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BRUBAKER TAKES FIRST HONORS IN LOCAL CONTEST

Aspiring Anti-Tobacco Orators Compete

McPherson College staged her 4th annual Anti-Tobacco Oratorical Contest Saturday night, Jan. 29 with five Orators competing. The contestants were: Rodney Martin on "The Menace of the New Age," Robert Shirky, "The Price of an American Boy," Estella Engle, "The Crumbling Walls of Character," David Brubaker, "Call To Arms" and Irvin Ihrig, "Our Challenge."

David Brubaker succeeded in swaying the judges and the audience. He won 1st prize of \$15.00. Mr. Brubaker is an orator of possibility and will make some fellow hurry to win out in the state contest. Mr. Brubaker will represent McPherson College in the state contest at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, March 8.

The past two years McPherson College has taken first place in the state contest and we are banking strong on "Dave" to bring home another scalp.

Let us give our orators and debaters the same kind of pepified backing that we give the rest of the "BullDogs."

J. H. E.

Ohio To Have Dr. Kurtz

Beginning on Feb. 26, Dr. Kurtz will give ten consecutive lectures among the Ohio churches. These lectures were scheduled a year ago, and very soon, Ohio will hear from "Uncle Danny." Included in his schedule are the most prominent congregations of Ohio, and on March 7, North Manchester College will hear from "our" Kansan. On March 9, Dr. Kurtz will attend a board meeting at Elgin, Ill., and then—back home.

Our heartiest best wishes go with our President on this trip. With him we send our greetings to our eastern friends; and in his own experience, may it prove to be a recreative instructive and enjoyable journey.

It is not who you do but what you do that counts.

Prof. Deeter Returns From Elgin

Prof. Deeter is one of twelve regional directors for the Forward Movement of The Church of The Brethren. These directors held a conference at Elgin, Ill., for the purpose of outlining plans for 1921. Prof. Deeter reports that plans are all set and that every effort will be put forth for their realization. The movement is well organized; and under able leadership, prospects are bright for a real "forward movement."

Prof. Deeter's place, in the work makes us realize more than ever that McPherson men are in demand and are being used. We have no fears but that in Prof. Deeter's territory, the work will indeed go "forward."

BOOST THE DEBATERS

The College Debate Team is putting on the finishing touches for its bout with Cooper, Thursday evening of this week. The question before the debaters is, "Resolved, that the Principle of Open Shop should be made obligatory by Federal statute." Our affirmative team will meet Cooper on college chapel platform here at home, at 7:30 p. m. and the negative team will debate at Cooper at the same time. We cleaned up on Cooper in football, now let's back the wielders of argument and boost them on to the same success.

Those chosen for the affirmative team are: W. E. Bishop and Henry Stover, those on the negative: Herman Jones and Crawford Brubaker. Prof. Hess has been doing excellent work in getting the debaters ready for the contest. He has had extensive experience in this kind of work and deserves credit for his splendid coaching. He stated that the team was not in finished shape but had good chances for winning. There is not a slacker on the team but all are working their level best. Everybody be on hand Thursday evening and see our boys show Cooper a hot time in the old town.

Installation Service Performed

Sunday afternoon, January twenty third, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Miller of College Hill were installed as ministers of the gospel in the Brethren Church. The service was impressive. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have labored in the field for some time and they carry the best wishes of the church with them in the work.

VAN PELT OFFER- ED GOOD POSITION

Edward Van Pelt who is taking graduate work in the Agricultural Department of the College, has been offered the position as Head of the Agricultural Department of Bridgewater College at Bridgewater, Virginia. The management of the college farm is also in the contract. The salary is \$1700 for the first year with a guarantee of \$2400 the second. Mr. Van Pelt has done exceptional work in the Department here at McPherson and has been assistant to Prof. Mohler for several years. He has not, as yet, expressed his acceptance of the position, as he has been preparing for work in the Mission Field, but the offer speaks well of Mr. Van Pelt's ability.

Nininger Puts Out Scientific Article

Professor H. H. Nininger, of the department of Biology at McPherson College, is the author of a recent article in Psyche entitled "Notes on the Life-History of Anthophora Stanfordiana." The article is based upon conclusions arrived at during the summer of 1916, while the author was among the San Gabriel mountains in southern California. Professor Nininger has remembered a few of his friends with reprint copies of the article. He has at different times contributed articles to scientific magazines.

MISS TROSTLE RESIGNS

Miss Evelyn Trostle, since 1912 professor of English in McPherson College, has resigned her position. Her resignation was accepted at the late meeting of the Board of Trustees. For the last two years Miss Trostle has been on a leave of absence, during a part of which time she has been engaged in relief work in Armenia. She is spending the winter with relatives and friends in California. It is probable that she will soon reenter relief work in the Near East.

Games at Home

Southwestern University vs M. C. College Boys February 9; Cooper vs McPherson College (boys and girls), February 11; Moundridge H. S. vs Academy (boys and girls), February 14; Bethany vs McPherson College (boys and girls), February 19.

TRUSTEES SAY, "LET'S HAVE THE SCIENCE HALL SOON"

ANNUAL MEETING IMPORTANT FOR FUTURE OF M. C.

