

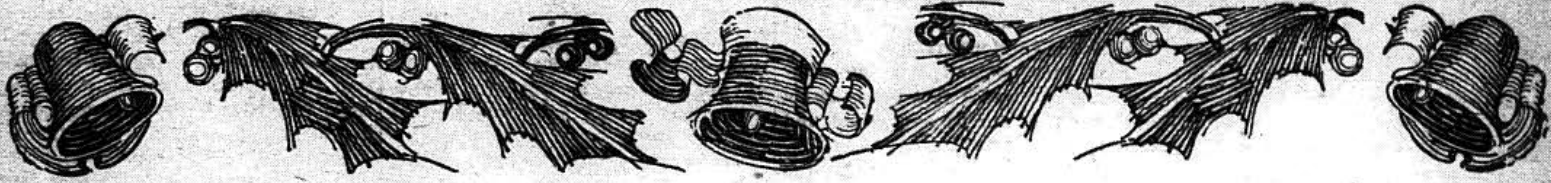
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WILL REBUILD

GYM AT ONCE

Prof. J. J. Yoder brought much joy to the student body when he announced in chapel last week that the Alumni Gymnasium will be rebuilt at once and that it is the purpose of the trustees to have it ready for use shortly after the holidays. A man has been placed in full charge of the work. Under his direction a number of the men of the college have helped to clear away the debris from the fire and the work of repair will begin as soon as the necessary materials arrive.

Prof. Yoder also expressed the appreciation of the trustees of the admirable way in which the students showed their loyalty in this time of misfortune.

M. C. WILL VOTE ON THE LEAGUE AND TREATY

An opportunity of a life time will be offered the faculty and students of McPherson College on Tuesday, January 13, 1920, when, at the request of a committee of scholars of several of the eastern universities, ballots will be cast indicating individual preference as to the disposition of the League of Nations and Treaty of Peace with Germany. The hope of these eastern educators is that the pressure thus brought to bear on the Senate of the United States will, since it comes from the better informed part of our citizenship, bring about a more speedy and more considerate action on the part of that distinguished body. No propaganda is intended but each institution of higher learning in the United States will be asked to see to it that its students and faculty inform themselves on the merits of the League and Treaty so as to vote intelligently on the date indicated. Debates, lectures by faculty members, articles in student publications, and general discussion of the issues involved are held to be

the legitimate means of disseminating the necessary information.

The faculty and student body will vote separately. One may vote his sentiments in one of the following four ways: (1) I favor the ratification of the League and Treaty with out amendments or reservations. (2) I am opposed to the ratification of the League and the Treaty in any form. (3) I am in favor of the ratification of the League and the Treaty but only with the specific reservations as voted by the majority of the Senate. (4) I favor any compromise on the reservations which will make the immediate ratification of the League and Treaty possible. Further instructions as to the details of procedure in voting will be made either thru the Spectator or by public announcement in chapel.

The question of the League and Treaty is without doubt the most burning question of the hour, and no apology is made for urging that the students of McPherson College begin immediately to read all available literature on the subject. Let the discussion current among students be directed along this line until January 13. And lest some one should not know where to search for information, permit us to suggest just a few references that are easily found in any good reading room:

The Independent; Sept. 6, pp. 317-318, "Shantung, China, and Justice"; Sept. 13, pp. 355-356, "The Shame of the Senate"; Oct. 11, "How many reservations make a rejection?"; Oct. 25, p. 2, "Congress is marking time"; Nov. 1, p. 44, "Establishment of the League of Nations"; Nov. 8, p. 61-62, "Defeat the Reservations." Some of these are from the pen of Hamilton Holt, the editor, and are very clear in their method of reasoning and presentation. If you do not like the Independent, try the Literary Digest. Turn to pages 21-22 in the November 22 issue, or pages 11-14 and 35-36 in the Nov. 29 issue, or pages 14-16 in the Dec. 6 issue. If Shantung is still worrying you, read the Atlantic Monthly for November 19 (pp. 708-714). Perhaps you would prefer reading the magazine Current

McPHERSON TO PLAY EASTERN COLLEGES

Brief Hints from the Kansas Inter-Collegiate Athletic Conference

McPherson College is on the Map. When the Kansas Intercollegiate Athletic Conference was held at Topeka last week, we were ably represented by Professor Mohler. From the things that happened in that conference we are safe in saying that McPherson College has gained recognition from her sister colleges of the state. This is indeed gratifying when we think that just a few years ago we were hardly heard of, much less recognized in this Conference. No little credit should be given to Professor Mohler in his untiring efforts in gaining this recognition.

For the first time in the history of M. C. athletics we scheduled games with Eastern Schools. We have games scheduled with Washburn at Topeka; St. Mary's and Haskell at Lawrence; with another game to be chosen from a number of probabilities, making a four game trip for the 'Bulldogs.' Other schools with whom Professor Mohler has obtained games are: Kansas Wesleyan at Salina; Bethany at Lindsborg; Bethel at Newton; and Cooper at Sterling. We are allowed ten Conference games and with a large number to choose from we should have no trouble in completing a full basketball schedule.

For the first time in the history of the school M. C. has had a man appointed to a committee of the association. Professor Mohler was given a place on a committee of three (the State protest committee). He also was chosen alternate to the National Athletic Association Conference to be held in New York in the near future. If he does not attend this conference this year however, he shall be in line for the regular delegate next year.

We are assured efficient refereeing this season, which is an important part of an interesting basketball game. Quigley, who needs no introduction to McPherson fans; E. R. Fipp, of the Kansas State Normal, and Edmonds, sporting Editor of the

Topeka Capital have not only consented to referee our games but they have expressed a desire to come to M. C.

There were several new rules enacted at the conference that will probably be of interest. Heretofore schools with an enrollment of 250 men or more could not play Freshman men on their team. This limit has been placed at 350 this year. Whether or not the game is a conference game nobody but eligible men are allowed to play.

During the war athletics have been given an impetus. Our boys played outdoor games 'over there.' They have returned and have entered our Colleges. Now they are showing an interest in intercollegiate athletics as never before. Especially is this true of the National game. Practically every school in the State is going to play Base Ball this year. This means a good schedule for old M. C. in the Spring.

BOOST FOR THE ANNUAL

January Third Has Been Designated "Annual Day."

McPherson College has not had an Annual for three years. This year she is going to have one. Many Alumni and students have already expressed their desire for one. This school year will be the best this institution has had. You will want a copy of "Life and Light."

Paper is scarce and hard to get and is also advancing in price every day. It is very necessary that the Staff know approximately the number of copies wanted so they can close their contract with the printer. Therefore Saturday, January Third 1920 will be "Annual Day" and you will be given the chance to do your bit. This will be a day of shooting—both "pep" and "pictures." The Annual is going to be "chuck" full of pictures, and Saturday the Third is the day to get them. All the College and Academy classes and the Special Organizations will be taken then. Be on hand with a liberal smile and a determination to get your order in first. Further announcement will be made in chapel.

