piteful yells floated from the cavity of that distorted face as Tice quietly asked.

"Got a pair of shears 'round here? "No! No!" moaned the voice, "please allow me to retain this mark of manhood that I have so painstakingly fostered."

The jaw of the instigator snapped. Then the hard lines around the well-moulded mouth loosened and a light of fatherly affection crept into his diaphanous eyes.

With one and the same movement he grabbed youth and shears, flung both on the bed, with a howl of defiance, that would have put our antediluvian ancestors to shame, mounted the frame of the victim and with the shears in his hand and gold filling in his teeth waded among the prickly growth of a neglected upper lip. Hair blew. It went up into the nose and down into the mouth of the sneezing victim who was seized with convulsions. But no brow was ever ridden so gracefully as was that youth who had upon his heaving anatomy a spurless inimitical monstrosity with shears.

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Tice resumed the natural posture of all humans, threw his neck back in joint and in a pained but satisfied voice said "Ruff but ready."

—Cactus Jim.

PRESIDENT KURTZ OFF TO CONVENTION

The week of March 17 to 22 President D. W. Kurtz spent attending two large conventions that attract some of the biggest men of the country. First President Kurtz attended the National Religious Educators Association which held its session in Detroit, Mich. Dr. Kurtz takes much interest in the work of this association and keeps in close touch with it. After that conference he went to the meeting of the North Central Association of colleges which was held at Chicago. Several hundred of the leading educators of the United States are always in attendance at this meeting and so McPherson College is proud that President Kurtz can be present in the deliberations.

Athletics

There has not been a great deal done in the athletic line since the last issue of the paper. Since the ground has dried somewhat tennis is opening up quite rapidly and it is not uncommon during the quiet afternoon hours to hear some enthusiastic player, a girl perhaps, designate the particular game she is playing as a love game, or occasionally we hear stronger words used whereby she vociferously declares it is a "Duce" of a game. Several of the girls are planning on finishing their part of the tennis tournament that they started last fall. We are anxious for the Intercollegiate tennis to start for we know of some mighty good material among both the ladies and the men, that we will be able to use this year.

The Gymnasium class taught by W. E. Brubaker has been doing outside work on the track for the past week. The fellows think it quite a treat to get outside once more and to engage in the various stunts of track work that are so dear to the heart of every boy.

Our basket ball season is over and some of us are quite disappointed that we did not get a chance to play the Swedes that return game. However the "Flu" has cheated us out of so many things that we are becoming used to it. Of course we would have felt better if we could have given the Swedes a wallop before the season ended, but since it was so that we couldn't, we shall only save up our intentions and pep for another year. But, honestly looking back over the past season, considering the material that we had to start the season with, and the players that we developed during the year we are justly proud of the record we have made, and we feel that it was due to the superior coaching of Professor Mohler and the perseverance and hard work of the boys. Everyone feels that our outlook for next year is splendid and that whatever success or failures we have had in this year are only the stepping stones and a practice foundation for our career next season.

It has not definitely been decided just what form our spring athletics shall take. Last year we put in the field a track team coached by Mr. Verink which was quite successful, but this year there is considerable agitation in favor of base-ball. We have considerable material that will show up well in both lines. So there has

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been no definite decision which we shall concentrate our efforts upon this spring, but it is the opinion of several of us that we might institute both as that would furnish a greater opportunity for all to work out something or other, according to his choice.

BASEBALL.

The first baseball game of the season was played on the college diamond last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It was between picked teams from the college and academy. Curtis Bowman and Milo Stutzman of the city pitched for the college and Carl Wooten of Oklahoma, pitched for the academy. The game was a little slow, due to the lack of practice of all men who played. The first inning was a complete walk away for the college for they ran 8 scores while the academy failed to score at all. However the academy men tightened up their lines and they held them to an even score for the rest of the game. On account of the lack of time only seven innings were played, the game ended with a score of 11 to 3 in favor of the college men.

