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## VACATION IS PAST

Students Return, Many Happy Reunions, Empty Pockets and Poor Digestions.

## BIBLE INSTITUTE IS HERE

Big Plans are Being Made for the Bible Institute, Large Attendance Expected.

Another Christmas season is past and there is great rejoicing among the poultry throughout the nation. In every barn yard and poultry run Chantecler, the Gobbler, and old Drake have come out from their place of hiding and are again basking in the winters sun. They mourn their departed friends but rejoice that they have another season ahead. The doctors are beginning to get some much needed sleep. And liver pills are no longer selling at a premium. Our students have returned with happy tales of much feasting. The reunions between parted couples have been many and happy. Much good paper has been used up in the writing of excuses for trips to the Tourney. Just ahead to darken the horizon are the semester exams. In Arnold and Fannestock Halls they are beginning to sport their "Oak" and behind closed doors the students are cramming for the finals. And when that is over we will be crowded more than ever for it will be Bible Institute time. Plans are laid to make this the biggest and best Bible Institute in the history of the institution. And the students? They are in hopes of good grades to show fond parents when they come to the Institute.

## XMAS RECESS OVER

Our Xmas Recess was over on New Years day. The day before New Years trains coming into McPherson disgorged happy though tired students suffering from attacks of acute indigestion. As all men know there is a difference between food, real home food and dorm hash. Neither one will hurt anyone when used to it. But a sudden change from dorm hash to real food is too much of a shock to anyones digestion. For a day or two theirs had stood it for they were young, but in time even the best of digestions much succumb. Not every day though does one get a chance at real food, so aided by little pink pills the students consumed all they could contain. The limit to their eating was the limited capacity of the human stomach.

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## COLLEGE VOTES ON TREATY

Intercollegiate Referendum held on Tuesday Favors Treaty.

Several weeks ago Professor Craik received a request to join with the colleges of the United States in taking a straw vote on the Treaty of Peace and the League of Nations. The date set for this vote was Tuesday, Jan. 13.

In order to further enlighten the student body a discussion of the various phases of the question were given in chapel last Saturday morning as follows:

I. I favor the ratification of the League and Treaty without reservations or amendments.—Josephine Johnson.

II. I am opposed to the ratification of the Treaty and League in any form.—Claude Lowe.

III. I favor the ratification of the Treaty but only with the Lodge reservations.—J.W. Tracy.

IV. I favor a compromise between the Lodge and Democratic reservations in order to facilitate the ratification of the Treaty.—Alma Anderson.

Each question was very well presented. The main issues were convincingly and clearly shown.

The vote resulted as follows:

I. College 62, Academy 25, Faculty 4, Total 101.

II. College 13, Academy 12, Faculty 1, Total 26.

III. College 12, Academy 3, Faculty 0, Total 15.

IV. College 121, Academy 87, Faculty 16, Total 224.

It is interesting to note that the Lodge reservations received the lowest of the four. This result is probably a fair indication of the college attitude everywhere.

## NOTICE—NO SPECTATOR NEXT WEEK

The Spectator will not be published next week. The Student Council voted to publish thirty editions of the paper. As there are thirty six weeks in the school year it is necessary to omit a few editions. Since the mid-years come next week it seemed an appropriate time to keep silent. Everyone will be too busy cramming to read such a sheet as the Spectator and the staff members have a noble desire not to fail in every subject they are carrying.

The happiest life is the life of service.—Dr. Truett.

## NEW SYSTEM OF GRADING INTRODUCED

Faculty Adopts Universal Standard For McPherson College

Professor Blair announced in chapel on Tuesday morning that a new system of grading had been adopted by the faculty and that he would proceed to explain it if his student hearers could curb their dismay or indignation sufficiently to permit him to speak. Strange to say, Professor Blair's personality was greater than the unpopularity of his subject and he was given a very interested attention.

In working out the new plan the grades given by every member of the faculty last year were studied and charted. The results showed that there was no exact standard of measurement but that in general the curves ran higher in the higher grades than ordinarily should be the case. The new system is based on what has been found to be the general character of work done by any given student body. The letters A, B, C, D, F, will be used to designate the grades. A represents the 3 percent who really do exceptional work, honor work; B represents work which is above average and about 22 per cent are expected to attain this grade; C is average work and includes the largest number—50 per cent; D means below the average and about the same number of students deserve this grade as merit B; F means failure and represents the 3 per cent whom Professor Blair calls "intolerable."

The new system is perfectly just and aims for higher scholarship and better work. The student body as a whole has accepted the change well. McPherson College students can do as good work as any group of students; in fact, it is expected that they will go a little above the curve which represents the average student body.

Salina Wesleyan has seven musical organizations: male quartette, Y. W. quartette, orchestra three small glee clubs of mixed voices, and the piano quintette of the Conservatory Club.

First Roommate—"I say, Walt, would you kindly lend me your green necktie this evening?"

Second Roommate—"Why, certainly, Ed, but why all the formality?"

First Roommate—"I can't find it."  
—K. C. Star.

## BRETHREN CHURCH TO HAVE NEW EDIFICE

Campaign to be Initiated Sunday, January 18th.

The long felt need for an adequate church to meet the needs of McPherson College and her constituency apparently will soon be realized.

Sunday morning, January 18th, following the sermon delivered by Dr. Kurtz pledges will be taken which it is hoped will exceed \$75,000. The following has been sent to the entire membership soliciting their support and cooperation:

Dear Co-Worker:—

In the march of events we have been brought to a crucial hour, an hour charged with opportunity. To be selfish just now sells the birthright of coming generations into bondage. Christian Education is the only way to the New Era of Righteousness. Growing conditions of the McPherson Church demand action—we must have increased facilities to conserve the spiritual life of our college and community.