Athletics

The girls who have been developing strong physiques and accurate coordination between brain and muscles with basket balls and Indian clubs are hopefully working and waiting for the time when they may renew their customary practice in the remodeled gymnasium. The two classes are planning a contest in attendance and efficiency which is to begin as soon as the classes are able to meet regularly.

We believe that since the girls have seriously felt the lack of regular exercise, after having been deprived of it for a few weeks they will be even more faithful in their attendance.—M. M. M.

Tara-ra-ra Tara-ra-ra BOOM. . . Don't get excited, it's only the jazz band tuning up for the coming basket ball games. Yes ladies and gentlemen and others that may be present we have a school jazz band and we are proud of it.

A couple of trombones, a saxophone, two cornets, a drum and a piano; that is about the line-up at the present writing. It makes things sound as tho there is a real simon-pure peppy school in the vicinity to hear the racket that these birds stir up. We are "fer 'em" strong as horse radish. They fill a long felt want. We often wondered why it was that some thing seemed to be lacking at the games but now we know that it was a Jazz band to lead the school songs.

This school is often criticised for having too many organizations but this is one that we cannot do without even if we have to sacrifice some others. We are going to have a real band this year "if we bust a leg" as the poet says. "For I'm a JAA-AA-AA-ZZ BABY. Little Jazz baby that's we-all."

Your Annual chance, January Third.

The High School and the M. C. second team played the preliminary game the other night and for real excitement we will have to admit that this game had it over the main event of the evening.

The game ended in a tie at 26 apiece. An extra five minutes was played and the College came thru with two free throws and a goal against the single goal and free throw scored by the High school. It was sure a heart rendering, hair raising joust.

For the High School Stanzel was the big man.

Howell put up a great game for the college. During the last half and extra five minutes of play he was

right there with the goods. He made all four points during the extra time of play.

Betts played a good game at center. Wooten played well except that several times his man got away from him.

Score 30-28 in favor of the college.

Windom 45 McPherson 32.

That does not tell half the story however. It was a fast peppy game chuck full of thrills and speed and thrills.

From the first whistle until the game ended there was not a single slow moment.

We will have to hand it to Mishler for having a good team. Much of the credit for the victory, however is due to Mish himself. This bird managed to land a total of 21 points for the winning team. Mishler is an alumnus of M. C. and we are proud of him. Neal at center for the Windom bunch was the most consistent goal shooter on the floor. He slipped in four shots each half and most of them at long range.

As usual Rump was the star for the home team. He put across more goals than all the rest of the team combined and in addition shot 10 out of 12 possible free throws.

It looks as tho we have a coming man in Sargent who played center thruout the game. He managed to get the tip off most of the time. He had a little difficulty in covering his man but he put up a good consistent brand of basket ball.

Crumpacker replacing Trapp at forward played a fast game. With a little practice for accuracy in shooting this man will look good for the team this year.

For the most part the team showed good teamwork. Toward the last of the game it became more individual and the men took longer and wilder shots. We are glad to note that they are learning to pass fast and hard.

What we need next to team work is drill and then some more drill on shooting baskets. The chances are that the score would have sounded otherwise if our men could have landed 75 per cent of the easy shots that they really should have had.

A dandy crowd furnished plenty of jazz and if things keep on the way they have started we will have some high old times when we get back in our old gym.

Windom	McPherson
Mishler	Forward Rump
Brown	Forward Trapp, Crumpacker
Neal	Center Sargent
Kingsley	Guard Hoover
Meyers,	Johnson guard Saylor, Yoder
Referee	Maxey.

DRIBBLES AND PASSES

Yes we have a good bunch of material. At least this is the coach's opinion. A dandy bunch of clean

hard-playing peppy men.

Every night between twenty and twenty-five men climb in and on the "thunder-bolt" operating between the college and town and jazz down to the Y. M. C. A.

Coach Pat when interviewed the other night stated that he thinks that we have a lot of fine material. What we need is less individualism and more team work. This means lots of work. That is why the fellows are going 'round and 'round every night at the Y.

After Christmas holidays Coach "Pat" expects to pick a squad of about twelve men. From these will come the first team on which M. C. is betting this season. Of course the lucky twelve will have a training table so it will be up to the fair co-eds of the school to refrain from inviting these men to be in on "feeds". Too bad but such is life.

BASKET-BALL LOYALTY

"Your pep, your pep, You've got it, now keep it. Don't loan it, don't lose it, Your pep, your pep."

Yes, indeed students have pep and oceans of it. Were you at the Student Council pie and candy social Wednesday evening? Wasn't that candy good? Oh! Boy! but those pies! Why I can taste 'em yet. Believe me but our basket-ball fellows surely may ride on those fifty-three dollars. And the way Austin auctioneered Response? Why every man in the house responded. Look at Baile and Osborne, they certainly had a corner on pies. Indeed it was a success and you may be sure all the B. B. fellows will appreciate riding to practice in our jitney.

DR. KURTZ DELIVERS SERMON ON PRAYER

We are certainly very glad to have our President with us again. Sunday morning he preached an impressive sermon on the meaning of prayer.

At the late Detroit Convention great emphasis was laid on the power of prayer. The only pillar that has come out of this great world war unscathed is the Christianity of Christ. The method of Christ is the most tactful, the best organized, the most thorough to be had. The greatest men in the world are praying. The petition comes to churches all over the world to pray. The true prayer that the Kingdom of God may come is mockery unless there is also doing.

So much we call prayer is not really prayer. There are many different kinds of prayer; the prayer of Thanksgiving, the prayer of Gratitude, the prayer of Praise such as is found in the one hundred fiftieth Psalm the prayer of humble Supplication, and the prayer of Communion. John R. Mott said in connection with the prayer of Communion that one of the greatest needs for man is an-

other man in which to confide as in the case of Jonathan and David. When joys are shared you double them, when you share your sorrows you cut them in half. Then comes the prayer of Petition in which one much ask for specific things to get results. The prayer of Consecration or of the vow is the climax of prayer. When one can say, "Do with my talent, my children, or my money whatever you would, take me to Africa, India or China," that is prayer, the prayer of consecration. There is also the prayer of Confession and the prayer of Intercession. Jesus and Paul were our great intercessors. In the Inter-Church World Movement two things are wanted, first the vows of the people to do all in their power for Christ and the second their intercession.

Robert E. Speer said that the missionaries on the field could do much more if the people at home would pray: their money is not enough. The machinery of the Inter-Church World Movement will be dead, will mean nothing, if it is not vitalized by prayer. The word power is used twice as often in the New Testament as the word faith. A man prayed for God to send lightning to destroy all the saloons. Another man said, "God has plenty of lightning but He needs conductors." We must be the conductors for Gods power, just as the great cables are for the power stored at the Niagara Falls.

The whole church must get to praying. When we look to Jesus and get our minds centered on him and his Kingdom then we can pray and the great power of God can be released and the horrible evils abroad destroyed.

