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## Citizenship and the Liquor Traffic

The following oration was written by Bruce Miller and won third prize in the last Prohibition Oratorical Contest here.

Virtue is the first essential element of civilization. If a nation would live, there must be a continual war against all those evils that hinder the development of the eternal principle of moral justice. Does the liquor traffic come under the category of those evils which prevent justice and violate the moral law? If so, it is striking at the very heart of our peace and prosperity. And it becomes the duty of every loyal American citizen to lend his assistance that it may be eradicated.

There is no permanent greatness to a nation except it be based on morality. I care not for military greatness or military renown. I care little for great public improvements. I care for the condition of the people which make up our commonwealth. Palaces and beautiful mansions are not what constitute a nation. The nation lives in the humble cottage; and if we have the true art of government, here is where the excellence of our statesmanship will be impressed. The moral law was not written alone for the individual, but it was written as well for nations. And if a nation does not accept and live by this moral law, there is a penalty that is sure to follow. It may not come at once, it may not come in our lifetime, but rely upon it, the Italian is not a poet only but a prophet when he says, "The sword of heaven is not in haste to smite, nor doth it linger" We have landmarks, we have beacons. But more than these, we have had experience. If we want to be permanently a great nation, if we want our people to be happy, we must follow this unchangeable and eternal principle of moral law.

What is the liquor evil? I hardly need to ask this question. We daily see the terrible results of this curse. It is the father of crime and the mother of lies. It crowds the poorhouses and our jails with its victims. It creates in man an appetite like a raging storm, that penetrates every fibre of his being. It diseases the body, crazes the brain, and sends its fiery flood of

conflagration through all the tissues. It emboldens the robber and inspires the murderer. It brings dishonor to the statesman. It is an enemy to patriotism. It destroys the will and wrecks character. It curses religion and the family altar. It carries thousands of young men and women across the boundaries of virtue and lands them in the territory of vice. Do you see that great army of little children marching through the cities? See their hunger pinched faces and scars made by brutal fathers. They are carrying a banner and upon it is inscribed, "Tremble civilization; tremble church and state; we shall grow up. It tampers with the ballot, that privilege that every citizen should hold sacred. If you would know the cost of this sacred trust, follow Washington during those seven years march. We can easily find the way, for the pathway is marked with prayers, bloody footprints, and mounds of earth. That privilege is the life-blood of our fathers and the tears of our mothers, which they with pride have entrusted to us to hand down to our coming posterity. Yet there exists among us an institution which usurps this privilege for its own selfish desire. It even works its game in the cities of our own prohibition state. But the saddest fact of all is, that it enters the home. The most sacred of God's institutions. That institution which is the foundation of the school, the state and the church. And there all the sacred relations of wife, mother, father, and child are trampled beneath its brutal feet.

Let us consider for a moment the class of citizens who are promoting this soul destroying traffic. Listen to the words of one of the speakers at a meeting of the Ohio State Liquor League. "It will appear from these facts, gentlemen, that the success of our business is dependent upon the creation of appetite for drink. Men who drink liquor will die, and if there is no new appetite created our counters will be as empty as our coffers. The open field for the creation of this appetite is among the boys. After men grow up and their habits are formed they rarely ever change in this regard. It will be useful, therefore, that missionary work be done among the boys, and I make the suggestion, gentlemen, that nickels expended in treats to the boys now will return in dollars to your tills after the habits have been formed. Above all things create appetite." We arose and exclaimed, "Down with the tyrants of England", when they tried to rob us of our liberty. But a whole army of more cruel tyrants are among us. They out-

number our clergyman. They outnumber our teaching profession. They have planted their strongholds of sin throughout the land. Every year they destroy both body and soul of one hundred thousand of our citizens. Then with their blood-stained hands they reach forth and lay hold of the defenseless youth of our lands, and what is their purpose? Simply, that they might satisfy their own selfish greed. They have no heart; they have no patriotism. Their only cry is gold, gold, if it does represent the life of their fellow man. Yet we respect them. They sit supreme in American politics. They govern caucus and convention. They say to our brightest young men, if you would enter politics, you must do so through the door of the saloon. They even pollute our church pews with their unholy bodies.