"Football, in my judgement, is here and is here to stay." So reported Dr. Kurtz in the annual session of the Board of Trustees of McPherson College assembled January 31st, 1921. He further stated that he noticed a decided change in the spirit of the institution upon his return from Japan which had not existed before. A unity and harmony in the student body is noticeable which has been lacking previous to this year. The inauguration of football, he believes, is directly responsible for this attitude, giving the student body a common interest which has a binding influence beginning as it did in the early part of the school term. The trustees voted unanimously to incorporate football as a permanent part of the athletic program of McPherson College.

Acting upon a recommendation by Dr. Kurtz, attempts are being made to secure the admission of the College to the North Central Association of Colleges. This will necessitate the immediate construction of the new Science Hall. Plans were laid accordingly. The trustees voted to secure the services of Mr. Webb of this city to give estimates of the cost of the erection of the outside structure and the completion of the first floor so that the chemistry department might be moved over by the beginning of next year's school term. He stated that this could be done if the construction was begun inside of two months. The time of the beginning of the building was left to the judgement of the local board, but plans are under way that work may be begun within sixty days.

The important question of finances was discussed. Acting upon a recommendation by Mr. Dr. Kurtz, chairman of the session, the trustees voted to adopt a budget system of finances for the institution for the coming year. A budget of \$110,000 for building and \$40,000 for increased endowment was drawn up. This was apportioned to each of the eleven church districts for collection. Prof. Mohler was appointed as a commit-

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Literary And Art

A MASTER

The dramatist who has had the most influence on modern playwriting is the Norwegian dramatist, Henrik Ibsen, the chief exponent of the modern drama of ideas. His life (1828-1906) was not altogether happy, for his youth was drear, and he had to overcome an unsocial temperament. His life as an author is divided in three parts; his youthful period in which his productions are unimportant, from 1850-1860; the period of transition in which he begins to turn toward social problems, from 1862-1873 and the mature period when his greatest plays were written, from 1877-1906.

Ibsen is an illuminator of life. Some writers present life as it is—comedy of manners; some, life as we'd like to have it—romantic drama; some, as it never could be—melodrama; and some as they see it—philosophically, like Ibsen. His plays are studies of human responsibility under modern social conditions, which conditions are often dangerously diseased. So he has become "the poet of protest, the unweaver of sophistries, the scourger of hypocrisies. He lays bare the cause of the evils, but leaves it to others to prescribe the remedy." His plays conclude, but do not end.

He was an artist in technique—he simplified and made smaller the stage, he emphasized inner life rather than outer action, and he rejected all characters that were vital to the actors and he began his plays at the climax. His scenes, dialogues, people, and situations are theroly realistic and natural. Moreover, he has combined in a distinctive way symbolism with his realism. His dramas are so realistic and natural that their power has been felt thruout the literary and the dramatic world. The dialogue, especially, of his plays has not been equalled in modern drama except by Shaw.

In his thinking he is a satirist, an individualist, and a subjectivist. His significance as a great artist and a stimulating thinker is brought out in the fact that he is the dramatist who has best adjusted the story to the idea which he is trying to prevent.

No student who is reading modern drama can afford to overlook Ibsen—for he produced almost single handed the modern drama. He is worth reading and studying carefully. Helped criticisms and interpretations of him may be found in Chandler, and Archer.

MESSIAH SOLOISTS

"The list of soloists for the "Messiah" at Lindsborg is now complete. Those to be heard in the oratorio March 20, 25 and 27, are Nelle Bryant, Lindsborg, soprano; Charlotte Peege of New York City, contralto; Charles Troxell of New York, tenor; and Joel Mossberg of Chicago, basso; Miss Bryant and Mr. Mossberg will sing the solo parts in Bach's Cantata, "Sleepers Awake," Friday evening, March 25.

Bjorling and Sons

The concert given by Bjorling and his three small sons—6, 7, and 9 years old at the opera house on Wednesday, February 2, was interesting. The three little fellows were comical in their ignorance of sophisticated stage manners, and were pleasing. Their musicianship was surprising, and their boyish soprano voices sweet in quality. Mr. Bjorling, himself was a tenor of no mean attainments, tho his control on the high notes was lax.

Japan as Seen by Mrs. Kurtz.

At 4:30 p. m. January 28 Mrs. Kurtz told a large audience of Japan as she saw it on her recent trip. She wore a beautiful Japanese Kimono which gave a very realistic and charming touch to the lecture.

She told of the trip across the Pacific, of traveling in jinrickashaws drawn by coolies and in Hudson touring cars driven by careful Japanese chauffeurs over perilous roads. Everyone enjoyed the picture of Japanese home life, with children playing and mothers carrying their babies across their backs and doing whatever bit of work they had to do. The houses have no furniture and they would seem to have but little to do, but the Japanese mother has many babies to care for and they have no conveniences to aid them in washing ironing and sewing as does the American so their task is an arduous one.

The audience could almost taste the banquet described, but the beauty of decoration and serving was by far more appealing than the food was appetizing. Mrs. Kurtz told in a delightfully humorous manner of the receptions attended. The appeal of the love and devotion and honor shown the S. S. party by the native Christians was most touching. The audience felt a strong realization of the need for Christian support to the foreign Christians.

Mrs. Kurtz is a charming, enthusiastic speaker whom we do not often hear speak. We hope we will have the privilege soon again.