If you do not know how to pray—Pray! and God will teach you how.

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history. If so, read the October number, pages 18-21, in which you get the President's own arguments as expressed on his western tour. Read what he says relative to the "six votes myth"; also notice his interpretation of Article Ten. Other references found also in this October issue of Current History are pages 9-17. Here you will find the majority and minority reports of the Senate committee. Lastly, you might consult the Yale Review, October number, pages 28-43, where you will find a strong setting forth of the whole question. This brief bibliography might be prolonged indefinitely. It is merely suggestive.

It is urged that students read arguments both pro and con. The committee wants the expression of real conviction rather than prejudice.

Remember January Third, 1920.

Organizations

WE THANK YOU

Ye editor of this column wishes to take this opportunity to thank the contributors from the various organizations of the college who have cooperated with us the past four months, and have, we feel, made this column a real asset to each issue of the Spectator. It is a "thank you" job, but we hope you have found that it has been a source of real enjoyment. We wish for each student a very Merry Christmas and during the New Year may your joys be as deep as the ocean and your troubles as light as its foam.

ICONOCLASTS GAVE

OPEN PROGRAM

Last Saturday in the chapel to a large and attentive audience, the Iconoclasts gave the final literary program of the year 1919. The first number was a vocal solo by Miss Rose McKinney. She sings with an ease that makes her appearance appreciated.

Miss Ruth Z. Miller presented the peppy paper. It was more than peppy, it was humorous. But for the sake of all that's human, why not allow J. G. Baile a vacation? There may be others in this school who hardly ever "step out." Enuf 's enuf and a plenty 's unnecessary. Her dialogue of the lovers was interesting and also the letters to Santa.

S. J. Neher, who is noted for his high ideals, especially when a finger is pointed in his direction, gave a very graphic rendition of a "culled" preacher's idea of the great deluge. He not only waxed eloquent but he grew fluent with verbiage.

There were readings by Ida Bowman and Emma Tousley, and a piano duet by the Misses Miller and Evans. The Society wishes for each member a very merry Christmas.

THE IRVING CHRIST-

MAS PROGRAM

The Irvings met Saturday evening for their last entertainment of the year. Leslie Blackman, the trombone soloist gave the opening number on the program. Mr. Blackman has never failed to please Mr. C. audiences and his appearance Saturday evening was no exception. As the last strains of music faded into the silence, the curtains parted and revealed a group of shepherds, who gathered around a feeble camp-fire. As they knelt with crooks in hand all, save one lone watchman, fell asleep. He paced to and fro when suddenly a bright star appeared in the eastern sky. All arose and held their hands before their eyes to protect them from the blinding light, and then to their knees with their

faces touching the ground. An angel in a beautiful white filmy garment appeared and declared the birth of the Christ Child in the little town of Bethlehem. Appropriate scripture references were read and a ladies' quartet sang "Hark the Herald Angels", during the tableau. Miss Bertha Lundeen read a very interesting Christmas story, after which Miss Rachael Stratton went back to the very beginning of things and pointed out the first observances of a great many of our present day Christmas customs. Bits of Miss Stratton's own good humor appeared throughout the paper. Once more the curtain arose and disclosed a picture of the tiny Christmas baby in a rough manger lined with coarse hay. His beautiful mother smiled down into his little chubby face as she carefully guarded her baby from the dangers of the big world. As she kept watch the Wise Men appeared with rare and precious gifts and laid them at the feet of their new king. Bits of scripture and two selections by the quartet, Silent Night and Joy to the World added an impressive touch to the closing scene.

J. W. Maxcy acted as critic.

The Irvings have planned an attendance contest, the winning side to be entertained by the losing Whites or Blues as the case may be. Some very interesting literary programs are to be given in the near future. Music, art, and literature are to be emphasized in these programs.—A. L. G.

Say, you'd better watch the camera, they'll get a "comic" of you when you aren't looking.

Alumni

Mrs. Martha Daggett Horning, Normal '13, under appointment to the mission field of China was a late visitor on College Hill. Dr. and Mrs. Horning will sail on the steamship "China" from San Francisco on December 27. Mrs. Horning's former home was at Covert, Kansas.

Wilbur F. Vaniman, A. B. '18, now a graduate student in Oberlin College, Ohio, will spend Christmas vacation with his parents in McPherson.

Charles L. Suffield, A. B. '15, since his discharge from the army has been selling insurance. His headquarters are at Eldorado, Kansas.

Lydia Sward, Commercial '18, is in the employ of the local office of the Lake Superior Lumber Company.

For the third year H. Walter Thompson, A. B. '12, is occupying the chair of Economics and Government in the Hibbing (Minnesota) Junior College. Mr. Thompson has done considerable graduate work toward his Ph. D. in the University of Wis-

consin but has discontinued this work to accept a lucrative position.

Stella Andes Vogt, Normal '06, is teaching this year in the city schools of Herington.

Miss Cecil Voshell, Academy '14, after teaching a number of years in the schools of McPherson County is now a student in the state normal at Emporia.

MANY WILL REMAIN ON THE HILL

When the question "Where will you spend the vacation?" was put to the various members of the faculty, there was a pretty general inclination expressed to stay quietly at home. However, several teachers will have alibis. President Kurtz will attend an important committee meeting in Elgin, Ill., will go to Des Moines and will also give a few lectures in the South Waterloo, Iowa, Brethren church. Aside from that he will probably be at home. Professor Yoder expects to attend the big Des Moines conference and perhaps also visit friends at Grenola, Kansas. He will also attend the December meeting of the General Mission Board of the church. Miss Steven will spend the entire vacation with her parents in Lawrence. Prof. Morris will represent the faculty at the Des Moines conference. Miss McGaffey will go to Abilene to visit her parents. Professor Mohler is preparing a laboratory manual for his department and expects to put in some good licks thereon during Santa Claus season. Miss Walters will go to Stillwater, Okla., to visit with a brother. Shop work and a line of investigation in vocational guidance will engross the attention of Professor Swope. Although the arrangements are not completed. Professor Rowland will probably teach "sing-in" at the Salem church near Nickerson. Professor Hess contemplates visiting friends near Lawrence. Plans of others of faculty are not known.

"At any rate, it is now plain to all that there is plenty of work for the denominational college. The State schools cannot do all the teaching that needs to be done and, besides, it is not best that they should do it all. The country has discovered that the type of manhood produced in the denominational colleges in unsurpassed anywhere. We have learned that it is not wise for all the educational forces to be under the control of the State. Germany had no denominational colleges. The State controlled all the teachers of the country who finally were compelled to teach the Pan-German propaganda that resulted in the dreadful war. Besides, the State college is handicapped by its inability to create a religious atmosphere, which too often results in a spiritual and moral decay.

Exchanges

The Law School at K. U. has doubled its entrance requisites, demanding after September, 1921 two full years of college work for admission.