These facts prove beyond a doubt that the liquor curse is a violation of this eternal principle of moral justice. Can such a traffic exist in the United States without ignoring her fundamental principle of government? I say no. This evil has grown until it is gnawing at the very vitals of our liberty. It is a violation of the spirit that prompted the drafter of the Declaration of Independence. It turns it's back upon Abraham Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation. Liquor and liberty cannot live in the same house—one or the other must go. Which is our glorious republic going to choose, liquor and die or liberty, and live?

Shall liberty die in America? No my friends. Already the American people are waking up to a sense of their duty. They are coming to recognize the enemy of liberty in his modern dress, and are again taking up arms in defense of their country. Gideons three hundred have gone before. They have broken their pitchers and brought confusion to the camp of the enemy. But the conflict has just begun. There is a call for volunteers, not soldiers to carry the musket, but men with clear brains, men who love home and freedom, men who value principle above honor.

Shall we answer this call? It is not the call of the philanthropist, but the call of modern citizenship. The citizen of today is not called upon to perform the same duties as was the citizen of yesterday. The same spirit that called Washington to arms against the foreign enemy, calls us to arms against this abominable curse of society, the liquor traffic. You say that

it is an unpopular cause but can you deny that it is a worthy cause. Martin Luther championed an unpopular cause. Yes!

blessed master championed an unpopular cause. The question I wish to leave with you is—when the voices of our forefathers are calling from their dens of sin over which king alcohol holds brutal sway and are crying out in anguish, "Save us, we perish," while the same cry rebounds from the stars and stripes of Old Glory, and the words of our Master, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me", ringing in our ears, what shall we do?



## The New Educational Board

The several papers offered to the National Conference of the Church of the Brethren on various school problems, some of them of two or three years standing, finally terminated in the late conference held at Des Moines, Iowa, appointing a Board of Education consisting of seven men.

These men are to be in good standing with the church, a majority of whom are to be Bishops, and all are to be broad minded and favorable to Christian Education. Three of the committee are to be active college men, the other four are not to be connected with any college during their term of service. They are elected for five years except the first committee which members serve from two to five years.

The Committee is to visit each school one or more times during the school year. They shall act on all questions as to teachers, text books, Courses of Study, Athletics, Church, Government, Morals and religion, arising in connection with the several schools. The Committee has authority to make its decisions operative, and all appeals from its decisions shall be made to the Standing Committee of the National Conference. The following were elected on the first and present committee: A. C. Wieand, President of Bethany Bible School Chicago, for five years; Edward Frantz, President of McPherson College, McPherson Kans., three years; W. B. Yount, President of Bridgewater College, Virginia, four years; S. G. Lehmer, Los Angeles, Cal., five years; J. C. Bright of Dayton, Ohio, four years; L. T. Holsinger of Pyrmont, Ind., three years and H. C. Early of Peun Laird, Virginia, two years. All these are

J. J. Yoder.



Bishops in the church. They are men of large experience and will no doubt help to advance both school and church interests, which really in a large sense are mutual and should be more generally unified in sentiment and purpose.



## Model School

Our Model School has reopened with an increasing attendance.

The kindergarten work promises much as the interest is already shown by the number of little ones wending their way to school at 2 o'clock each day, their faces are beaming, waiting for the Story Hour followed by the Occupations.

The Practice Teachers are showing unusual interest in their work and are prompt in finding their hour for work.

A number of new pupils are with us and we are going to make their work pleasant as well as instructive. We intend to give individual attention to each pupil.

The Sunflower is our Nature lesson this week. The little folks are busy gathering leaves for mounting.