BASKET BALL

Last Saturday night the men of second floor of the men's dormitory accepted the challenge of the first floor men to a game of basket ball. So the men of first put on their fighting clothes as well as their war paint and, either by ferocity of appearance or favor of the Deities they succeeded in defending their challenge. Quite a crowd witnessed the game and the various forms of burlesque and humor that

were presented by our many artists in those lines.

O. I. C.

BISHOP QUAYLE

One of the big events of the year was enjoyed Thursday evening March 27, when Bishop Quayle delivered a masterful address on Mark Twain. The Bishop was received with enthusiasm, and hearty laughter and applause greeted his ready humor. The Bishop is an orator. He possesses that envied faculty address neared its end, a more solemn strain crept into the theme. A picture flung from the depths of a soul intense, took form before our eyes portraying the hard lines of the once merry face of a man who had lost God—Mark Twain.

OF INTEREST TO ART STUDENTS

Those students who are interested in art will have a real treat in store next year. It appears that art will experience a sort of Renaissance in McPherson College. Later announcement will be made of the work to be offered by Mrs. Deeter. This paragraph is here merely to state that Dr. Kurtz in the midst of exacting and arduous administrative duties, will offer the first semester next year a one hour course on the Philosophy of Art, to which course any college student will be eligible. Dr. Kurtz has visited all the leading art galleries in Europe and that his course will prove attractive goes without saying.

BY-WEAKLY-POMES

Chorus:

For the meanness of the junior when he's mean,
And the leanness of a senior, when he's lean,
Are not in it with the greenness of the Freshman
When he's green.

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If you find a smiling phrase
That really makes you grin;
Don't waste it just upon yourself,
Write it out and send it in.

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Tonics and Sedatives

I've a clock of silver, a marble clock,
And a clock with a cuckoo gay;
But the moments vanish, flock by flock,
Masses of work my labors mock.
For, alas! I never have found a clock
That goes the other way.
Never any kind of a clock
That ticks toward yesterday.
—Selected.

Misses Irene Hoffman, Ruth Shoemaker and Dorothy Miller have been operated on for appendicitis. We are glad to say each are improving. Miss Hoffman expects to return to the dormitory soon.



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taught school, and it was while in the West that he entered the service of Uncle Sam.

For ten months Lieut. Drescher was at San Diego, Calif., in the artillery and aviation work. When he went to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to learn aviation tactics. In the latter part of last August, after a short stay at Mount Clemens, Mich. with a machine gun crew, he sailed to Glasgow, Scotland. In September he was in France, landing in La Havre. He was at the fighting front until February 8 of the present year.

Lieut. Drescher was an aerial observer. He was in the engagements of St. Mihiel and the Argonne. He found that the trick of the boche was to get above the American "ship" and stay between it and the sun, thus disconcerting the American observer. His "ship" was hit a few times but suffered no severe injuries.

Lieut. Drescher brought home a great number of curios and pictures. Among other things there is a canteen of real French H O—a rather rare element "over there."

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SOLDIER-ALUMNUS HERE VISITING--

For a few weeks Second Lieutenant O. Stanley Drescher has been visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Drescher, on College Hill. Lieut. Drescher is a graduate of McPherson College with the class of 1913. For several years after graduation he

PROFESSOR MOHLER GETS A CALL

Other folks besides preachers get calls. Take the teachers in McPherson College, for example. Why they have calls—lots of 'em. Just lately Prof. Mohler was approached with a flattering offer. You see he was down at "Emapory" last summer teaching Agriculture in the Kansas State Normal. And that he did his work acceptably is attested by the fact that he was invited to come back this summer. Coupled with the invitation was an urgent suggestion that he consider taking up his abode permanently in the Mecca of Kansas journalism and poetry. Professor Mohler has not yet signified his acceptance and here's hoping that he may never do so.

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No not the kind you are thinking about, gentle Annie; it was a lecture engagement. President Kurtz was to have lectured at The Church of the Brethren in Bloom, Kansas this month, but on account of a severe cold contracted while traveling about lecturing in various places, was compelled to disappoint his audience. This is a thing that Dr. Kurtz very seldom does and the circumstances this time rendered his staying at home imperative.

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