May you prayerfully consider your relation as a steward to this need.

—The Booster.

The building of a new church is another evidence that a greater McPherson College is near at hand.

## DR. NEFF SPEAKS ON EDUCATION

The Y. M. C. A. had one of the most interesting meetings of the year when Dr. Neff of Hutchinson spoke on Wednesday morning last week. He took for his subject, "Perils and Possibilities of a College Education." He spoke with great force and power, combining the inspiration of his own personality with logic and clarity.

Dr. Neff said that there is the peril of becoming discouraged by failure to attain ones goal; there is the peril of thinking oneself superior as an educated person to the uneducated, and there is the peril of making education the end rather than the means. On the other hand education means the great possibility of service, the preparation of oneself for the great tasks of the world. And all that is required of a person is that he be faithful to the talent entrusted to him, however small or great.

Prof. Craik—"When did the Revival of Learning begin?"

Lowe—"Just before the term exams, I believe."

## STUDENT VOLUNTEERS MET AT DES MOINES

The Eighth International Student Volunteer Convention was held at Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 31-Jan. 4. It was attended by 8,000 college students from 40 different nations, and representing 1,000 institutions.

The regular sessions of the convention were held each morning and evening (New Year's not excepted) at the huge Coliseum on the river front. Admission was by ticket only. In the afternoons sectional meetings were held in the various churches of the city, each section discussing some phase of missionary activities. No programs were given except the Daily Bulletin which was issued nightly, stating the topics for discussion at the sectional meetings.

The delegates were seated in sections according to states and the foreign delegation in its own place. University of Calif. had the largest representation from any one institution—130 students. On the platform, holding about 500, were seated the returned missionaries and leaders prominent in the movement. Music was furnished by the splendid Association Quartette, and the congregational singing from the Convention Hymn Book. Applause was prohibited.

Some of the prominent speakers were: Jno. R. Mott, Sherwood Eddy, Robt. E. Speer, Drs. Zwemer, Taylor, White, McConnell, Endicott, Dean Brown, McDowell, Truett, Januier, Foulkes, Vance,—all leaders of international repute.

The Convention opened on Wednesday afternoon with an address by Jno. R. Mott, the Chairman of the Convention. The general topics of the Conference were: Thursday—International Relationship; Friday—Needs of the Churches and the Failure of the Non-Christian religions; Saturday—The indispensable Gospel; Sunday—the Life of Service as the Highest and Best Life.

The immediate impression which one received was the remarkable unity of purpose in all present. In the words of Mott.—"It is the most cosmopolitan student body ever assembled. They have gathered here in the center of our land from 40 different nations of the globe for a common purpose. They were drawn together by a desire for service and to spread the kingdom of God."

After hearing the stirring appeals of the Convention, the final reaction which one had was a dawning realization of the needs of the world—especially of the foreign fields—and the responsibility which rests on each of us to fill that need.

In pleasing editorial on the close of the Convention the Des Moines Register says; "It is important to com-

prehend not alone the bigness of the students convention from the point of view of numbers that attended, but also to comprehend the bigness of the idea that it signified, the evangelization of the world. It is worth while to pause and note that in a time of world wide distress and disquiet not paralleled in recent times, the undeviating effort of thousands upon thousands of calm but enthusiastic young men and women is bent toward the spreading of a kindly and confident view of life, the uprooting of despondency, the bringing of human comforts along with inspiring thoughts to the remotest of the world."

### SERMON BY DR. KURTZ ON SUNDAY MORNING

The Meaning of the Symbols, Luke 22:14-30.

The Christian religion is fundamentally service. We can only serve Christ by serving humanity. The disciples could not understand these great fundamentals of Christ's religion until he symbolized them. The followers of Christ have placed different meanings on these symbols. There are three principal ideas. First consider the Priestly conception. Under priest-craft people were led to believe that God was an angry and jealous being who was to be won over to their side by elaborate sacrifice. Their idea was that in some way God must be changed. Christ taught that God was just and holy and that it was man's duty to clean up and get on God's side. Consider also the Legalistic idea. The Pharisee thought of a contract between himself and God. It was his duty to obey the letter of the contract and then God was obliged to fulfill his part by paying off the Pharisee. The thing uppermost in the minds of these legalistic people was "what is God going to give me." Many today are guilty of this legalistic practice. This is a narrow and wicked conception. It leads to pride and legalism, the kind that killed Jesus. But the true conception, the one Christ would have us to get is that it is man's place to clean up and get in tune with God. The true meaning of the symbol is to illuminate the meaning and character of life we are to live. The symbol is the language of the spirit. The only way to interpret great ideas is by means of the symbol.

Baptism in the Christian church means to clean up both body and soul and live a pure, honest and just life. To say I am a Jew does not save me. Only by cleansing our soul and life are we saved.

Three great ideas are embodied in the symbols, Meaning, Feeling and Will. They illuminate the mind; stir up the emotions and give man something to do. The only true way to teach is to exemplify. Therefore Christ instituted the ordinance of feet

washing. He could not teach by law or creed but by demonstrated service. He had to do it. You never know humility until you do the deeds of humility. The lack of humility is the greatest fault of the church today. While we talk service we have egotism, Bolshevism, and selfishness in the world. If people would do the things that Christ did instead of talk about them the world would have no wars.

Jesus instituted the meal, a symbol of brotherhood and peace. We talk about ideals and brotherhood but in our lives we live like autocrats. If capital and labor, the rich and poor would assemble themselves in the house of God, partaking of the simple meal instituted by Jesus there would be no great divisions. The world will not become a family until it lives like a family. When we eat together it means a peace and blessing of hospitality where brotherhood is welded together for ever.