## Sonnet---Lowly Service

I pass this way but once. My lowly lot,  
Alas, will not permit great deeds of fame  
To shed forth dazzling luster from my name,  
Which shall at length with earthy things forgot  
Sink into nothingness. I count this not  
Calamity. Who can but do small things  
Unheralded by men has given wings  
To fervent worship, pure, without a blot.  
I'll do this much while in me there is life:  
Today I'll speak a word with throbbing heart  
To cheer another soul beset with strife;  
I'll give a smile, glad sunshine to impart,  
O Heaven grant me strength for this today  
Even me, I pray, who pass but once this way.

E. L. Craik.

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## Editorials

We say Good Bye, but do not part,  
We pass into death but do not die.

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Some people are great pushers but poor leaders.

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We should not forget, in attending to the now; there is a  
yesterday and a tomorrow.

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If you sound the bugle call of truth the world will rally to  
the standard. Just be patient.

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There is nothing wrong with a hog, except he's never been  
tuned with the infinite.

Responsibility and authority are sacred trusts never to be wasted or squandered.



Our thoughts precede our acts. If you cannot think right seek society that will teach you how.



There are many ways that may lead you to your goal, but remember you can pursue only one. Choose it before you start.



Attending the "preached word" has very often become a habit, performed once or twice a week. How convenient habits are! During it all we can meditate how "to raise more corn to feed more hogs to buy more land to raise more corn" etc. All without the loss of time!



The October edition marks the first number of the Rays of Light in the year '08 and '09. The publication will continue each month and end with the June issue which will give plenty time to get the commencement news in. The editorial staff is not quite complete as some old vacancies are not yet filled. The staff will be more complete the following issues and we hope our readers will be repaid fully by the service we offer.



We are glad to see different boards of education win in their attempt to control their student organization. The fight in Chicago as elsewhere is of national importance. If our homes and schools do not teach respect for law, we cannot hope to maintain a sturdy reliable, virtuous republic. Respect must not only be taught but obeisance must be secured in order to fix it as a lasting principle in the growing individual. The rise and fall of the Roman Republic is full of meaning to the citizens of our beloved republic.



The Y. M. C. A. is worthy of the support of every student in this college. It comes in closer touch with the daily life of its members and in that way reaches men in a way other organizations cannot. It is a reliable guide for men, especially in our cities. It furnishes wholesome places for its members and patrons. The Y. M. C. A. furnished good clean beds for its patrons at

the Jamestown Exposition for twenty-five cents while other places charged from fifty cents to one dollar for accommodations no better. Free baths and well equipped gymnasiums are at the disposal of its members. There are no vulgar and depressing moral conditions about its influence. It inspires men spiritually with its workers. Its influence is nowhere harmful or questionable to those who have studied it thoroughly. The Y. M. C. A. invites your careful study and is not afraid to show you every detail of its work. Investigate it and you will support it.



Every young man is proud of the opportunity to cast his first vote. He needs encouragement and guidance to cast it intelligently. We have a great Republic. While it is true that we do not vote directly upon the passage of legislation, its execution, or its interpretation, we should nevertheless keep a close watch upon the representative we have intrusted. It will strengthen him. This is not so difficult in the county and sometimes in the state officers. It would be ideal if every voter could obtain and study a reliable biography of every candidate for office.

No citizen has the ability to cast an intelligent vote unless he has studied carefully the records and platforms of the political parties. The fear of criticism on the part of politicians from the abler critics is some guarantee that they will do well but this does not make the ordinary voter secure. We boast of the traditional sovereignty of every American voter. If the voter is the sovereign he must be competent to pass judgment upon the various issues to insure soundness and stability. He must be an ardent student of the history and policies of the different political parties. He ought to know the principles of the man who represents his party.

# Current News

The increase in the population of Manitoba, Canada has been marvelous. In 1870 it was only 17,000; today it is 400,000.



A recent law in England requires that all patents issued to foreigners will become void if not used in that country within a stated time.



Civil War veterans to the number of eight or twelve thousand marched through the streets of Toledo, Ohio during the recent national encampment.



The first of the rioters of the Springfield race war, Roy Young by name, has entered a plea of guilty, and being but fifteen years of age, was sentenced to the reformatory.



And now there is to be yet another trust! German manufacturers of wall-paper have organized for that purpose. Trust-busters will please take notice. Ach, mein Vaterland!