"Flannel shirts and corduroys will be worn hereafter by the male juniors and seniors of Idaho University for economy and comfort."

Such wild rumors as the planet-weather prediction should be prohibited by law, is the opinion of the K. U. astronomy professor. "It is true that the six planets will be on one side of the sun, but any influence which will result will be a tidal influence and absolutely negligible." He goes on to score Porta and his fallacious theory in the Kansan for Dec. 2.

A spicy series of instructive articles on the science of basketball is being run under the Sports column of the Campus Times (LaVerne). The first was a history; the second "Teamwork"; the third "Fouls."

Much friendly rivalry between the volunteer coal-mining teams from the different colleges of Kansas gave zest to their work during the recent strike. The output for one typical day was seven carloads by the K. U. men, six by the Manhattan men, and five by the Washburn men.

Occasional musical Chapels in which the professors of the music department perform are an established feature at Salina Wesleyan.

"Only five deaths make up the total casualties from football this year, as against sixteen in 1918, when nearly half the schools in the U. S. had discarded the sport. The football season of 1919 was the least costly as far as lives are concerned since the beginning of football back in the eighties."

"A cow shies at a new gate; man is ruffled by a new law. Mental transitions are troublesome" is the burden of a meditative paragraph in the Kansan editorials for Dec. 3.

That Kansas is "rich in writing men" and "has led in the publicity field since the days of Coronado" were the assertions of a leading advertising man at a recent journalism lecture at K. S. A. C.

BOOKSHOP ERRORS—In a suburban bookshop the other day a woman sought a copy of "The Servant in the House," Charles Rann Kennedy's morality play.

"No, Madam," declared the clerk, "We haven't 'The Servant in the House' but we have 'The Woman's Helper,' a most excellent cook-book." —Book News Monthly.

The country needs the whole man developed, and the denominational college has lived to see its day come round." —Literary Digest, Oct. 18.

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And the priest stood in the door of the temple. Some years ago he had come up from Egypt under the patronage of the emperor. Christianity, that pernicious new religion, was spreading through the empire. It had even gained a strong foothold in Italy. The emperor had addressed letters to him, the high priest of the greatest of the old Egyptian gods, requesting him to come to Italy and build a temple to his god. He had been requested to come north and fight this new religion of the crucified Christ. The emperor had himself promised his patronage. He had had the emperor's patronage. No expense had been too great. Built of the best marble a porch of massive graceful pillars, adorned with beautiful frieses and carvings, it stood facing the bay. Ever the fires were bright on its altar and from dawn to dusk a worshiping people passed through its portals. Christianity had not died but when its great leader, Paul, was out of the way it would surely die. Paul was on his way to Rome. Today the priest of the great and powerful Egyptian god had stood in the porch of his magnificent temple and watched Paul land on a little promontory jutting out into the bay. The sun was setting across the bay. Over there on the promontory Paul lay in chains, a prisoner. Tomorrow he would be on the *Cacra Via* going to Rome and his trial. A little time and Christianity would be forgotten. Then "The Gods of the Elder Days" would rule as of old. And the priest stood in the door of the temple.

Over eighteen centuries had passed since then and the bells of the monastery on the promontory were joyously pealing out the news that it was the anniversary of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. And I stood looking out over the bay toward the promontory where Paul had landed on his way to Rome. The ruins of the temple to the Egyptian god lay at my feet. The priest had come to combat Christianity and had builded a temple

to his god. For almost two decades of centuries the fire had been out on the altar. Naught was left of the temple save the altar exposed to the four winds of heaven and a few broken pillars. The steps that had once been trod by the feet of countless worshippers were moss grown now. The very name of the god himself had been forgotten and only in the dusty archives of history can it be found. Paul landed on that little promontory on the way to his trial at Rome. As century followed century the Christ's power and dominion in the hearts of mankind had ever increased, strengthened, and spread. The Christ whom Paul represented and for whom he had died ruled in the hearts of the civilized world. Throughout the length and breadth of the western world and in much of the eastern world that same Christ was worshiped and acknowledged as the savior of humanity. This day the world was celebrating the anniversary of His birth. The temple to the Egyptian god to combat Christianity lay at my feet in ruins. As I stood looking out over the bay toward where Paul had landed on his way to Rome. Over eighteen centuries had passed since then and the bells of the monastery on the promontory were joyously pealing out the news that it was the anniversary of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A COLLEGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Prof. Yoder said the other day that fires are always unexpected. That very fact makes our failure to be prepared the less excusable. The fire in the heating plant earlier in the year should have awakened us to one or two facts.

We need a hydrant centrally located on the campus. The buildings are grouped so closely together that one hydrant on the campus would be of more value than several off the campus.

We also need better equipment for fighting fire. Everyone agrees to that. But the greatest need is that of an organized fire department on the college campus. One of the faculty was heard to remark on the day of the fire, when asked where the city fire department was, that we couldn't depend on the city but would have to rely on our own fire department. But there was no such organization and if the city equipment had not arrived the gym would be in a less presentable condition than it is. The men of the college were willing to work, willing to freeze hands and ears in an attempt to help but they had no equipment with which to work and no organization.

It is difficult to present a practical plan for meeting this evident need. We must not be unprepared again. If the trustees should furnish the equipment would it be possible to or-

ganize a Volunteer Fire Department among the men of the college. Or is the school large enough so that two teams could be formed and at the end of the year present a loving cup to the team giving the better exhibition. It would mean another organization in an institution already overrun with student activities but the precision and coordination and protection thus made possible would more than compensate for that evil. Is it another problem for the Student Council? What do you think about it? The columns of the Spectator are open for a discussion on this question.

This is the last issue of the Spectator until the second week of school following Christmas vacation. We wish for our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we suggest that you can best enjoy these happy times and the week intervening by strictly refraining from studying. This greeting includes the faculty and we make the same suggestion to them.

A little dog was thrown from the second story of the boys' dorm on Monday night. A dog is nothing but a dog, and this one is now dead, but we venture to say that there are few among us who would not rather have that friendly little yellow dog as a companion and friend than the fellow who threw him from his window.

Where are the yell leaders. The other day when we had a "try-out" our hopes arose on the "wings of the morning" or words to that effect but lo, they have not materialized. What we need is a Roofer's Club. No Oswald, we don't mean a bunch of hogs; they are plentiful. The article we hold in the cerebral regions of our anatomy at the present writing is a bunch, pardon us we mean a "group" of aesthetically inclined young men who fear not to vociferate at the athletic contests. Verily we must have them for lo it is as gall, yea even as wormwood unto our souls to have a few hollow-chested young ladies from some other institution come here and out-yell us as they did last year. A definite time and place for rehearsal just as the Glee Club has is the solution to the problem.

Wanted—Some one to keep room No. 4 in men's dorm in order. Signs need not apply. Information within.

MARK'S LITTLE DATE—Teacher
"Now, Willie, tell us one of the principal events in Roman history and mention the date."