The bread is a symbol of our lords sacrifice. As he gave his life for us so in eating this bread we should pledge our lives anew. We should pledge our strength, our time, our money, our all to sacrificial service. We should be willing to go the way Jesus went. This symbol is to help us live like him.

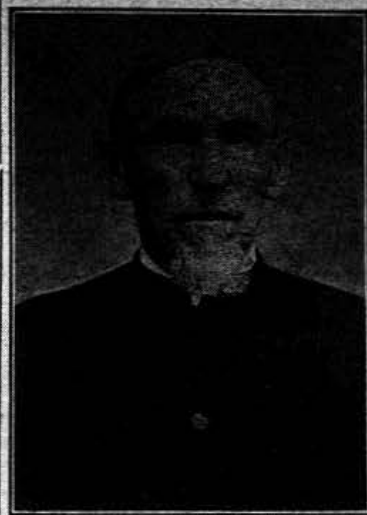
The cup is a blood covenant with our Lord. In the observance of this symbol we say to Jesus "I love you. I will follow you and be true to you and stand by you. If need be I will give my money, my life, my all for the cause. I'll be loyal".

By the observance of the symbols we achieve oneness with Christ. It is a divine way of getting in tune with God. It achieves within us a new creation and helps us form habits of humble service. Let us hunger and thirst for sonship that we may become more Christ like.

### M. C'S. GALLERY OF BENEFACTORS

One of the men who are doing much for the college in quiet, unheralded ways, is Professor Beckner, Field Agent for the College. His faithfulness is representing the need of the school as well as its possibilities and present activities has done much in winning friends for the institution, people who express their interest in financial as well as moral support. The Spectator wishes to make the student body acquainted with some of these donors so from week to week a short sketch of some one of these friends will appear in this Gallery of Benefactors.

Professor Beckner has a particular liking for his kodak as many of us know. He has gathered quite a collection of photos of good friends of the college, some of which are in shape to run in the Spectator. Here-



with is presented a view of Mr. John Schul.

Mr. Schul is one of those old time sturdy farmers who began life with little but plenty of good common sense and the habit of saving his earnings. He was denied an education. When he landed in America at the age of fourteen he was practically without a dollar. By good management and industry he has acquired a snug fortune.

But that is not all. His common sense view of life led him to consider in his old age the proper disposition of his property. "I didn't want to go to my Maker empty handed" is the way he put it. "I was leaving property for my children, so I thought 'How about my Savior?' I must remember His work too."

Mr. Schul makes no spectacular display in what he does but he has done enough for McPherson College to give his name a lasting place in the history of the institution and to entitle his picture to a place in our Gallery of Benefactors.

Mr. Schul comes around to visit the College occasionally and our students are always glad to see him. Such men are making possible for the young folks of today many advantages in education which they themselves never enjoyed.

With a million microbes in every cubic foot of air, why be lonesome?

Jonah is a subject that the whale brought up

"Money talks," but it never talks anybody to sleep.

The silver dollar is worth more than a dollar except at the market.

There is still a lot of that war gas on this side.

Luxuries soon become necessities.

Why not be foolish once in a while? People who are always extremely serious and sensible seem to die with considerable regularity.

## Organizations

### MISSION BAND WORKS

#### AMONG MEXICANS

Oct. 12 work was begun with the Mexican children at the R. I. camp. Three families lived there at that time. Since then one family has moved away. The work was in charge of Maud Stump, Marietta Byerly, and Lucy Mason. One of these girls goes every Sunday afternoon and takes several others along to tell stories to the children. From Oct. 12 to Jan. 11, twenty eight different stories were told and twenty two different girls worked at the camp. Many of these girls have told stories more than once. Each girl testifies that when she goes once she wants to go again. Some of the stories told were, "Why the Chimes Rang," "The Run-away Clothes," "Tabby Gray", "Miracle of Love"—and others of the same sort.

Bible stories are also told and their black eyes simply dance as they listen. They have been taught to sing little songs which they enjoy. The women and men enjoy having the workers sing. Six children have been attending the story hour, Fanny, Frank, and Sepriano Delgado, and Bernadine, Elseterio, and Monica Martel. At Christmas time eight sacks were filled with candy and pop corn balls, which the workers made and were given to the children. Needless to say they were very happy and were soon busy eating. The father and mother also seemed to appreciate the little gifts.

The story hour is held in the Martel home. The room is small but always clean and in good order. They make the workers feel that they are welcome. If there are other girls in school who would like to help with the story hour or the music please give your name to either of the three girls mentioned above. Some tenor and bass are also needed. Your help will be appreciated and you will enjoy the work.—L. E. M.

### LITERARY SOCIETIES ELECT

#### OFFICERS FOR THE TERM

The Iconoclasts elected and will install the following officers Saturday, Jan. 17:

Pres.—Dayton Yoder  
Vice Pres.—Marietta Byerly  
Sec.—Della Evans  
Treas.—Ruth Z. Miller  
Music Coach—Marie Cullen  
Expression Coach—Alma Anderson  
Debate Coach—Ira Brammell  
Critic—E. Ikenberry  
Reporter—Lucy Mason.

The Ciceronians elected and will install at the next closed program:

Pres.—Chris Ikenberry  
Vice Pres.—Thelma Turcotte  
Sec.—Iva Brammell  
Treas.—Ray Gish

Expression Coach—Maxine McGaffey

Music Coach—Mrs. Birkin  
Debate Coach—B. F. Miller  
Reporter—Samuel Forney.

The Emersonians elected and will install at the next meeting:

Pres.—Ua McAvoy  
V. Pres.—Mary Baker  
Sec.—Loretta Yoder  
Treas.—Wm. Riddlebarger  
Music Coach—Minnie Muggler  
Reporter—Mabel Fleming.