The women of Oklahoma are becoming active in their opposition to the so-called dispensary regulations which have been in operation since the adoption of the constitution last year.



In New York City a matrimonial epidemic is depopulating the schools. To add to the horrors of the situation they are continuing the conjugation of the verb "To love" in the same old way.



In view of the fact the vote of New York state is needed to assure the election of the Republican National candidate it is deemed expedient to place Gov. Hughes at the head of the state ticket again. As a private citizen and voter of that state Pres. Roosevelt has indicated such as his personal wish.



One of the most momentous revolutions of modern history has been recently accomplished in Turkey, which for years has been one of the few absolute monarchies in existence. As a

result of the agitation of the young Turks, a constitutional government has been inaugurated and the Sultan has pledged his support to the new regime. The amelioration of the condition of women is one of the important provisions of the constitution.

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The papers are commenting generally on the plank in the Democratic platform favoring the bank deposit law. At the present time there is but one state in the union where such a law is statutory; that is Oklahoma, where owing to a ruling of Attorney General Bonaparte forbidding national banks to comply with the state law, four banks of that rank have surrendered their charters and have applied for incorporation as state banks. The success of the law is attested by the fact that the volume of business done by the banks has increased perceptibly, and it is noteworthy that the increase has uniformly been to the swelling of the deposits in state banks. Time will prove as to the merits of the plan. The two leading political parties agree that the depositor should be secured, but differ as to remedial measures, the Republican Nominee leaning more toward encouraging bankers themselves to take the initiative, the Democratic Nominee believing the government should fix requirements.



## Y. W. C. A. Notes

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to the girls who have returned to us and also to the new ones.

The first enjoyable feature of our work this year was the social which was given at the home of Mrs. S. B. Fahnestock on last Friday evening. This was just one of the many things which we shall enjoy in our association work during the school year.

The first regular meeting of the association was Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Fahnestock gave a very enjoyable address on the aim, needs and possibilities of the Y. W. C. A.

It is hoped that those who have been members of the association before will join with us again and not be satisfied until all of the girls are members of the association.

We expect to make this one of the most enjoyable years we have ever known in our Y. W. C. A. work.



**The Mission Study Class of last year.**

# Y. M. C. A.

The association met Sept. 19th. to elect men to fill vacancies in the cabinet. Prof. Ebel was elected as Pres., Ernest Vaniman as Vice Pres., and Homer Lichtenwaller as Treas. The spirit of work manifested by members of some of the committees, show that there will be something doing again, in the way of honest christian work.

Prof. S. C. Miller addressed the men Sunday afternoon on Association Work. He very ably showed that Y. M. C. A. has a great place in Christian work. He showed that it is a big feeder to the church and does not rob churches of members, but reaches men and boys who are not reached by organized churches, and every association encourages church membership

The College Department of the work lays much stress on Bible and Mission Study, Social and Athletical sides of school work. The truly educated christian man develops Spirit, Mind and Body. Nothing broadens a man or woman more than the study of the great missionary enterprise.

It has been the heroic missionaries that have laid the foundations of civilization in new fields. Their efforts cover so large a field of work that the preparation must necessarily be very complete and broad.

Last year there were 145 students enrolled in weekly classes, to study the missionary enterprises. The cut shows part of them. F. H. Crumpacker and wife, who may be found in the picture are on their way to China. May God bless them in their language, study and work.

The course in mission study offers a broad course of reading and investigation so that the student can see all sides of the work and know his relation to the great movement of bringing the children of men into a personal relation with their Savior. Ignorance is bliss to some people, but to most people a broad view of all peoples, their needs, their religion, their mode of living and how the principles of our Master can better their lives, is both helpful and enjoyable. It makes us love the human family in a different way and also know God better.



## Irving Notes

Did we hear someone say "What's the matter with the Iryngs? The Irvings are alright! They are yet alive! They are doing things! Our motto is "I am tempos agi res." We mean to stand by that motto.