Willie—"Mark Antony went to Egypt 'cos he had a date with Cleopatra."—Boston Transcript.

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The boy stood on the burning deck
His head was in a whirl
His eyes and mouth were full of hair
His arms were full of girl.
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What do you think of a man who carries a large watch so as to have plenty of time?

Gnagey says that Tice is getting to be a greater puzzle to him every day. The photographer seems to dwell in a realm of his own, muttering queer sounds and occasionally giving away to emotional hummings of "My Wild Irish Rose". Like all nuts "There's a Reason."

Cy admits that he went in the hog business once. He bought a pig, fed it six months whereby it lost ten lbs., then killed it!

All who ever marvelled at the number of pencils Dr. Kurtz carries around with him stand up.

The Freshmen officers have a fundamental doctrine when it comes to feeds that bids fair to revolutionize the world—it already has the class.

We noticed that the fire-fighters were not so terribly concerned about frozen ears and hands so long as the girls acted in the capacity of "palm-thawers". Oh that lips would also freeze!

"Fires are always unexpected," says Prof. Yoder. Some people will find that out when they die.

To whom it may concern:—

We consider it perfectly decorous for those who are engaged to prohibit advances from enthusiastic outsiders, but it is beyond us to see why any normal young man, unfettered by secret alliances, should confine himself to the company of any one lady because traditions of the school dictate thusly or because certain individuals in view of certain reasons consider it improper.

Yours truly,

Zeb.

There seemed to be considerable star gazing last Wednesday but it was very noticeable that star gazing in the day time and star gazing at night are entirely different operations.

JUST AS DESERVING—"So you were deeply touched by the poem young Mr. Guffsum wrote to you?"

"Yes," answered Maymie.

"But it was not a good poem."

"I don't care—it was just as much trouble for him to write it as if he had been Shakespeare."

Local Notes

We are all over-joyed to know the "coal-ban" is off. Regular train service will be resumed by the end of the week.

Rev. Clyde Forney is spending this week at M. C. It seems natural to see him down in the Senior row.

Mr. Davis of Lyons spent the week-end visiting Miss Lavera Lingle.

Mr. Kenneth Girrard spent Sunday in McPherson.

Rev. B. F. Brubaker of Protection, Kan., spent the week-end visiting his daughter in M. C.

Mr. Taylor, of Topeka, field Sec. of the Anti-Saloon League gave a very interesting talk in chapel Wed. morning.

To prove that M. C. students will support their basket-ball team since the games are played down town. Solution 1. Walk. 2. Jitney. Proof: The games Tuesday night.

Society Notes

Miss Gladys Heaston entertained delightfully at her home Saturday evening. By the everchanging light of the cherry hearth fire, the guests spun prodigious yarns, dreamed dreams, toasted marshmallows, and enjoyed music. The time for cutting off the electricity approached all too soon. Those present were Misses Grace Quinn, Alice Hoerner, Betty Harnly, Alice Burkholder, Inez Heaston, and Gladys Heaston, and Messrs. Ray Frantz, Paul Warren, John Hoerner, Theodore Burkholder, and Morris Harnly, and Dr. and Mrs. Heaston.

A spinster party was held in the new dormitory Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Hazel Miller. The girls, dressed as maiden ladies, assembled in the parlor where they read and expressed words of advice

for Miss Miller to follow in the future. Remembrances in the form of pictures and handkerchiefs were presented. Later old-fashioned songs were sung, the last one being "Auld Lang Syne."

Miss Miller has been a student in the commercial department. She comes here from Carolton, Nebraska, but after March she will make her home in Waterloo, Iowa.

QUARTET VISITS COUNTRY SCHOOLS

The male quartet composed of Chester Holsopple, Curtis Bowman, Ray Cullen and Roy Frantz, went out in the country last night and assisted Miss Winona McGaffey with her Christmas program. Humorous numbers were given by the quartet and a general good time was enjoyed. There were lots of pies and good things to eat which the college students always enjoy.

But They Didn't Go!

(Scene, In the Annual Editor's office. Time. Middle of May.) Slow student (rushing in hurriedly), "Can I get a copy of Light and Light?" Editor (eyeing him gravely), "Too late son, you should have cinched your order the first of the year."

Shortie, "Say, slim, I saw the funniest joke book——" Slimmie, "Aw gawan, it don't beat the Annual."

The Hun has signed the dotted line
Now peace will go a-whizzin';
But we won't be quite satisfied
Till Bill gets his'n.

Not being accused is a greater victory than a verdict not guilty.

Fifty Indians, in their own autos, attended a banquet in Omaha recently. The modern Indian probably does his scalping with a toilet set.

Pittsburgh has a lot of narrow streets, each going its own direction and nowhere in particular. They are all paved with cobblestones, in which they differ from New York's which are paved with good intentions.

ORGANIC—"Going up to hear that lecture on appendicitis today?"

"Naw, I'm tired of these organ recitals."—Cornell Widow.

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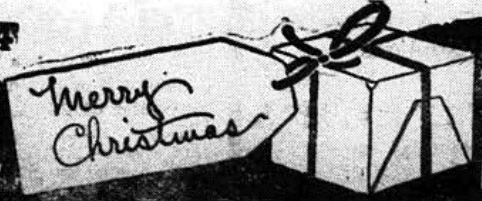


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Every one was very glad to see Dr. Kurtz in chapel again after his absence during his visit to the Eastern colleges. While he was away he visited Juniata, Elizabethtown, Daleville, Bridgewater, and Blue Ridge Colleges. He reports that all are growing and progressing nicely but that he wouldn't trade his faculty nor his student body for the entire lot.

Tuesday morning our chapel was very unique and interesting being in the form of a Christmas Program given jointly by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. The following numbers were given:

Music—Miss Vaniman.
 Scripture (Christmas Story)—Miss Edith McGaffey.
 Prayer (Silent Night)—Misses Austin, Frantz, McAvoy and Davis.
 Violin Solo—Prof. A. R. Lauer.
 Song (Sowing and Reaping)—College Male Quartet.
 Silvery Moonlight—Iconoclast Triple Trio.
 Solo (That Sweet Story of Old)—Theodore Burkholder.
 Oh Little Town of Bethlehem—Irving Double Trio.
 Melodious Harmonics.
 The Mason (Grand March)—College Orchestra.

The above numbers constituted the first appearance of our college orchestra in public. Under the efficient supervision of Prof. Lauer the first appearance was quite a success. We feel that these students have worked very hard and we would like to voice our appreciation of their efforts. We feel sure with continued practice the college orchestra will be an organization of which the school may well be proud. Below we publish the list of the members of the orchestra and the parts they play:

First Violin—Prof. Lauer, L. Miller, V. Shores, L. Burkin, Prof. Deeter, R. Himes.
 Second Violin—Alice Burkholder, R. Martin, Dorothy Bryant, L. Funk, L. Studebaker.
 Altos—L. Mikow, M. Schroeder.
 Clarinets—J. Yoder, V. Schroeder.
 Cornet—Emory Wine.
 Cello—T. Burkholder.
 Trombone—L. Blackman.
 Drums—S. Maust.
 Piano—Pauline Vaniman.