Romance a la Armenian

Marriage in the Orient is generally a matter of agreement between the parents, and the boy and the girl have no voice in the matter. The wooing, if one dares to call it by such a term, is done by a go-between who makes all of the arrangements and sometimes the contracting parties do not even see each other until they are married. But such was not the prosaic fate of my orphan daughter, Armenuhi. As she conducted the small orphans to the hospital each morning for their eye treatment an Armenian soldier saw her and immediately fell in love. She is a beautiful girl with grey eyes, fair complexion, and long thick braids of light brown hair. Many men had asked for her but none had found favor until this young Lochinvar came from out of the West; for he had been in America for four years in his uncle's wholesale grocery store in New York City and for the past two years had been in the French army.

He spoke to Anna Hanum, a woman from his native city of Harpoot, to talk to Armenuhi. As Armenuhi was willing to marry this handsome soldier he came to mother Trostle for her consent. What a strange sensation to have a strapping youth of twenty one ask me for one of my daughters! As he spoke English we had a long talk which convinced me that he was in love with the girl and also that he was an exceptional young man. However, I made no promises until he presented me with a clean bill of health from our doctor. This he brought the next evening and together we went to the orphanage to give the ring to the blushing girl. An engagement is generally sealed by a priest but Krekor liked the American way better. No priest could have made the occasion more sacred. There in the dim twilight of my office we three stood while Krekor placed the ring on Armenuhi's finger. Then she in true oriental fashion kissed my hand and pressed it to her forehead. After which I joined their hands and pronounced my blessings upon them. Then we talked about the wedding which will be as soon as Krekor gets out of the army. He plans to take his bride to New York to live.

The future seems like a fairy dream to this seventeen year old orphan girl whose life has known few pleasures. I shared the halo of their happiness, and when Krekor brought me to my gate it seemed very natural to say "Good night, son." and Krekor replied, "Thank you, mother. You have made me very happy tonight." All the world loves a lover but it is even more refreshing to find happy lovers in that loveless-marriage country of Turkey.

—EVELYN TROSTLE

Poet's Corner

NOTE—This corner is to be a regular feature, and original contributions from students, faculty, and friends will be appreciated.—Editors.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

On yonder rim the morning breaks;
The sleeping birds and flowers
awake;
The night, like curtains of the stage,
Rolls up its films of dusky shade,
Then, all aflame—the sun,
The day's begun.

All full of hues—a harmonious mass,
The golden sun sink in the west.
The night, like curtains of the stage,
Rolls down its films of dusky shade,
And all that's done, is done.
The day is gone.

—P. R. B.

Morning And Evening.

Our Father in heaven we thank Thee
for the day that's begun;
With hearts full of praise we thank
Thee for the glorious sun;
For the murmuring brooks and the
mist in the valley—
For the moss on the rock and the
dew on the lily—
Our Father in heaven we thank
Thee.

Our Father in heaven we thank Thee
for the day that is gone;
With hearts overflowing we thank
Thee for the love Thou hast shown,
For the songs of the birds and the
fragrance of flowers—
For the blessings of life through the
day's sunny hours—
Our Father in heaven we thank
Thee.

P. R. B.

Domestic Science Exhibit

Oh, Mary Ann, did you see the sewing exhibit in the Domestic Science room last week. You didn't? There were four of the neatest dresses, all tailored and one tailored coat that looked just like professional's work, only the little individual touches made them a lot better. There were about a dozen linen and gingham school dresses, some trimmed in cretonne and others with organdy, braid and embroidery. Besides that there were the niftiest blouses you ever saw. You should have seen how carefully made the tucked, ruffled and lace trimmed petticoats were made. I should have been proud to have owned any of them. I wish you could have seen the exhibit too, for there were some splendid ideas for clothes.

Exchanges

How is this for a fraternity initiation? At the University of Ohio eight students perched themselves in the topmost branches of some trees on the campus, at seven-thirty in the evening, and began singing—each a different tune. After several hours of torture one who felt that Morpheus needed to reign in peace called the police department. Even this was not enough; threats of using the fire hose made the party give place to peace.

Pennsylvania University has a fire department of fifty members and a fire house for storing apparatus where the chief and some of his assistants are to remain on duty at all times.

Plans are being made for a regular co-operative journal publication of the six colleges, Smith, Vassar, Barnard, Wellesly, Holyoke and Radcliffe.

Live for nearly \$4 a week! That is just what Miss Winston of the English department of K. U. is announcing for the benefit of some students who otherwise would have to leave school the last semester. She has secured a house which has been practically donated and she thinks that through cooperation the girls can live within the sum of \$4 a week.

A demand has been made of the faculty of Cornell University by nine men of the Student Council and two senior honorary societies that women students be segregated and their enrollment be limited. The attitude between men and women has never been congenial and at a certain mass meeting a small group of men hissed when a picture of Sage College, a woman's dormitory, was shown. Also Cambridge in England has voted to not admit women nor give them degrees.

A foreign student was the first senior to pay alumni dues at K. U. He is loyal alright.

The Y. M. C. A. at Southwestern gave a vaudeville in order to raise money for the Estes Park loan fund. They cleared about \$100.

A state meeting of deans of women of colleges and advisors of girls of high schools was held Jan. 20-22 at Lawrence. Dean Fahnestock of M. C. was in attendance.