At a recent business meeting W. O. Beckner was chosen president and Lu's Hilderbrand was elected secretary.

Roscoe Ingalls performed the duties of operator for the C. R. I. and P. in this city during his summer vacation. His ever cheerful "Rocky Island" must certainly have been appreciated by the inquiring public.

What would we do without dentistry in these days when so many dentals need to be repaired? Mr. Dettner, Mr. Trostle, and Mr. Rothrock gave their services partly to this calling, the two former, relieving the pains and ills of our beasts of burden, the latter, straightening, extracting and filling the dentals of a threshing machine.

Mr. H. C. Crumpacker found it necessary to visit Smith Co. Kans. before assuming his duties at Mt. Morris. Wonder why?

We are glad to have Mr. Russel in our midst again. He has been working on the farm.

Not everybody expected that Prof. Ebel would "Caesar" (sieze her) so soon as he did, when he was telling us how a student conjugated amo, first in the future tense, then in the present, and how he then took evening walks to the railroad in company with someone upon whom he might practice some of his newly learned Latin, and how he finally, having finished the first year of Latin, took "Caesar" [sieze her.] He must have talked from introspection.

Did you notice the big smile Conrad Raap is wearing this year? He is the possessor of a good sheller [Goodsbeller].

We expect to have Prof. Miller with us in our regular meetings this year. He will not need to write quite as many letters as before.

Mr. Toevs has been doing some soliciting for the College this summer. We suppose it was this business which necessitated his visiting around Conway.

# Eureka Society

Welcome! Eureka, welcome. We hope that you have come with the determination of making this your most successful school year. You students who have before attended M. C. be loyal and true. To you of the new students we bid a hearty welcome, join our band and become a helpful and happy member of our Society. Contribute the very highest you possess, lend us your most helpful qualities and make ours the true Eureka. We already notice vacant places in the ranks and although we shall greatly miss the absent ones we hope and expect to find those who will be our staunch friends and co-workers.

The Eurekaans expect to give a social sometime in the near future.

Let us ever remember the words of the poet who wrote:

"There are noble hearts, there are spirits brave,  
There are souls that are pure and true;  
Then give to the world the best you have  
And the Best Will Come Back To You."



# Elite Society

From the present appearance we will have a larger society this year than ever before. The enrollment already surpasses that of previous years.

Quite a large number of our last year's members expect to join the Eurekaans this year. It will mean a boost for who? (the Elites or Eurekaans?)

The renowned Doctor Hull, when last heard of, was working with a threshing crew in Clay County, where he is known as "Sliver." We are sorry to learn that the Doctor has been so transformed during the vacation, however, he will be remembered by his old name. Should he ever return to old M. C.

Mr. P. S. Gantz, one of our prominent students is president of the M. C. D. L.

Misses Lena Webb, Bessie Ring, Pearl Slogle, Nellie Borders and Messrs. A. F. Warkentive and J. W. Loreuz will not be with us this year as they are teaching school.

Elmer Ball hasn't returned to school yet. He will be with us in a few weeks. His brother is here pursuing the Commercial Course.

Sam Hiebert, one of our great philosophers, is trying the bakers trade. He can be found in the kitchen of the Elite Cafe.

Miss Ella Burger, one of our faithful members brought two of her sisters along to attend school. They undoubtedly will be some of our new members this year.

If you wish to enjoy a pleasant evening come out and hear what the Elites have in store for you.

"Don't knock but boost," is the motto of our society.

Mr. Ray Ring is with us this year, he is taking Commercial work. That means, one more member for our society.



## On the Campus

Autumn has again returned, the falling leaves, the withering grass, and the ripened apples tell us this, yet a clearer echo reminds us of our College walls, the sound of familiar voices, and the meeting of students, both old and new,—these reveal to us the happy truth that we are again at dear old M. C.

Vacation has gone and now for hard work and diligent study. May we all be ambitious and industrious!

We have many new students, for which we are glad. We extend to them a hearty welcome, and would like to predict that they will like this place, and by the end of the year they will want to come again.