### ANTI-TOBACCO

#### PROGRAM MONDAY

The tryout for the Anti-Tobacco contest will be held behind closed doors, Monday night at seven o'clock, in the college chapel. The five highest will compete again, at a later date, for the honor of representing McPherson College in the State Convention. The following orations will be given:

The Menace of the New Age—Rodney Martin.

Tobacco and Social Ethics—Martin Stauffer.

Our Task—J. W. Maxcy.

Conserving Energies and Resources Wasted by Tobacco—C. Boggs.

The Universal Destroyer—B. F. Miller.

One Rival to Christian Democracy—Samuel Moust.

Tobaccoless Manhood for Tomorrow—Ruth Miller.

Quit You Like Men—Seth P. Osborn.

The curse of Tobacco—Wm. Burgin

### LIFE AND LIGHT GOING FAST

The Annual Staff is very well pleased with the sale of Security Tickets, and up to date nearly three hundred and twenty five have been sold. We urge that every one who wants an annual buy your ticket now. Needless to say everyone wants one, so give us your dollar and help us put out the best possible. Orders are coming in every day from Alumni and friends of the college. Let them come. There must be at least four hundred sold or the price will necessarily have to go up.

The group picture taking went off smoothly last Sturday. The day was just right and with the exception of one or two plates, the pictures were fine. We wish to thank those who came out and although we should have had everyone, there probably never would be a time when we could get every one. These pictures will go forward to the engravers at once.

It has been stated by some that the Staff is beginning too soon. We have a contract with the printer that all material must be in his hands by April First to give ample time to print and finish the book by May Fifteenth. It is very important that all pictures intended for the annual be in the hands of the Editor-in-Chief before March First so that we may

give them the desired grouping. So don't hesitate. Get that comic today.

Following is the standing of the various classes in percentage of sales: The College, Seniors, 96.5%; Freshmen, 79%; Sophomores, 75%; Juniors, 64%; Faculty, 63%. The Academy, Senior 81%; Juniors, 66%; Sophomores, 66%; Freshmen, 60%.—Staff.

### NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT COMING

All lovers of science will be interested in the performance which will be staged in Society Hall this week. There will be men and women in this company who have made for themselves a fair name in foreign lands as well as in our own United States. The future only can reveal the problems which they are to solve. Those who do not come early will have no assurance of even seeing the performers.

Promptly at seven o'clock a company of talented musicians who have studied under Herr Rowland will give one number only. This number alone will be worth the price of the entire evening's program. All lovers of adventure will remember Mr. Roy Wampler's Chemistry Volcano of last year. Mr. Wampler has something which far surpasses that feat of eruption. The Schermerhorn brothers need no introduction to McPherson people. Their daring demonstrations cannot pass with a casual glance. These two young men are fair examples of the physical life themselves. Something very striking awaits their audience. One phase of the scientific life has been sadly neglected in the past. This will be discussed by Miss Ruth Kilmer and her next door neighbor. It is not to be a gossip conference but a real heart to heart talk on old and new domestic problems which might be of interest to housewives and those who might be contemplating a change in their lifework. Mr. Gilbert Betts is prepared to convince his hearers that agriculture which is not scientific is of very little value in this day and age. A young man who has received much recognition in eastern countries, especially in Biological Research, is Mr. Morris Harnly. If you have never been convinced that your ancestors were monkeys and that you are not so far removed from one yourself come to Society Hall, January 17, 1920, at seven p. m. and be convinced—A. L. G.

### DEBATING LEAGUES WORKING

Debate is assured in McPherson College this year. Much interest is being manifested by both college and academy departments. Miss Ruth Frantz is acting as instructor. The college league has not yet been organized. It has twenty seven members at present.

The officers of the Academy league are: David Brubaker, Pres.; Chris Ikenberry, Vice Pres.; Fanny Mc-

Gaffey, Sec., and Frank Howell, Treas. They meet on Saturday night every second week and discuss the principles of debating. Regular debates are also worked up for practice. Nothing definite has been arranged for Inter-College debates but when it is the persons who make the team can be assured of the strong and loyal support of the student body.

## Alumni

### CARL REXROAD HONORED

It didn't take much of a prophet some years ago to prophesy that Carl N. Rexroad would make his mark. He was making a mark all the time. Mr. Rexroad came to McPherson College a number of years ago from Darlow, Kansas, and entered the academy, which he soon completed and entered upon his college work. In 1918 he took the A. B. degree. Immediately he became a professor in LaVerne College, California, occupying the chair of chemistry. Last fall he resigned to accept a fellowship in Yale University. That he has made good as a student in Yale is evidenced by the fact that he has recently been elected to a \$1000 fellowship in the Jerusalem School of Archaeology.

While not exactly certain as yet whether to accept the appointment, Mr. Rexroad is impressed with the great opportunity afforded by study abroad. If he goes to Jerusalem he will be associated in his work with such men as Doctors Bacon, Ramsay, and Cumont.

Mr. Rexroad has written a letter of appreciation to President Kurtz, emphasizing the great value of McPherson College as a former of ideals that will equip a person to do university work in a satisfactory manner. He urges the importance of the proper point of view, a thing which he finds lacking in many men who enter Yale.

It isn't what you know but what you do that gets you the persimmons.

A true gentleman is one who denounces as false something he knows is so if by doing it he can help another.

If you can't say anything good about the dead, the chances are you say nothing, and it might be a good idea to treat the living that way.

Separate the innocent bystander from his coin as painlessly as possible.

If a doctor orders a girl either to put on more clothes or go south, she will go south.