The Bethany Messenger announces the beginning of practice work for the Messiah Chorus. Messiah Festival week is March 20-27.

The Jordan Club has started "Jordan Day" in Stanford University as a permanent day of celebration. The nineteenth day of January is the birthday of Dr. David Starr Jordan who was the first president and is now Chancellor Emeritus of the University. The 'Grand old man' as he is lovingly called by the students, was seventy years old on his last birthday.

Short Sayings of Abraham Lincoln

"I'm nothing, but truth is everything."

"Let none falter who thinks he is right."

"Freedom is the last, best hope of the earth."

"Don't swap horses in crossing a stream."

"Let us have faith that right makes might."

"Nothing valuable can be lost by taking time."

"With malice toward none, with charity for all."

"Faith in God is indispensable to successful statesmanship."

"When you have written a wrathful letter—put it in the stove."

"Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm."

"For thirty years I have been a temperance man, and now I am too old to change."

"Gold is good in its place, but loving, brave, patriotic men are better than gold."

"You may fool all of the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time."

"If all that has been said in praise of woman were applied to the women of America, it would not do them justice for their conduct during this war. God bless the women of America."

—Contributed by Oliver H. Austin.

ALUMNI MAKE

RECOMMENDATIONS

Something over a week ago a committee of the Alumni Association of McPherson College made a survey of the college plant for the purpose of forming a memorial setting forth what they considered the immediate needs of the college. Most of the recommendations submitted partook of the nature of suggestions for the improvement of aesthetic conditions and the building up of the library and class room equipment. The late annual meeting of the College Board of Trustees approved the recommendations.

Rev Park Strole, from Kansas City, has been visiting with Ellis Keim and family the last few days.

Did You Know?

ALUMNI NEWS

There are several members on the Board of trustees who are graduates of McPherson.

Rev. W. H. Yoder—who received his A. B. in 1915 is at Morrill, Kans. G. E. Shirky from Madison, Kans., graduated from the commercial department in 1893.

J. J. Yoder who is now in India, traveling with Dr. Harnly and Bro. Williams, received his A. B. in 1913.

R. C. Strohm (where we get good things to eat) in whose store we often wait for the jitney, graduated from the normal course in 1903.

G. W. Burgin of Burr Oak, received his B. D. in 1920.

F. A. Vaniman, with whom we do our banking graduated from the academy in 1895.

Last our friend, R. E. Mohler, gentleman, normal 1907, was a trustee by proxy in the last trustee meeting.

FOR YOUR EL-E-VATOR MUSCLES

In Psychology:—

Prof. Blair—"Now Mark, I'll put the number seven on the board. What number immediately comes into your mind?"

Mark Neher—"Eleven."

Dr. Hoover—"Why were you tardy? Slifer—"Class began before I got here."

Mrs. Mohler—"What might you be trying to do?"

Prof. Mohler—"I'm trying to make this hen say her prayers."

Mrs. Mohler—"Well, I hope she'll say, 'Now I lay me.'"

Failure is education—the first step to something better.

Meditations of a young woman dressed a la mode on the coldest day of winter—B-r-r-r-r-r-r.

Golda Zook—"I don't need a husband, but I would like to have an Uncle Bim."

Bishop, "I don't know what to do with my week-end"

Tice, "Put a freshman cap on it."

Farmer Corntassel, "Yes sir. Those pertater bugs just sat right there and ate the pertater stalks off as they grew up."

Country store clerk, "That's nothing! This spring we found a potato bug looking over our books to see who had bought seed potatoes."

Laboratory Blues.

All hail, O royal purple friend of mine
Dibramacresosulphonephthalein!

Blue as the Sky art thou, color divine
Tetrabromphenosulphonephthalein!

Blue as my feelings after too much wine
Oh dibromthymolosulphonephthalein!

Our country's laws have undergone
A rummy revolution:
We're governed now, not by a "Con",
But by a can't-situation.

No Jokio

A little Jap, by some mishap,
Once wandered from Toykio.
He shot some crap, and then this chap
Went sadly home quiet brokio.

Miss Fortune Teller (to Prof. Mohler while at Wichita Stock Show)
"You are going to hear of something wonderful soon."

Professor Mohler, "Probably I will, my wife is at the Cosmos Club this afternoon."

Professor Blair, "Mr. Brammell, this book is divided into three parts. Name them."

Roy Brammell, "First, Second and Third."

Delicate Little Miss Soph, "Oh! dear! Oh! dear! such dinners they don't have anything I like."

Big Bad Boy, "Don't mind, little. Here is spagetta and mothballs."

Little words of wisdom,
Many words of bluff,
Make the preachers tell us,
"Bad Boys, that's enough."

Soft Hearted Singer

Bertha, "Why, does she close her eyes when she sings?"

Howard, "Because she can't bear to see us suffer."

THE COLLEGE SONG

"Out on broad Kansas plains" is beautiful sentiment but it is sadly lacking in pep. We need a good, live song to allow us to display our vocal ability at games, etc. The best plan seems to be to have a snappy pep-song for such occasions and a more conservative song for occasions of the sadder and wiser nature. What became of the songs that were picked out last year? Let's let the old song rest in peace and get one that we can learn. Ho! Ye song-writers, arise and shine!!