Many events have taken place during the summer. Many weddings have occurred, and not the least among them were two members of our Faculty.

Hearty Congratulations!

We only wish they would give us timely warning next time, so that we may not be so seriously shocked.

Old students succeeded well in bringing brothers, sisters, or friends back with them this fall. There is a new Mr. Dotzour, Mr. Schroeder, Mr. Bradley, also Miss Griffin, and Miss Ford.

Prof. Shirk is to be with us until the first of October. We only wish he might be here all year, yet we know he is planning to return 'ere long.

It really did our hearts good to again assemble in the chapel, and see the Faculty before us, as we often have in the past, and sing those songs once more. Then Pres. Frantz gave us an impressive little message which inspired us to resolve to do more and better work than before.

Recipe for Friendship--Bs One.

Our T. C. T. is again at work. We hope to accomplish more this year, and that each member may derive some little good; we are trying to make our society beneficial and helpful.

To every new student we would say: Feel at home make yourself likable, make every one your friend, and you will soon find that you have many friends, be cheerful and helpful to all.

You will find the Seniors on the front seats in Chapel, close behind them the Juniors, then the Sophomores, but where are the Freshmen?

They surely do not know each other yet. Get acquainted!

Veracity has two foundations; one reverence for truth; the other, regard for one's fellow-men.

If you see Mr. Trostle smiling a great deal, just ask him what he has named his daughter.

The steps at the west of the College are a decided improvement over last year. In fact so many of us can hardly get out on one side of the building.

If you have a news item or a word of good cheer, send it to us. Don't be a silent student, but help on the avil chorus at least.

"Not what we give, but what we share

For the gift without the giver

Mrs. Rothrock of Waterloo, Iowa, is our matron. She has won her way into the heart of every girl. To know her is to

love her. She has a strong personality, and is a very devoted Christian lady. We hope she will enjoy her life with us. Her little boy, Glenn, three years old, brightens and cheers the Dormitory, for what is more homelike than a sweet childish voice?

Miss Florence Ford spent Sunday at the College. She has a position as stenographer at Herington. We are always glad to see the faces of old students, and to know that they are prospering so well. Come to McPherson College! It helps every one.

"He lives most who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best".—P. J. Bagley.

The Zoology Class is very much interested; they may be seen going on a grasshopper hunt at all hours of the day.

We are sorry that Mr. Detrick is not with us this year. He is instructing the Philippine people along educational lines yet we are sure he will teach them more about their spiritual life as well. May success be with him.

Prof. Harnley could not be present for the opening, but will be here soon. Prof. Shirk has charge of his classes now.

Jewett Russell is again with us.

Try these: A kind thought—A kind word—And a good deed.

W. O. Beckner is trying Dormitory life this year. He seems to find it quite enjoyable as we all do. Indeed, there is an association here that students can not afford to miss. There is a culture, a refinement, a real education not to be gained elsewhere.

The Campus has again assumed its familiar aspect—that of being "busy". Here a group of "old" boys discussing the returns of the summer and renewing friendships, there a group of girls earnestly engaged in conversation and everywhere groups of "new" ones exploring their new home.

Peals of laughter are again issuing from the dorm, the "old gong" is sending forth its summons and one hundred jolly boys and girls wend their way toward the dining room.

Everything promises a most enjoyable and profitable year.

Mr. Frank Howard of Chicago, interested in the cause of Prohibition, recently conducted our chapel exercises, giving material worthy of some reflection.

Messrs. Barnhill and Carlson have returned to school, seemingly with political aspirations. The merits (?) of Bryan, the demerits (?) of Taft, the respective platforms and the various issues of the campaign are exhaustively discussed.

Some of the girls have recently evidenced propensities hitherto unknown. They have proven themselves worthy of a place at a track meet. Girls, beware. The Y. M. has some fleet runners; and lest you forget they'll be on guard next time.

College boys—"We, Wo, Wy, Wus,  
What in the deuce  
Is the matter with us"

Uncle Rufus—"Not so much as there's going to be if you keep up that racket very long.—Exchange

The boys at the "stag social recently did ample justice to the 600 pounds of watermelon which were provided to satisfy their longings.