There are many presidential possibilities—mostly impossible.

Send your Spectator to prospective students.

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## THE NEW STANDARD OF GRADING

The announcement that a new system of grading has been adopted for the school may cause some apprehension among certain students who have failed to keep their lamps trimmed and burning but it will be a source of great satisfaction to the student body as a whole. The change is worthy of the ideals and standards for which McPherson College is becoming known. For some time many of the students as well as the faculty have felt that a stricter, higher standard was needed, a system of grading that would more accurately differentiate between the various kinds of work being done by the students. The new method promises to fill that need.

Students are a paradox in more ways than one. While they will praise the "soft" course or the "easy" professor and often elect such work, in the long run their deepest, most sincere admiration will be for the course that means work and for the instructor whose grade represents something when it is given. Honor is worth nothing if easily won and hard work has no reward if it wins no distinction; that is, as far as grades are concerned. It is our opinion that the new method of grading will result in higher scholarship in the school and a new appreciation in the student body of the purpose and meaning and worth of a college education. Moreover, we will now have "honor men" in a truer sense than has been possible formerly.

## OUR COLLEGE ELECTIONS

Since our vast resources of pep are being directed toward the basketball team, and since that dormant fountain of volcanic energy has been stirred, let us remember some other phases of our student life that are sadly in need of real, live sparkling pep. Any normal human being has pep—if he knows it—plenty of pep. We can, and will, yell for our team

until that team, seized by the intense throbbing in its ears, rushes on to victory, and still have plenty of pep left to enliven some other student activities that are slowly dying or merely existing. Pep is a thing that grows with the using.

Let us attach some honor to the various positions offered to worthy students of M. C. Today a man is elected to be president of the Y. M. C. A. without so much as a bubble rising to the surface of our political and social sea. Many of our high offices are viewed by the students as a whole as being places where the holder is doomed to drudgery with no special honor. Where is the honor of attainment that would spur good men to try out for the College Debating Team? There ain't no such animal!

Now how are we going to get this valuable thing called honor? It lies within our own reach. We announce a day beforehand that on the next day an election for the president of the Y. M. or the Y. W. will take place. Obviously keen competition for office is crushed. We become interested in things that are talked about. We do not make enough fuss over our elections. Our system of electing takes away the zest of "running for office."

In the spring an election will be held to fill the various offices for the coming year. Let the nominating committee, or whoever it is, get busy and put before the student body the persons who are to run for the offices. We want to know some time ahead who expects to try for the place. The whole student body wants to be alive to the issue—talk it and work for the man it wants. When election day comes, let it enter into a college atmosphere that bespeaks strain and eagerness and high tension. It would gladden the writer's heart if on that day men would gather in groups busy in heated discussion over the contesting parties for office. May a scurrying to and fro of hatless individuals be not an uncommon phenomenon. We are not attempting to be funny. We mean exactly what we say. Let us for once forget our little personal affairs, no matter how dreadfully immediate they may seem, and make those who are elected next spring feel that a mighty conflict was fought and they must be loyal to a cause that demands the best in them. We are going to do it. May election day bring a revelation to the Faculty and Student-body that will fix forever the meaning and worth of pep, and establish in this institution honor of achievement, the great things to which this college is striving, and football. —R. W. F.

## WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF—

Jimmy Green couldn't whistle in the halls before chapel and classes? Morris Harnly tried to sing?

Professor Craik should run out of jokes to tell?

There were no conventions to be reported?

Everyone had as much pep as Dr. Harnly?

Tice ceased developing pictures?

The Matron made a tour around the Dorm nightly?

Mr. Austin didn't "Amen" occasionally?

Maxcy should get up in time for class meeting?

Harry Gilbert were not here to stir up some school spirit?

Everyone were behind the basketball team?

## LOCALETTES

Alas, another romance nipped in the bud or to be less poetic and more accurate, stopped on the ladder.

All of which simply means that a certain tall young man (we dare not tell you who he is but his initials are X. Y. B. T.) was caught by one of the dignitaries of the institution in the act of assisting several "beauchoous gals" from the second story of Arnold Hall via a long ladder. When caught our hero had "rescued" two "fair damsels" from danger (?) and was enthusiastically entreating the third to "fly with me."

There are several stories afloat as to the real facts of the affair. The writer cannot vouch for the truth of all of them but this we do know. While descending the steps of the ladies dorm two gents were accosted by a stage whisper emanating from the celestial regions above and requested to call Sir X. Z. Our hero approached displaying in his manly bearing the courage that filled his mighty bosom. His "frank, resolute face" (copyrighted by Horatio Alger, Jr.) expressed a determination to do or spill the beans. He did both.

We cannot help thinking that the ladies put up the whole job just to start a sensation around this neck of the woods. They done it, by gravy, they done it.

What girls, knowing that the rain was pouring on one solitary window in the Dorm and that it was their, and that at the same time sulfur and asafetida fumes were rolling in under the door would not accept a means of escape? The rain having ceased and hearing several voices below the girls flung open their window and saw a gallant young man being pushed up the ladder by two Seniors. Two of the girls quickly descended when the Seniors seeing "one of the powers that be" approaching, were in the act of making their getaway leaving the said gallant young man to face the "power" by himself. However, looking up they saw one of the girls ready to descend and, to the great amazement of the bystanders, they actually did hold the ladder lest she might fall.

## Exchanges

A drive for a million-dollar Loyalty-Memorial fund was launched by K. U. in December. It will be used to provide a University Service building and to make a start on an adequate stadium. \$200,000 of this is already in sight.

A department of photography is being established at K. S. A. C.

"The war on useless chapel announcements continues" at Oberlin also.