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FROM A GIRL'S POINT OF VIEW

No girl likes to be obsolete in the matter of dress, or in other words 'out of style.' It is human nature that woman should like to adorn herself in order to win admiration from the opposite sex, and to make herself appear more beautiful than other members of her species—in so far as possible.

We all believe there is such a thing as carrying style too far. To be neatly and modestly dressed is far more of an attribute than to be decked in fashions' up-to-the-minute latest-out. For all gentlemen are attracted by women who are simply attired and who have a sufficient amount of clothing on.

At the present time short skirts are in vogue and fashion directors say that for spring the "elite" must wear their skirts one inch shorter. But even though it is STYLE, is it becoming? All decent people will say NO. For no fad or style or fashion is becoming if it is not decent.

God is the creator of us all, for each of us He gave life. He also gave us rosy cheeks according to our need and intended that we should be contented and satisfied with our skin, be it pale or red. Any of us would be offended if we gave some one a gift and she camouflaged it beyond recognition. How do you suppose God feels about modern feminine camouflage? Surely we offend Him when we try to look like something we're not. Every girl looks better just the way she is supposed to look. We all admire pretty, red cheeks but only the natural ones.

Every girl loves pretty things and enjoys having little frilly things stuck here or there—that's feminine and is all right if not carried to excess. We don't have to be plain and odd, but just sensible.

This discourse has not been intend-

ed to be critical, but just the honest confession and beliefs of a girl, 'from a girl's point of view.'

M. B.

"I SAYS TO HIM—"

By Jove, we found another grouch since last time, we've spotted some of Friend Bore's relatives, probably his first cousin—we surmise. The male member of this species does not press his clothes oftener than bi-monthly, judging from the wrinkles. This poor goop's unruly hairs—dependent as the students from out here in the west—make up his harum—scarum coiffure. His shoes go unpolished, and his teeth go unwashed indefinitely. As for a stringent mouth wash to purify his breath—why he never thought of that! His unkempt nails are usually full to the brim; he never cleans or files them except in public, when he pulls out a huge whittler and proceeds to offend his neighbors. The use of a little girlish face-cream, powder and perfume to make himself more agreeable would be shocking to him.

The female of the species is identical in habit, with these accentuations. She fears the curling iron as cattle fear branding, and does not possess enuf pride to dress her hair becomingly. She hesitates to use face-powder, to heighten her beauty and to obscure blemishes. Her sparing use of face-lotion does not produce "a skin you love to touch." She does not appreciate the necessity for a generous use of perfume. She does not realize that it is woman's first duty to her associates to be clean, sweet, neat, and as pretty as possible.

This species is cuckoo-absolutely!
BITTER HEMLOCK

ON RALPH

Wednesday night Ralph Parlette gave his lecture "The Big Business of Life" at the opera house—Redpath Lyceum. He said he came to talk and not to entertain, but nevertheless he seemed to enjoy some parts of the lecture more than did the audience.

For the first five minutes, he stood absolutely rooted to the spot. (Editorial "we" timed him,) occasionally doubling up or otherwise making movements of one in intense pain. However when he did show some mobility it was to move about in a beautiful, almost perfect, Chaplinesque way—graceful and all that. His mimicry of a baby was painful excruciatingly so; his humor sometimes absurd; but some of these were very clever burlesque. Oh, well! using one of his terms, they were "symptoms of expression."

His habit of laughing at his own

jokes was tiresome and exceedingly bad stage manners.

However the ideas behind the lecture were certainly big ones, that of playing the game of life. Every one realizing that their was something in that lecture which they should take to heart. Truly we should live and enjoy every day and not endure it. Since we cannot see things in their right perspective when closely viewed, the more one thinks over the lecture, the more they are impressed with the magnitude of the theme and the intrinsic practical value. In spite of the dislikes, it certainly was a well-spent evening.

The Commentator.

YODER ENJOYS THE EAST

A recent letter of Professor J. Yoder written to President D. W. Kurtz contains much of interest to his many McPherson friends. On December 14, the party of which Professors Yoder and Harnly are members sailed from Hongkong for India. They stopped at Singapore a couple days and visited with their old M. C. friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Throne, who are connected with the Anglo-Chinese College in that city. Professor Throne is also acting treasurer of Methodist missions in Singapore. Professor Yoder states that the rubber raisers of the Malay Peninsula are discouraged because the bottom has fallen out of the rubber market. He hopes that the rubber men in America will early learn of this fact.

Professor Yoder gives a very pessimistic account of the reputation of the Japanese in the Orient. Japan's treatment of Korea, he says, is creating a feeling that will most certainly lead to war in the future. He finds the militaristic spirit of the ruling class in Japan to be of the same genius as that of Germany, but intensified by the fact of the utterly heathen character of the Jap. He says no one in the Orient has any confidence in the Japanese. However, he does not include the Japanese Christians with the militaristic party.

China looks to America as her friend. Professor Yoder fell in love with the Chinese, people. They are quite approachable and responsive to kind treatment.

Vacation Bible School Exhibit

Mrs. Winger had a very attractive display in Room 6 of articles to be made during Vacation Bible School. Every thing displayed was ingenious, easily made and certainly would develop any one interested in handwork.

Local Notes

Ruth Frantz spent last week-end at her home in Conway Springs.