Worthy of note—The meals at the dorm are exceptionally good this year. [Moral: Better try them.]

Self-depreciation never yet won a victory. Don't do it!

Carrie Ridgeway Gray of Ramona and her husband will spend their "honeymoon" in a trip to Europe.

C. A. Loewen, an old celebrity among M. C. students recently renewed acquaintances on the hill. He has been in Chicago during the past summer and winter attending the Columbian.



## Our New Instructor

Prof. Newton A. M. of Oberlin University has been added to the faculty. He has charge of the mathematics and science departments, vice, Prof. Shirk who is on leave of absence for university study.

He comes highly recommended to us and we trust that his stay will be both pleasant and profitable.

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Others supplied as class necessities demand.

## Vacation Notes by an Irving

The Irvings were scattered this summer but not shattered. We were separated and a few were captivated.

Professors Frantz and Shirk spent most of the summer at Chicago University. We understand that Professor was agreeably surprised when he returned to find Mrs. Shirk nicely situated in a new home.

Mr. Dalke spent most of the summer in Oklahoma, but took occasional trips into northern Kansas, as [in his mind.]

Misses Vaniman and Snyder made a specialty of canning cherries and serving free lunch to hungry harvest hands.

It seems peculiar how this canning fever took hold of the boys this summer, one of them said to me "I am out to get all I can and I expect to can all I get."

The party for China left Seattle Wash. the 26th of August. Three of this party were members of the Irvings during their school days and all five of them were old M. C. students. Mr. and Mrs. Hilton, Mr. and Mrs. Crumpacker and Miss Emma Horning were those who composed the company. Quite a good sized crowd were at the station to see Mr. and Mrs. Crumpacker off when they left here. I am sure the best wishes of all the Irvings go with them in their noble undertaking.

We are glad to see J. G. Russel back in school. He promises to boost the Irvings.

The senior Collegiate class continues to do rash things. We understand that the class president is pledged to matrimony before the end of the year and now comes the startling news that another prominent member is reading up on the conventional way of writing love letters, of making proposals, etc.

A. E. Hedine, one of our original thinkers, is doing prohibition work in Minnesota.

"Teddy" Aschman, A. B. will wield the birch at Arlington, Kansas this winter.

Robert, the son of Cram, will teach a rural school near Bird City Kans. He will doubtless be one of the leading educators of that community.



J. W. Suderman is rustivating on his homestead in western Kansas, John is probably unmarried.

G. C. Dotzour took a trip to New England during the latter part of his vacation, visiting Niagara Falls and the Toronto Exposition enroute.

Professors Muller and Ebel have obeyed literally the Scriptural injunction delivered by Father Adam for the benefit of his posterity 'in that each has taken unto himself a wife. Congratulations from the Irvings!

Mr. Trostle is a very busy man now days. He sometimes comes late to class and looks somewhat drowsy. The reason is obvious.

Francis we know as a Sheller made good,  
Conrad, the Rasp, had said what he should,  
Frank, always able the Crumbs to pack,  
Did his good part and the thing went smack.

Miss Emily Shirkey is teaching in Olympia, Washington.

Mr. Salthouse has entered school at K U. again this winter.



The following letter will interest many of our readers.

Prof. S. B. Fahnestock,  
McPherson, Kans.

My Dear Prof.—

Does the College still publish the "Rays of Light?" If so, please put my name on your mailing list.

I finished my medical course in the Iowa State University, graduating in June.

I successfully passed the State Board of Medical Examination in Iowa and came west and also successfully passed the State Board of Medical Examiners in Washington, and we are now located here in a lumber camp about thirty miles from the Pacific coast and doing very well indeed. We like the climate and country fine. Each evening we get the cool sea breezes as the sun goes down. In the distance we can see Mt. Rainier everlastingly covered with snow.

Hope the opening prospects for old McPherson College are good this fall.

Very truly yours,  
J. G. SARGENT, M. D.