Prof. Studebaker in announcing the Senior Academy Class in chapel the other day said that when they first came to M. C. they were in the rough but that the rough spots were about all gone now. Just think how awful it will be when all those spots come back when they become poor little green college freshmen next year.

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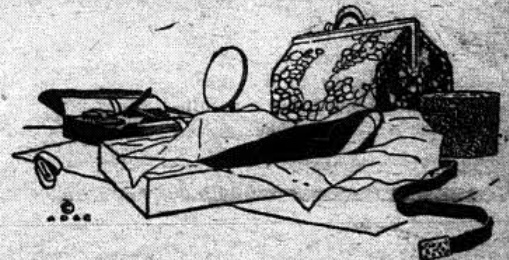
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LOCALETTES

When it comes to "putting on this Dog" we will have to admit that the man who uses a clothes brush on his underwear before retiring has it all over anything that we ever heard of. How about it Tice?

From the looks of the tryout (?) the other night it would appear that we need a little more bait in de-bate. Here is hoping.

We wish to arise in the Synagogue at this juncture and place ourselves on record now and forever more to the effect that we favor starting a Parliamentary Law class, said class to be for the training of the future chairmen and presidents of the various bodies that do hold or shall in the future, hold meetings in this institution.

When the presiding officer of a college organization allows a motion to be passed by a vote of 14-4 and then lets a discussion of the merits of the motion proceed for ten minutes after the motion has been passed

we think that some thing should be done.

Furthermore we would like to inquire wherein a presiding officer gets the right to express an opinion on a motion without temporarily resigning the chair to another officer? As we understand the thing he is or should be an automatic control of the meeting not a lawyer.

Let's have a little system to all our gatherings after this.

Changing the subject to that of the weather (a nice, safe topic to discuss) it seems that the gentle Kansas zepherettes have not abated as yet. Frankly, if the climate in this state were as keen as the people in it we would be in favor of boosting more than we do.

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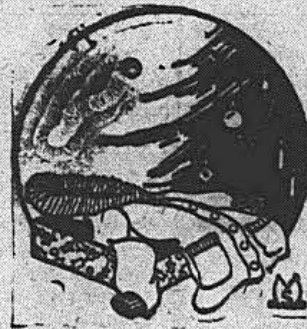
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NANCY JANE'S CHRISTMAS
Bertha Lundeen

By a north window in a typical New England orphanage sat little Nancy Jane, doubled up, with her little brown hands supporting her chin, and her eyes half shut, gazing out at the fast falling snow flakes.

Nancy Jane was in deep thought, so deep that she did not hear the dinner bell ring nor did she notice that all the others ran in, yelling like Indians, to the long plain dining table with its plain orphanage food. For ever since that long hike with Miss Mary "The House Mother," she had walked around with a half-wistful puzzled expression on her little face.

Suddenly she turned and called, "Billy."

A small boy came toward her.

"Huh", he answered.

"Billy, did you ever have a ma?"

Instantly there was a frown on Billy's face. "Yes", he said, "and I don't want another, that's sure."

"Oh, but Billy, wouldn't it be wonderful to have a real mother just for tomorrow? It's Christmas,—a mother like the lady we saw yesterday in the big white house in the grove. She had fixed a beautiful tree, Billy, it was covered with bright, glittering things,—dolls, teddy bears, apples, candies,—" her voice cracked as she choked back a sob and Billy saw big tears rolling down her quivering face.

"Gee!" ejaculated Billy, "mothers are not like that. My ma, she was awful big, as big as a house and lots of red hair and oh! golly! but she could yell when she got mad, wunst—"

But Nancy Jane stopped him, "Are you sure it was your ma?"

"Yep, she was my ma, all right, and she never made anything good for Christmas that's sure, and the lickin's she'd give."

"Oh, Billy, mebbe mothers and mas aren't the same thing. Billy, I want a real mother for Christmas."

Billy looked at her in disgust, then disappeared into another room.

The afternoon found her again in the very same place, dreaming her dreams, cuddled up in much the same position and with half-closed eyes looking out at the white earth, the ghostly pine trees, and the neighboring houses covered with snow. She seemed to be riding in a sleigh behind swift ponies. Soon they stopped at a large house. What she saw through the window made her cry out with delight. She saw glittering lights of a Christmas tree and when she entered the house she saw a little kind lady with big blue eyes all full of sunshine and laughter and with dark locks of hair. Nancy Jane imagined she heard a soft voice say

to her, "Baby dear, mother's here." Then Nancy Jane realized how foolish she was. No one would call a girl of ten, "baby", but deep in her heart she longed fiercely to be called "baby" by a mother like her ideal mother. Here her dreams were interrupted.

Billy came running in to her, panting dreadfully, because he was so excited. "Nancy Jane, your ma's here."

"Billy, I haven't any ma. I never, never, had one."

"But she's here all the same," declared her curly headed, little playmate. "I heard her and Miss Mary talking and your ma said she'd been hunting every where for her little girl and when she described her I heard Miss Mary say that she made her think of you. Nancy Jane she is, your ma because they are hunting for you now. Listen! I hear them talking and I believe they are coming down the hall."

"Billy! Billy! What does she look like?" Nancy Jane was shaking him and searching his chubby face.

"I was outside in the hall listening to them talk when all of a sudden one of the ladies came out in the hall. Why! she was as big as a house and had lots of red hair and—"

Nancy Jane heard no more. She ran up the long steep stairway. She was so frantic to escape that in her hurry she slipped, falling with a crash and in another moment she was lying in a little motionless heap at the bottom of the stairs.

Slowly she gained consciousness. She remembered that she had fallen. Tears filled her eyes, "Why wasn't I more careful?", and she struck out fiercely with her tiny fists. Then she heard the softest kindest voice. She looked up and saw a beautiful lady bending over her.

"Baby dear, mother's here," the owner of the voice said.

Then Nancy Jane threw her tiny arms around her mother's neck and cried, "You did come to bring me home for Christmas."

A few minutes later she was being whirled away in a big sled, drawn by swift ponies, and soon they stopped and mother said, "Here we are, Nancy Jane at grand mother's."

Then grand mother, with her "kindly" old specks and checked apron, appeared smiling in the doorway. She took Nancy Jane in her arms and kissed her tenderly.

They hurried into the big spacious home. Nancy Jane filled her starved little soul with the spicy odor from the kitchen.

And when the lights of the tree were lit, Nancy Jane ran into her new mother's arms and sobbed, "What a lovely Christmas."

Presents! Nancy Jane had never in all her life seen such exquisite dolls. She stood breathless, clasping

a life size baby doll to her with one arm, a huge teddy bear dangled from the other hand. She was so absorbed in her delight over her beautiful presents, that she, for a few minutes had entirely forgotten her new mother.