Mrs. Lee McChesney of Milford, Kansas, returned to her home last Tuesday after spending several days with her sister, Ethel Whitmer.

Irma McKee and Nellie Landis from Conway Springs arrived last week to take up the eight weeks course offered by Prof. Winger.

Irma Witmore and Nora Beshore were guests of Maude Stump at dinner Tuesday. Miss Beshore is visiting in the Witmore home.

Daniels returned Wednesday from Atchinson, Kansas. She gave a piano recital while there.

Golda Zook was ill with the grip over the week-end.

Enthusiasm and pep still reigns supreme with J. Perry Prather. He was at the College demonstrating it last week. J. Perry is another man who makes his work "play."

Harry Gilbert was over with his team from Canton High Tuesday p. m.

Jessie Carter has returned to her home near Lyons, Kans. She will not be in school for several weeks because of the illness of her sister.

Mr. Vernon Case of Lindsborg substituted for Miss Daniels in her absence last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Blickenstaff have adopted a baby boy. The little one arrived Wednesday.

Miss Alma Anderson accompanied the girls B. B. team to Russell.

Rumor has it that Glen Neighbors, a former M. C. student now of K. U. will enroll here for second semester work. Mr. Neighbors is a well known B. B. star and will be welcomed by the squad.

Veda and Elva Shirk were fortunate girls in having their mother with them Sunday from Oklahoma.

McPherson College is producing a number of promising B. B. referees. Ethel Whitmer and Oliver Trapp went to Little River Friday night where Oliver refereed a game. Also Howard Engle refereed a game at Windom the first of last week.

Ida Bowman, Stella Bowman and Golda Ebbert spent the week-end at a sister of the Bowman girls near Monitor.

Iva Studebaker had dinner with Stella Engle Sunday and spent the afternoon in the Adelpian home.

Rea Fast and Gladys Brubaker were guests of Iva McKitrick and Rachael Stratton Sunday. The girls went through the new hospital during the afternoon.

Society Notes

IRVINGS ENTERTAIN ICONOCLASTS

Saturday evening the Iconoclasts met in the chapel with the Irvings. These two societies with their friends enjoyed a very pleasant evening together in literary work, which was planned and given for the enjoyment of the Iconoclasts by the Irvings. Two humorous readings lent mirth to the occasion. These were followed later in the evening by a touching incident taken from Margaret Hill McCarter's book, Cuddy's Baby. The reader brought out the light happy lines in beautiful contrast to the more beautiful pathetic parts. The delivery was very pleasing in every detail. The music for the occasion was furnished by Adelyn Anderson, Rockla John, Alice Burkholder and Harry Bowers. These people always please their audiences, and their evening's part in the program was no exception. Mr. Bower's last number was one of his own composition. It is a very great privilege to hear a musician's interpretation of his own numbers. He alone can give to them their own true value. A little scene between an amature novelist and her uncle closed the program.

Later in the evening the officers for the coming semester were duly installed. The first semester's work under Miss Stratton and her sub-officers has been work of a satisfactory type to all concerned, and we are looking forward to a very successful term of office for Miss Edith Muse and her assistants.

A. L. G.

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Contests always end well for one side. The contest which the Intermediate League had was no different in its outcome than most are. Last Wednesday evening the League met at the Studebaker home and the losing side entertained the winners. The evening was spent in playing all sort of games and then at a rather late hour very dainty refreshments were served.

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Another Party

Miss Olivia Dickens and Bertha Ikenberry invited some friends in for a jolly time last Monday evening. Every one came early in order that they might be in on the eats which were served at precisely six o'clock.

No need to go home for a feed when you can have one just off the campus, so say the guests.

Hosts of waffles were consumed. Oh! that real country butter and jam and preserves, and, but you could have enjoyed it only by being there.

When the tables were cleared Stubby suggested rook, but was overruled by the majority, for a time. At nine thirty every one left for their various homes after asking for another chance to return at meal time. D. B.

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A certain group of young people was unusually fortunate last Monday evening when they were delightfully entertained by Miss Ethel Hill and Mr. Fahrney Slifer at the Horner home. Such games as rook and rolling hearts seem to have wonderful power of making people laugh, talk, and be altogether congenial. They had full sway and certainly worked splendidly. When young folks get together and heartily sing those old familiar songs that have lived for ages (and the ones that have not lived so long) like they did, you can depend on it, they are enjoying themselves. Dainty refreshments completed a delightful evening. The following young people are convinced that they can have a mighty good time together if they are given such chances as this: Rhea Fast, Ida Johnson, Rockla John, Ruth Kilmer, Mary Miller, Ruth Miller, Ira Brammel, Elmer Rupp, Jacob Voth, Galer Tice, Louis Bowman, Carl Dell, Victor Vaniman.

DR. HARNLY WILL HAVE BIRTH-DAY IN INDIA

Dr. H. J. Harnly, who is making a tour of the world, with Prof. Yoder and others, will be at Bulsar, India to spend his birth-day with the Missionaries at that place. The people of the Hill and city will surprise him with a post card shower. The cards will have to be sent immediately. His adress will be "In care of Brethren Mission,, Bulsar, India.

The Wiley Students had a reunion at the Quelhorst home, where Miss Dora Moyer and Daisy Carley stay. Sunday afternoon. Twelve students were there and report a fine time. Candy was served late in the evening.