"We request that those submitting would-be jokes for this department please write them out on tissue paper, so the Editor can see thru them"—Greenville Vista.

K. U. has the first women's economic club in the western universities.

"We admire the person who has some principles for which he stands while in school, who does not let the mob rule him, nor yet tries to be contrary in his effort to be different, and who refuses to attach his name to something he hasn't read."—Wesleyan Advance.

Dr. Rhee, president of provisional Korean republic, was guest of honor at Oberlin College, December 5.

Three students who are distant relatives of the well-known Robert Burns are enrolled at Salina Wesleyan.

"Women athletics at Stanford have to comply with training regulations as stringent as those enforced by football coaches. A minimum of eight hour's sleep is required; they may not eat sweets and pastry; attendance at dances is absolutely forbidden. These rules apply to all women on the hockey, tennis, and swimming teams."

There are 43 Smiths enrolled at K. U., 27 of them are men. "Poor Father Smith!"

Fifty High School instructors are needed in the Philippines next year. Their transportation will be paid one way, and the salaries will be \$1800.

"Give thanks each day for humor. Produce it if possible, but at least go to the humor markets and become a good distributor. It has high values in exchange. Learn to distinguish. Pick out the best jokes. There isn't time for all. Dictate to yourself an honest working day of 8 hours, balanced by others given with new zest to fun, beauty, worship service and friends."

Seeing that their fun was over one of the seniors was heard to say to the other, "Just what we came after. An exciting episode for the Spectator." (By the way, both are of the scheming type on the Spectator Staff.)

The girls have heard that it was a put up job—but by whom?

**Local Notes**

Glen Frinfrock and Ed Rexroad of Darlow visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Crawford Brubaker underwent an operation for appendicitis last week. She is getting along nicely.

Miss Rose Turcott from Texas is a new Academy student.

J. Leslie Garvie of Abilene was a McPherson visitor Sunday.

Glenn Eldridge of Fruitland, Idaho, visited several days with Paul and Gladys Sargent.

Miss Godla Zook is recovering from bronchitis.

Henry Stover spent Sunday in Nickerson.

Miss Ethel Whitmer returned Tuesday. She has been with her mother who is in the Wichita hospital. We are all glad that she is getting along nicely and will return to her home, Jan. 20.

Dr. Kurtz left Wednesday for Topeka to attend a meeting of the Board of the Kansas Sunday School Association, of which he is a member. Thursday he will attend a meeting of the Kansas College Association, of which he is President. Friday and Saturday the Kansas Council of Administration meets. Dr. Kurtz is president of the college section and will attend the meeting. He will return Saturday and deliver the Sunday morning address at McPherson College.

**Society Notes**

**CHRISTMAS AT THE DORMITORY**

The people who went home for Christmas, we suppose, had no time to think of the stragglers left at the "Deserted Village to eke out a bare existence.

The weather was just beautiful all the time and no could have gotten lonesome with so many hospitable people around. The glorious, crowning event of the vacation came, of course, in connection with the Christmas feast.

Miss Edith Slifer, the head cook, was so generous hearted and tried to please everyone with her splendid cookery so it happened that every individual had a "say so" to the sumptuous dinner which came on Christmas day. The menu was left to the students to make out and a very wonderful one was suggested, which, we are sorry to say, had to be altered a little.

At the close of the noon meal on the day before Christmas a slip of paper was presented to each unemployed person and straightway they repaired to the dormitory kitchen and

fell to work. There was a task for each one to do. Seniors and professors came to a common level with Freshmen and truly it seemed just like the day before Christmas at home. Savory smells wafted from the kitchen and those who were shirking could not keep away. Boys, clad in big aprons, rushed to do their duties and felt as good as the head cook herself. Some prepared a wondrous corner in the dining room for the feast. It was curtained off and decorated with bells and bright paper, evergreen and ferns. So continued the preparations until midnight.

On Christmas morning the work began again. With an intervention long enough to attend the services in the chapel. At two o'clock the dinner was served in the pretty booth in the corner. The tables had center pieces of tiny Christmas trees decorated with candles. There were hand painted place cards with the following:

"Christmas Dinner"  
 "Heap on more wood, the wind is chill,  
 But let it whistle as it will,  
 We'll keep our Christmas merry still!"—Sir Walter Scott.

Menu	
Oyster Soup	Wafers
	Pickles
Roasted Chicken	Celery Dressing
Brown Gravy	Creamed Peas
Mashed Potatoes	Sweet Potatoes
Celery Sticks	Cranberry Sauce

Parker House Rolls	Country Butter
Lemon Jelly	Candle Salad

Cherry Pie	Caramel Pie
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Angel Food	Devil's Food
Coffee	Mints

There were twenty eight present. The invited guests were Professor and Mrs. Roland and son Roland, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Keim, Mrs. Garvey, Mrs. Neher and Lonnie Ihrig.

So ended the Christmas banquet of 1919, two hours after it began.  
 I. L. K.

**HOLIDAY SOCIAL HELD IN LADIES DORM.**

On Friday evening after Christmas, sixty of the "Regular Folk" who remained in McPherson and on the Hill during vacation attended a real banquet. The first part of the evening was spent in games, jolly fun making games in which everyone took part and thoroughly enjoyed.

Then came the "eats." Real eats, they were. Preparations had been made for one hundred and ten who had signed up and "seconds" were in order for any one who had the capacity for handling any more than a "first."

After the feast came a fine program of reading by Mrs. Deeter, Mrs. Keim and Miss Margaret Muse. Between readings Gilbert played many selections from the worlds artists on Maxcy's player piano.

Will there be a banquet next year during the Holidays? You bet!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES HAVE SOCIAL TOGETHER**

On Monday evening, January 6, the "Four-Square Girls" and the "Baraca Boys" gave a joint social at the Hershey home.