Nancy Jane looked up to see that beautiful lady standing in the doorway. Instantly she dropped all her presents and ran into her mother's arms. For her mother was her dearest present.

A SCHOOL GIRL'S CHRISTMAS TABLE OF MEASURES
"God so Loved that he Gave"

I. Am I really adding love and usefulness to my Christmas gifts?

II. Do my gifts express 100 percent of myself or are they just exchanges?

III. Is this question ever asked by you—"do my gifts compare with those of my friends?"

IV. Am I planning to give something to someone who will not give me anything in return?

V. Do our "Thank Yous" measure up with the time and thought someone has put into our gifts?

VI. "January Twentieth, and I haven't my Christmas notes written." Does that apply to me?

VII. Can we rejoice heartily in the lovely gifts other girls get?

VIII. Do I complain because my gift isn't just what I asked for?

IX. Am I making a special effort to make our own home Christmas the very nicest part of the day?

X. How often do I stop to think in the midst of the rush of activities, why we have Christmas at all?

XI. Will my Christmas be happier if we share our joy and things with others less fortunate?

XII. Has my Christmas slogan been "Fun for me" or "Fun for others?"

XIII. Shall we stop just a moment and think of Jesus Christ's Beautiful gift to all of us?

XIV. Shall we resolve as Y. W. C. A. girls to make this the most unselfish Christmas we have ever known?

(Christmas message of the County Y. W. C. A. to the girls of the County.)

HOLIDAY TOASTS

Here's to the red of the holly-berry,
And to it's leaves so green
And here's to the lips that are just
as red,
And the fellow who's not so green.

A toast to the wise young daughter
Caught under the mistletoe;
And a toast to the fellow who caught
her—

But not because she was slow.

Wanted—A hundred pounds of
Pop to Push the Annual Jan. 8.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER
CONVENTION DELEGATES
ANNOUNCED

Last Wednesday morning in chapel Miss Urey announced the names of the delegates to the Student Volunteer Convention, which will be held at Des Moines the latter part of the holiday vacation, and the means by which they were selected. A committee composed of Dr. Kurtz and Prof. Mohler together with several students was appointed by the presidents of several of the college organizations to select the delegates from a list of those who wished to attend. No attempt was made to elect just members of the Mission Bands as it is the purpose of the Student Volunteer organization to have the colleges of the United States represented as a whole. This committee named the following delegates: Prof. Morris, Mr. Blickenstaff, Mr. Brandt, Mr. Trapp, Miss Beckner and Miss Burkholder. Dr. Kurtz and Mr. Howard Engle will also attend.

It is impossible for every one to attend such a mammoth conference but the inspiration and enthusiasm of the meeting will not be lost to those who cannot go. These delegates will be expected to bring back with them some of the vision and inspiration and purpose of the conference and through the various organizations will pass it on to the entire student body.

HOFFERT GIVES THE FIGURES

"Andy" always could. When he was here in college he was full to the brim with good, reliable prohibition facts and figures. Now he has a chance over in India, where for several years he has been a missionary. It appears that some time last summer an article appeared in the "Times of India" showing the awful fruits of prohibition. Mr. Hoffert, a native of Nebraska, but for six years a resident of Kansas, followed suit with a rather lengthy reply in which he showed up the "figgers", proving that prohibition in the United States, and especially in Kansas, is a great success from every standpoint. He used telling quotations from Governor Hodges and others to back his statements. "Andy" will be remembered by many of the old timers as A. T. Hoffert, A. B., 1914. While in McPherson College he was a most enthusiastic promoter of reform movements in general. Mr. Hoffert is a brother of Miss Phebe Hoffert.

REFLECTIONS

When the outlook is not good, try
the uplook.

Nature requires five hours sleep.
Custom takes seven,
Laziness nine
Wickedness eleven.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

The Customs of Christmas and Their Origin, by Rachael J. Stratton

Althou Christmas is the oldest holiday celebrated by Christian people many of us know very little about some of its customs and their history.

It is not known just why December the twenty fifth has been chosen for Christmas day. We have no exact record of the birth of Christ, and, therefore have no way of knowing the date.

A long, long time ago the Scandinavians, Romans, Grecians, and Egyptians became very much frightened during the winter months when the sun began to stay with them a shorter time each day. They thought the gods were angry at them, and that they were taking the sun from them for a punishment. They thought that the sun would remain with them less and less each day until at last it would not come up any more. Then they noticed that it began to stay a while longer each day. This made them very happy and they had great festivals in honor of the gods that gave them the sun. These festivals were close to Christmas time and after many years the custom of festivities at Christmas time became known to the people and as a result we have festivities with our holiday.

These Christmas festivities are not all alike in the different countries. Their nature depends upon the season of the country during Christmas. In South America Christmas comes during the summer and is celebrated more as our Fourth of July than our Christmas. It would indeed seem queer to us to have no fire, and to have our doors and windows wide open on Christmas day. What if we should have to take parasols with us to keep the sun from scorching us? Just think of going swimming on Christmas day! That does not sound very much like Christmas sport to us, yet that is what some of our Sister Countries do. But our own Christmas customs are of more interest to us.

Did you ever wonder how it happened that we should hang a stocking up at the fire-place on Christmas eve? Who do you suppose ever thought of such a queer way to receive presents?

Saint Nicholas was Bishop of Myre, 300 A. D. He was a very kind man. When ever he had a chance, he did some good deed for the people in the city in which he lived. As Saint Nicholas was a rich man he often gave money to the poor.

There lived in the same city with Saint Nicholas a poor man. He had been rich, but thru some misfortune he had lost his wealth. He was a very proud and independent man, refusing sympathy or gifts of money.

Saint Nicholas had tried to help him many times but the poor man would not let him. One day as the Bishop was out walking he passed the poor man's house. He looked in the window and there saw the poor man lying asleep. "Now here is my chance," said he, "I will climb to the top of the house and drop this bag of gold down the chimney. When he goes to build the fire he will find it."

Now the old man had gotten his feet wet and was asleep while his stockings were hanging in the fire place to dry. When the bag of gold fell down the chimney it landed in one of the stockings. The poor man was very happy to find the money. He used a large amount of it for his daughters dowery. From this little incident has grown the custom of hanging our stockings near the fire-place on Christmas eve. The presents are supposed to be brot down the chimney by some good person called "Santa Claus."

The tree is perhaps the next most important factor for a jolly Christmas. It also has a very interesting history.