Miss Alice Burkholder gave a little party to a few of the College Students at her home, Saturday night.

The Choral Union has organized and has begun to practice on the Oratorio, "The Holy City" which will be given in the spring.

The Bible Study Committee of the Y. W. C. A. gave a party and taffy pull to its members at the Naylor home Saturday evening.

Rev. Earl Frantz and family forded to Nickerson Saturday night to fill the pulpit of Rev. Kinzie over the week-end.

Miss Emma Towsley returned Sunday evening from Michigan, where she has been at the bedside of her brother for some weeks. All of the college students and teachers heartily welcome her return.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoffman visited their parents on the Hill over the week-end.

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CHAPEL

A Wonderful Message

Pres. Kurtz in his chapel message Tuesday, gave a splendid exposition of the life of Jonah as revealed in the 4th chapter of Jonah.

In this story we have portrayed, the character of a man, who, being influenced and tamed to things of minor importance and significance, had failed to grasp the larger meaning of life; of his relationship to other people; of the University of God; and the possible sonship of all men.

The gourd, a very common plant of the Plant kingdom, brought joy satisfaction and content to Jonah's life. He sat in eager suspense waiting to see the wrath of God visited upon the city of Nineveh—forgetting the mercy and long-suffering of God for humanity.

The Dr. then made the lesson applicable to student life.

What shall we choose in life? Will our choices have temporary or

permanent value? Is it not true that we often choose ideals not the highest, those that do not contribute toward increased social efficiency? What motive shall govern the choice of our attitudes, our desires, and our activities?

Jonah chose the trivial and small things, those of only temporary value. How will we students invest our lives?

The keynote of the message of Pres. Kurtz was for young people to choose only things of lasting value; establish habits that broaden the life into a sympathetic one, and enriches all with whom it comes in contact.

TRUSTEES SAY, "LET'S HAVE THE SCIENCE HALL SOON."

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tee from the executive board to be responsible to carry out this policy.

Professor W. O. Beckner, field secretary, reported an encouraging outlook in regard to students and fiances. Professor Beckner was retained as field secretary. The trustees, realizing the magnitude of his work, voted to employ a second field secretary to work in cooperation with him.

All the trustees were present at the meeting except the representatives from Idaho and middle Missouri. Professor J. J. Yoder was reelected president, F. A. Vaniman, vice president, Dr. H. J. Harnly, secretary and Professor J. H. Fries, acting secretary.

M. C. expects to do great things in the future.

The "Reds" Go to Russel

"Woman's" place is in the home, some folks say, but the "Reds" disagreed and journeyed westward to the little city of Russel to lose a basket ball game by the sad score of 14 to 33. This is the first time McPherson girls have been allowed to escape that far, and if they always receive such splendid treatment and meet with such really fine sportsmanship as Russell displayed there is no reason why they should not go again and yet again. The game was fairly fast and Russell played clean ball, but they were superior to M. C. in size, and had the advantage of not being tired out from a days travel.

The girls had too many experiences to relate here, but we must say that missing connections, time after time, and trying to ride from Salina to McPherson in a leaky tin can on wheels were nothing to them when they at length reached home, with no one killed or even wounded.

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GROUND GRIPPERS

(Note: This is the second of Miss Trostle's series of articles.—Editor.)
(Continued from last week)

With Custom and Man against her, with no acquaintance with the great world of Books, Art, and Music, with little opportunity for religious expression—is there any wonder that the women are Ground-Grippers, that their world is hemmed in by the walls of their home which often consist of one room. Here the family, and it is always a large one, live, move, and have their being. Children are born, married, and die all in this one room. There is no privacy about anything. Fortunately I do not understand their language but they say that the conversation of the women of this land is worse than the most realistic novel ever dared to be—and we all know some realists dare a great deal. Talking and smoking are women's only amusement, their only form of recreation. What a curious mixture of the old and the new to see in the women's compartment of the street cars in Constantinople Turkish women with veils take out their silver tobacco cases, roll a cigarette, and smoke it as deftly as any man. Smoking helps them to pass the many empty hours. While in Constantinople I lived at Bebek on the Bosphorus next to the spacious gardens and palace of an Egyptian Prince. The women of the harem used to sit by the hours under the trees and smoke. They lived in the realm of Nothing-to-do and Nothing-to-think, so they filled up the blank with smoke.

Women's favorite position is sitting. They are the sittingest people I have ever seen. Even the children do not run and play like our children but sit by the hours in the sun. A very common sight is to see children sitting by the walls, along the streets picking lice from each other's heads, like so many monkeys. With no games and no toys, these children grow up without any real childhood. By the time they are twelve or fourteen they are well trained in the art of sitting. All of their work is done while sitting on the floor. It must be remembered that there are no chairs; they sit flat on the floor to wash clothes, to cook over a mongal or open fire place, to grind, to sew, to eat, but not to scrub. They mop with their feet, forming a verly large human mop-stick. It is an art that must require considerable practice. With their bare feet they stand on the wet mop rag and then by a series of twistings and turns they wiggle across the floor leaving a wet, clean spot behind them. It is the most violent exercise they get. Their clothes are adapted to their national posture. Yards and yards are requir-

ed for skirts and underwear. Their favorite work costume is a pair of baggy trousers.