Together they played interesting games, pulled unique stunts, and, as a side issue stored away quantities of ice cream, wafers, and marshmallows, the quantity limited only by the capacity. Professor and Mrs. Studebaker, Miss Frantz, and Professor Mohler were sponsors for the affair. To them and to the social committee of the two classes the "Four Square Girls" and the Baraca Boys" are thoroughly grateful for the lively evening.  
 —M. M. M.

A humorous scandal sheet—the yellow journal—was put out by the Oberlin Review on Dec. 16, last.

Subscribe for the Spectator for your friends.

**SHOTS FROM THE BIG GUNS AT THE CONVENTION**

We are called upon to support the church in a great program of allied strategy in the supreme offensive,—the banner planted in every land.—Cox.

The four great tests of character are: Are you pure? Are you honest? Are you surrendered? Are you going out to a life of self-sacrifice?—Eddy.

The self-centered individual, nation, or organization is marked for decay—no matter how capable or efficient.—Truett.

It is for us who remain here to see to it that the temporary aliens can carry back a wonderful message of Christian America.—Bennett.

The foreign field offers hard tasks for strong men, dangerous tasks for brave men, tedious tasks for faithful men.—Exhibit.

When God finds us, we forget ourselves, little things drop away into insignificance, and we rise in the greatness of serving mankind.—Mott.

Most any pretty girl will admit it.

Democracy is fierce—nobody to look up to or down on.

Cowardice is deplorable, but it has helped conscience a good deal from time to time.

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### SHOTS FROM BIG GUNS AT THE CONVENTION

It's an honor to be alive during the history of the past five and the coming five years.—Dean Brown.

Things worth dying for are worth living for.—Dr. Truett.

My profoundest impression of the Convention is this: before me I see a sea of faces; and behind each face is a life tingling with possibilities.—Jno. R. Mott.

More money was given to foreign missions last year than before, even tho war took so much.—Porter.

Get off the side lines of criticism where the slackers are, and get into the game.—Sherwood Eddy.

Most racial trouble is based on misunderstanding—we do not understand each other's point of view.—Bishop McConnell.

The war worker was a snap shot. The missionary is a time exposure.—Exhibit.

You are fortunate to have a chance to identify yourselves with a great cause.—Bishop McDowell.

Generous impulses should be expressed in action, not allowed to evaporate in discussion.—Mott.

The great task of every nation is the maintenance and development of the finer quality of its soul.—Dean Brown.

Democracy is—you are as good as I am,—not I am as good as you are.—Exhibit.

The obstacle which the missionary finds in the glaring contrast between the Word of God and the practice of the nation.—McConnell.

I am glad the Convention is held out here in the middle west. From its retreating horizons and unending distances which break upon us, it is easier somehow to get a view of the spaciousness of God's plan.—Mott.

Democracy is but a side issue,—Christianity is the bed rock of civilization.—Franklin.

What the world needs is willingness to give, service, and unspectacular self-sacrifice.—Vance.

God is better than our best thots of Him. Our highest and noblest thots of God are far less than the reality.—Speer.

Peace, like war, has its obscure tasks which are not always the least delicate or the least dangerous.—Exhibit.

Now, in this delicate time when the struggle is over, and we begin to notice the peculiarities of other nations, we must see their difficulties as they see them. We must leave our provincial view and become cosmopolitan.—McConnell.

If all the people of the world were to be seated in the Des Moines Coliseum, filling it once a day, it would take 391 years—from 1492 till 1883. The number of missionaries sent out from N. A. would seat the hall once and one-half times.—J. Campbell White.

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**VACATION IS PAST**  
(Continued from Page 1.)  
Long long ago, we discovered that  
this Xmas business was a terribly ex-  
pensive habit. When one goes to  
buying presents for the family and  
flowers or candy for half a dozen  
girls, located of course in widely se-  
parated towns, ones pocket book looks  
like it had been stepped on by an  
elephant. As a result the returning  
youth of our college were suffering  
from indigestion and deflated pock-  
et books. The reunions were warm.  
The talk around the quadrangle for  
a week was confined to food, past,  
present, and future. Classes took up  
on New Years day. A fact which  
did not please all.

**ORATORY, MORE ORATORY**  
But all the talk has not been confin-  
ed to the subject of food more nor has  
it all been said out on the quadrangle.  
We have been deluged lately with a  
flood of chapel oratory. The subjects  
have been varied in fact quite hetero-  
genious. We have had flowery ora-  
tory, oratory sad and serious, we  
have been shaken by wit, cut by  
irony, inspired to high and noble  
deeds, we have been taken up on the  
mountain tops and told what lofty  
aims were worthy, wherein lay a  
mans greatest opportunity. Then  
too, we have been saddened, filled  
with mistrust, plunged to the depths  
of despair, our sun blotted out and  
our sky overcast with gloom. For  
be it known to all men, there is a new  
system of grading in our beloved in-  
stitution. Three out of every hund-  
red must flunk. Only a few may re-  
ceive good grades. High grades are  
only for the elect of heaven. We the  
vast stable middle class must be con-  
tent with a grade slightly above pass-  
ing. Kismet! It is written. "God  
rest you merry gentlemen" it was a  
sad blow at the end of a Xmas va-  
cation. That, be it known unto you,  
is what we face with exams just a-  
head.