In ancient days it was customary in Germany to offer up a human sacrifice to Thor the God of Thunder. These sacrifices were offered under large oak trees. On Christmas eve in 723 A. D. Saint Winifred and his son Gregor, of England, were in Germany teaching and preaching. They had heard about the human sacrifice that was to be offered on Christmas eve, and Saint Winifred was determined to stop it if it was in his power to do so. After much traveling and hard work they came to the place where the people were all gathered around a large oak tree, under which a fire was burning. The chief had chosen a little boy to be sacrificed. He had been blindfolded and the big sledge was ready to fall on his head when Saint Winifred caught the arm of the chief and caused the sledge to be thrown out of its course, and hit the ground. The people were angry at that strange man who had come among them and caused them to provoke their gods. They wanted to kill him but he began to talk to them and to tell them that he had been sent to teach them not to offer up human sacrifices. Then he told Gregor to help him and in a few minutes they had chopped the great oak tree down. As it fell Winifred noticed just beyond it a young fir tree. Then he said to the people, "Here is a living tree, with no stain of blood upon it, that shall be the sign of your new worship. See how it points to the sky. Call it the tree of the Christ Child. Take it up and carry it to the Chieftain's hall. You shall go no more into the shadows of the forest to keep your feasts with secret rites of shame. You shall keep them at home with laughter and songs and rites of love. The thunder oak has

fallen and I think the day is coming when there shall not be a home in all Germany where the children are not gathered around the green fir tree to rejoice in the birthright of Christ." Thus we have had the fir tree as an emblem of Christmas for many long years.

The decorations used at Christmas time are also very interesting. There is the star, the mistletoe, the candle, and the holly, all of which add so much to the real Christmas spirit.

The star calls to our minds the star that guided the wise men to Bethlehem on the birthnight of Christ.

At the Roman Saturnalia the people burned candles for light and they exchanged them as gifts of cheerfulness and good will. The Jewish feast of Dedication was held at about the same time of the year. It is very probable that there were many candles burning during the birth of Christ. It was a very fitting emblem but undoubtedly the people were ignorant of the fitting symbol that has since followed as an emblem of the light brot into the world.

Mistletoe is an evergreen plant used for Christmas decorations. It was used by the Scandinavians in burning a tree as a sacrifice to their god, Thor. A tree on which mistletoe grew was sapped of its life and would burn brighter and higher than another tree. The higher it burned the better pleased their god was. In this way any tree on which mistletoe grew was a sort of sacred tree and any two enemies who chanced to meet under mistletoe greeted each other kindly and would not fight with their enemy until after sun up the next day. From this came the custom of our early colonial days, of young people kissing under the mistletoe. It seemed to be great fun for the guests when by chance a couple would meet under the mistletoe. There are two reasons why mistletoe is not used for church decorations. The first is that the pagans used it. The other is that the young people would become so much interested in it that they would not listen to the service. Holly has been substituted. Its dark green color represents the monotony of matrimony, and the thorns with which it is beset.

The only reason we have for using holly, mistletoe and poinsetta for Christmas is that nature has provided almost every country with them at this time of the year.

But with all of these customs and their significance, we would not enjoy Christmas as we do if it were not for some of the other reasons that are infinitely more worthy of our thought and celebration.

We all like to be remembered Christmas day. In fact we cannot conceive of Christmas with out receiving some remembrance from some

one. But this alone would be a very selfish motive for Christmas.

We like to see the children happy at this time of all the year. How we delight in watching them receive their presents and in hearing them remark to the others, of their characteristics. It is the spirit of Christmas to make the children happy.

Christ came into this world to save the people from the bondage of sin. He gave the greatest gift that could have been given in remembering the people. Remembering the poor and needy and doing what we can to make others happy on Christmas, the birthnight of Christ, is the least we can do to show our appreciation for Christ's remembrance of us.

DO YOU KNOW—

That Dr. Kurtz is the most widely known lecturer in the state of Kansas, having traveled over 10,000 miles the last year in this work alone?

That Dr. Culler is a recognized authority on Child Psychology?

That Dr. Harnly was one of the first prophets of National prohibition?

That Prof. Yoder is one of the few authorities on Rural Church problems in the U. S.?

That Prof. Craik is one of the few authorities on Church History in the U. S.?

That J. Shroeder, an alumnus of M. C., is ranking chemist in the U. S. Bureau of Soils, Washington, D. C.?

That Dr. Tredbar, of M. C., is Pres. of one of the largest medical schools of China?

That J. C. Russell former head of the Science Dept. of M. C. is now Prof. of Soils at Nebraska Uni.?

That Frank Cline, of M. C., is State's Attorney for Colorado?

That half the missionaries in China for The Church of the Brethren are from M. C.?

That Prof. Mohler, besides being a widely known authority on Agriculture, is the only Spaning Official Basketball referee in Kansas?

That Sorensen, Kasey, and Talbut, of M. C. basketball fame, were 'All Missouri Valley' men while playing for K. U., and K. S. A. C.?

That M. C. has a basketball team this year that will bid high for state championship if the student-body will only 'play ball' with them?

That if McPherson College is ever to become the University of our dreams it is up to us, her student representatives to strive to excel in what ever may be our 'line,' whether it be doctor, farmer, lawyer, missionary; or athlete,—for a school is known by the efficiency and expertness of her graduated personnel even more than by a learned faculty.

Let us curb our juvenescency and settle to real work!

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OUR STAND ON SMOKES

The Kansas City Star, a newspaper which prides itself on its freedom from sensational news and which does not ordinarily use large, glaring headlines, came out last Saturday night with this headline printed in the largest type used by the "Star" in the most conspicuous position on the first page: "Big Cigarette Plant." Following this, it is explained that the plant will employ 1500 people and will manufacture daily an average of two and one-half million cigarettes. Last Saturday was one of the greatest days in the history of the United States Senate. Several reservations to the peace treaty were passed; yet the Star shunted the discussion of the day in the Senate off into a second page position, according to the space on the first page to a cigarette article.

Now, we realize in writing this article that McPherson College students need no lecture on the evils of the use of cigarettes; nor are we saying that the use of cigarettes will consign one on death to eternal perdition. Yet we are aware of the fact that a goodly portion of the yearly supply of 782,500,000 smokes is intended for Kansas consumption. It seems to us almost criminal that, when the whole world is many times short on its supply of clothing, food, and the necessities of life, 1500 people in one city alone should be devoting their time exclusively to the manufacture of an article which is a non-essential and which has been proven detrimental to health, instead of assisting in the increasing of production of the necessities of life.

One of Prof. Morris's brilliant Calculus students, after a particularly good day in class was "feeling his oats" pretty keenly; so, we got him to figure out the following startling statistics for us:

The output of Kansas City's new cigarette factory will sell annually, at a retail price of 18 cents a package (they generally cost 30 cents in Kansas when you can get them), for \$5,828,749.88.

This amount would pay interest annually on -145,718,747 and would run the University of Kansas for almost four years on the basis of its present appropriation from the state.

B. C. Duke, who is heavily interested in the company establishing the new Kansas City factory, after he was well on the way towards being a millionaire, still lived in the Bowery and ate at the cheaper restaurants of New York City in order to save money so that he might eventually control the tobacco industry of the country.

If you care to hand over your cash to such a man, you differ greatly from the writer of this article.—Diogenes.

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