When will the women of the East lift up their eyes, remove their veils and their forced timidity, and enjoy the freedom, the equality, the happiness of their western sister? They have been enslaved in body, mind, and soul for centuries. It is time for them to realize that God created both man and woman in His image. But the process of evolution is very slow. The first Eve enjoyed more freedom than the twentieth century woman of the East. It is written that Eve walked through the garden with Adam. No woman in the East ever appears with a man until she is married to him. Friendship between boys and girls is unknown. Men desire women for only one purpose; therefore if a girl is seen walking with a man, her good name is forever lost. If a girl should lift her face and look at a man when passing him on the street, she is called open and bold. Even in a town where there is an American seminary for boys and a college for girls it is against the rules and severely criticized by Dames Custom and Rumor for a boy and a girl to speak when they pass on the street and to be seen talking together is unheard of.

Not only is a girl deprived of the joys of friendship but she misses all of the sweet thrills and pleasures of young romance. Courtship and wooing are eliminated by the relatives making all of the arrangements for the marriage of their sons and daughters.

Who will throw open the gates of new life to these ground-grippers, to these women who are barred from most of the things which bring joy and happiness to us—books, art, music, social religion, friendship, romance, and love? A sincere thankfulness and a deep sense of pity are mingled together, while my soul cries out,

"Who has given to me the sweet,
And given my sisters dust to eat
And when will their wage come in?"
Women of America, thank God that you are Americans, for we can sing with David,—

"Oh the wild joys of living—
How good is our life, the mere living
How fit to employ
All the heart and the soul and the senses
Forever in joy."

EVELYN TROSTLE.

Pat had just fallen to the side walk from a ten story building, and a lady approached him saying, "Oh! My poor man, did your fall hurt you?"
Pat rubbing his head, "No, but my stopping so quick durned near ruined the sidewalk."

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Canton High Outclassed by McPherson Players.

The Canton Highs found the McPherson Academy players in another class in the double header at the college Tuesday evening. The boys game was fair but slow. The College Girls out-classed High Girls as the score shows. McPherson teams received score of both games. Score, girls 4 to 40.

McPherson City High School teams played a double header game at the college gymnasium Thursday evening. The Junior High lost to the Lindsborg grades, and the Senior High to Abilene High both by close margins.

"Get Together" Must Be The Slogan.

Practice is the pass time for the Bull Dogs this week. The open dates have been filled with good, as well as much needed practice. A more definite organization is working and it looks as if some real basket ball will result. Indeed the practice hour has been abused by some members of the squad. Some few seem to think that because they are not on the first team they can slip out without any affect to athletic honors. This is a mistake and a poor excuse. Every member of the squad is an honored student. He owes his best efforts to the college. Many a second team man becomes a leader by grit and loyalty. If you do not want to play ball quit the job like a regular guy and let a fellow on who will anyway try.

"The survival of the fittest" is the law of athletics. Here is hoping for its application to the Nth degree.

Organization is needed in the team so is more of the old sharkism. Everybody is trying. Any five of the Bull Dogs can play ball, if they get together. "Get-Together, Pull-Together and STICK-TOGETHER. is the slogan. Look for results, Old Fans.

McPherson Cads Make Good Showing

The Academy basket stars have stirred up a bit this week and made good. Tuesday, January 25 they made Lindsborg High earn their one extra point in a score of 19 to 21. Wednesday evening they were at Moundridge and returned with the high score of 14 to 21. The Cads are there

with goods! Watch them! "Bully Cads."

Education.

By science constant appeal is made to individual reason. Its truths are not accepted upon authority alone; but all are at liberty to test them; nay, in many cases, the pupil is required to think out his own conclusions. Every step in a scientific conclusion is submitted to his judgment. He is not asked to admit it without seeing it to be true. And the trust in his own powers thus produced is further increased by the constancy with which nature justifies his conclusions when they are correctly drawn. From all which there flows that independence which is a most valuable element in character.—Herbert Spencer.

Primitive Pins.

The earliest kind of pins, or of spikes serving the same purpose as pins, were probably thorns or the small bones of fish and other animals. Among the remains found on the sites of prehistoric lake-dwellings of Europe there are a number of bone pins, some of rude and others of an elegant form. The great majority of the pins in these "finds" are, however, of bronze; but a few of copper and one of iron have also been discovered.

Igloo Has Advantage.

An igloo is perhaps the best example of a house that conforms to the surroundings to be found the wide world over. They say the igloo is rather cramped for room, but on the other hand the high cost of living can have little effect on the price of "building materials" within the arctic circle. And to the explorer the glimpse of an ice hut through a gathering storm must seem more inspiring than a hundred boulevards to a city dweller.

Beliefs Connected With Arch.

The arch, one of the most beautiful of architectural achievements, was often associated with superstition. In India, in China, in New Zealand, to crawl under a briar grown down in the shape of an arch is considered a sure cure for rheumatism, boils, whooping cough, or whatever ails you. A sick child is passed under such an arch, in Borneo, and in New Guinea, passing under an arch is an initiation process observed with much ceremony.

Weather and Diamonds.

Diamond dealers don't like to pass an opinion on gems when the day is damp. It is a fact that weather has a great effect on precious stones. Murky weather will spoil the appearance of a diamond, but a really nasty, foggy day will make even the purest stone seem imperfect.

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