# Commercial News

J. F. Bowers of Lake Arbo, New Mexico is employed as teacher of Commercial branches in the La Junta, Colorado high school at a good salary.

J. E. Throne of Red Cloud, Neb., is now doing stenographic work for the manager of the Brethrens Publishing Co., at Elgin, Illinois.

Miss Florence Ford of Herington, Kansas, a graduate of '08, is employed as stenographer for The Rock Island Railroad at a salary of seven hundred dollars per year.

J. L. Flowers of '97, has returned and has entered school intending to complete the higher Commercial course.

The Commercial room is a busy place. Arrangements have been made to divide the morning penmanship class. The room is too small to accomodate the number of students and a part in the future, will meet with the afternoon class.

Our Commercial Law class is very large this term and interesting times are expected in the study of this branch.

J. W. Baldwin of Winslow, Arizona has entered for the full Commercial Course. He is doing fine work.

Stephen Arnold, a student of '06, is now employed in the Chicago Business College. His sister is in school.

Earl R. Stump of Nevada Mo., has entered school and will take the full Commercial and Stenography courses. He is well pleased with McPherson College.

Frank Strickler of Ramona, Kansas is now keeping books for a business concern in Montana at a handsome salary of one hundred and twenty five dollars per month.

A greater number of public school teachers of McPherson county are at present in school than in former years. Success waits upon those who are prepared.

## Alumni Notes

Leap year has indeed proved a blessing to M. C. Alumni. The list below verifies the statement.

Ruby Horton Miller '06 is now living at Cottonwood Falls where her husband has a dental office.

Pearl Blonderfield '06 and Jake Stutzman '05 are at home to their friends on the J. J. Yoder farm near Conway.

Katie Hiebert Ebel '08 has very kindly relieved our Latin Professor from his bachelor duties, [which by the way shows Professor knew what he was talking about when in a chapel talk last spring he cited "Caesar" [siehe her] as the last stage of "emo."

Mary Flora Miller '07 also became a missionary this summer and rescued our English Professor from isolation.

Frances Goodsheller Rasp '07 and Courad Rasp are among the "familiar" faces on College Hill.

Anna Stutzman '04 and O. D. Buck will spend their first year on the farm of Mr. Buck's father in Iowa.

Ethel Allison Allen '03 and Herman Allen A. B. '04 are at K. U. where Mr. Allen has a professorship in the University.

Della Vaniman Throne '06 sends greetings from Elgin Ill. where she and John have a very pleasant home.

Nell Hinkson '04 is taking a course in Domestic Science at Manhattan.

Minnie Bartels '07 has a splendid position teaching German in the High School at Iola Kan.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Harter have moved to Custar Mich. where they are farming.

Oral Matchette '03 received her A. B. from Leland Stanford last year.

Emily Shirkey '08 after spending a pleasant summer in Colorado is now teaching in Olympia, Washington.

Stella Andes '06 who spent the summer in Michigan, Iowa and Chicago is now teaching in the suburbs of Chicago.

Martha Bartels '06 is taking Junior work at K. U.

Mrs. Fern Kuns Coppedge '03 was a prominent student in the Chicago Art Institute during the summer, this being her second season there. She was chosen to reproduce several famous paintings to be placed in the Art gallery of one of Oklahoma's largest schools.

Harry Crumpcker A. B. '08 has a position at Mt. Morris College.

Mary Gibbell '04 is teaching in Colorado.

Rev. G. D. Kuns '07 services at McLouth Kans. are greatly appreciated by his pastorate.

Martha and Clara Weisthaner '06 are enrolled in the Domestic Science Department at Manhattan. (?)

Nettie Wicklund '05 is teaching near her home in Nebraska.

J. J. Yoder '94 recently moved from his farm near Conway to College Hill and is a school boy again. We are glad to have him among us.

Edua Garst '06 is living on a farm with her mother in Oklahoma.

Grace Wright '06 is teaching in the McPherson City Schools.

The Misses Sue, Lizzie '07 and Clara Nebr '08 are spending an enjoyable winter at Lordsburg Cal.

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