**SEMESTER FINALS COMING**  
And now we are facing that terror  
of all college students, the semester  
finals. No longer in our midst are  
happy voices heard calling to one  
another across the quadrangle. No  
more do you hear singing in the halls,  
save perhaps on a time a Miserere.  
With saddened faces and down cast  
heads the students go about their  
daily tasks. Gone are the days when  
they dreamed of ones. Now they  
struggle for a passing grade. It all  
calls to mind that old gag on the  
rooster. Yesterday I was an egg,  
today a rooster, tomorrow a pot pie.  
Aint that tough? Life's just one  
darned thing after another. We have  
closed our doors on our old time  
friends, have hid our faces in our  
books and are cramming to get a  
passing grade. Only once have faces  
appeared out of the covers of text

books. That was the time Tice shot  
us.  
**ANNUAL PICTURE TAKEN**  
Last Saturday the group pictures  
were taken for the much talked of  
annual. Now we know we are to  
have an annual with lots of pictures.  
Everyone in school had his face shot  
at least twice, some many times. It  
was a gay afternoon, that Saturday  
afternoon. Our old friend the Sun  
was kind enough to be with us the  
entire afternoon. Tice's camera was  
working overtime and all the kodaks  
in school were busy snapping, snap-  
ping, snapping. We should be able  
to see ourselves as others see us in  
the annual for we were often caught  
by our friends when not posing for  
our picture. It is rumored that the  
photographer is almost out of chemi-  
cals due to having many films to de-  
velop. And so for once we forgot  
our cramming for the dreaded finals.  
After the finals the Bible Institute  
will open. The Institute will be cov-  
ered by the very best reporters on  
The Spectator and will be written up  
from every angle. The loyal read-  
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sured that the very best write ups of  
the Institute will appear in early  
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very best talent in the country.

**LESSONS IN GREEK**  
It pays to study Greek. For in-  
stance: The class in first-year Greek  
read this sentence the other day:  
"To be married, if one would know  
the truth, is an evil but a necessary  
evil."  
Chester Holsopple nodded in sad  
assent but he took heart again when  
he heard the next sentence which  
read as follows:  
"Nevertheless, Time is the phys-  
ician of this necessary evil."

There are many false standards of  
value, but what do you think of  
judging the wealth of a man by the  
price of his automobile?  
To a chicken an areoplane is a  
hawk.

"Speech Improvement Week" is  
being celebrated by many schools,  
but what the country needs is Speech  
Diminution Week.

Red noses are now taboo and oth-  
er Reds also.  
Most of us are trying to go an  
hours in five minutes.

In Chicago the hearse drivers go  
on strike unless the corpse is plaste-  
red with a union label. Seems like  
that is running unionism into the  
ground. A union label is a good  
thing, but blessed if we want to carry  
it up to heaven with us.

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**Athletics**



The basketeers of the old college played their first game at Salina the other night. Salina winning by a close score of 19-16.

When we consider that this was the first league game that our boys had ever played together and that the fray took place on the opponents floor we are not badly disappointed.

Our defensive game was far superior to that of Salina. Where we were weak was in the goal-shooting end of the fracas. We failed to land fifty percent of the possible goals. As Pat put it "If we had hit ten percent of the goals that we tried for we would have swamped them."

However this is early in the season and we are betting on better results by the time that we have our next game.

Next Friday night we take on Cooper for a little joust on our home floor and we are going to wop them or break a leg trying. We stepped on Cooper last year and there is every reason to bet that we will do more than that this time. The game is to be played on our own gym floor and the old place is going to be chuck full of pep.

We got a straight tip from a member of the Jazz Band that they will be on hand with all the racket in the world tonight in the Gym. Before the game and between halves we are to have an injection of this old time pepper such as has not been seen here for some time. Everybody turn out and help in the celebration.

The basket ball squad has been trimmed down so that there are about a dozen men reporting now. Every night the fellows are going 'round and 'round under the able tutelage of Coach Pat.

Some of the most promising material simply quit the game cold. We would hate to think that some of the fellows were right when they called those who quit "yellow" but it does seem to show a lack of school spirit. We hope that there is some other explanation for their action. In spite of these losses the team is showing a snappy style of play that looks good to everybody.

What we need more than anything else right now is practice in goals. No matter how effective a defence we may have we must be able to slip in

the goals if we are to bring home the bacon.

We notice that there is posted in the hall of the men's dorm a long list of names under a petition for football next year. That's the stuff, we need something of the kind to keep going the spirit that was started this fall. Personally it looks to us as tho the powers that be might just as well come across gracefully because the students mean business and sooner or later football is coming to stay.

There is nothing to add to a student body in numbers and in pep like a winning football team.

The team went down to Moundridge Tuesday night and gave the town athletic club such a run for their money that it scared them. This team has played for years on the high school five and some of the men have been on college teams so that they are old hands at the game. Because they recently defeated the Windom Athletic Club we could not feel very optimistic as to the out come.

But the dope on the fray was wrong. At the end of the first half score was tied. The second half the Dutchmen put in a couple of new men and for a few minutes they had things their way. But the old bulldog spirit came back and fought to the finish.

The final score was 46-34 in favor of Moundridge.

Our men have improved much in the last few weeks in the line of speed. We are still weak in the goal shooting end of the game. At least ten comparatively easy shots were missed in the last half. The same is true of free throws. We will have to do a lot of practicing along this line.

As per usual Gussie was the big man for M. C. Go to it, old boy, we are sure for you.

McPherson—Rump, Crumpacker, Stover, forwards; Trapp and Rump, centers; Hoover, Yoder and Saylor, guards.

Chemistry Prof.—"How did your experience come out?"

Poor Student (pointing to broken test tube)—"Right out thru the hole in the bottom."—Vista.

A pessimist can't enjoy a mild winter for fear we are going to have a late spring.

You don't need to know a great deal to know enough not to buck another man's game.

Next to the coroner's jury, the official investigation probably finds out the least.

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