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Seniors' Farewell Song

(Adapted from Heidelberg by E. L. Craik.)

Dear old M. C., our Dear M. C.
Thy sons will ne'er forget,—
That golden haze of student days
Is round about us yet,
Those days of yore will come no more,
But thru our manly years
The thought of you, so good, so true,
Will fill our eyes with tears :
The thought of you, so good, so true,
Will fill our eyes with tears.

Hark, hark, the sound of melody
From many a joyful heart ;
Nor hush the sound that rings around,
For we're about to part.
For you and me this joy and glee
Enshrined on memory's wall
At each review will glow anew,
And cause a tear to fall :
At each review will glow anew,
And cause a tear to fall.

O Alma Mater, dear M. C.,
Our loyalty we vow
Thru days and years, thru smiles and tears,
As lovingly as now
In future times, in other climes,
Thy sons thy fame shall bear,
And thus to you they'll all be true

And for thee do and dare :
-And thus to you they'll all be true
And for thee do and dare.

All hail, all hail, our College dear,
Fulfill thy destiny ;
Thru night and day let truth hold sway,
And Christian charity,
Thy lessons taught with wisdom fraught,
Shall ever with us be
And we shall say in fondest way,
"Yes, 'tis the good M. C."
And we shall say in fondest way,
"Yes, 'tis the good M. C."



Baccalaureate Services.

Eight o'clock Sunday evening the Commencement exercises at McPherson College for 1910 began with the stately march of faculty and graduates into the chapel, which was beautifully decorated with ferns, palms, lilies and peonies. A song by the audience was followed by Invocation by Rev. J. J. Yoder, after which the College Chorus, led by Ernest Vaniman, sang Savior, Blessed Savior. Prof. S. C. Miller then read the Scripture reading, Matt. 6, and after song and prayer, the Chorus gave another beautiful selection.

Prof. Miller then delivered the Baccalaureate sermon, choosing for his text Matt. 6:33, "But seek ye first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." A few thots from the excellent sermon are here given.—Jesus was the genius of Romanticism. The world never welcomes real genius, for society is highly conventional, and this, genius opposes. So institutions and society consider renovators imposters. Therefore the highly practical men of his day considered Jesus an idle dreamer.

Aristotle and Machiaveli in their Utopian schemes paid no attention to the masses,—they sacrificed the comfort of the two-thirds for the luxury of the one-third. But Jesus, the greatest dreamer of dreams, stood for all. He did not teach the giving of dollars to the poor. He

taught a far greater thing—the Brotherhood of Man. He was opposed to those practices which widen the gulf between classes. The greatest business of life is living. Most men of luxury are only existing. The Pharisees were against Jesus, they had no imagination, only maxims, and these Jesus ignored.

What does this mean to us? to these graduates? Jesus was continually scoffed at but cherished his dreams. His public was unstable. Society then, as society now, was looking for something new. One day you will be lauded to the skies, next day severely ridiculed. As your watch, to keep true time, must be set by the sun and not by every clock you see, so your lives must be set by the Great Pattern and not by fickle public opinion. The college graduate does not have time to pander to the whims of a changeable public. The business of life is too important. The business of life is Living.

The student graduate may think "what's the use of this career?" He may look wistfully back at the past and wish to live in its golden haze. If you feel this, re-read the records of Scipio, of the age of Augustine. Or fortune may have fulfilled his wants. He may think, "I have enuf, let the world care for itself." Go back to your college ideals. Look on ahead in Christ's great dream. Ever keep your great dreams, visions and ideals before you. Jesus Christ was the Great Dreamer of the World,—he saw the world with the eyes of the poet. He said, if you would save your life you must lose it. You must venture all you have to accomplish great things. We must venture sometimes without friends, sometimes against public opinion, but we must always cherish our dreams; they will enlarge as we go on.

To be safe, select three friends who will be absolutely true and dependable, select them soon and hold them all thru life. Select also three poems and three songs. With these to cheer and encourage you, it is impossible to go far astray. And read those classics given us by men of large dreams, men of God. These visions of other men will spur us on. And when you go home to-night, kneel down by your bed and grip firmly that power which is outside yourself and hold on to it thru the future. It will steady and strengthen you. Jesus Christ was the one Great Dreamer of the world. If you would be his followers, dream great dreams, see great visions, and live them out in your life.

The services closed with prayer by Rev. S. J. Miller, a splendid rendition of The Lost Chord, by the Chorus, and the Benediction.



Music Recital

Monday evening Prof. Muir gave his annual musical treat. A good crowd was in attendance to enjoy the delightful program. Readings, instrumental numbers and vocal numbers were so tastefully intermixed that no part could become monotonous. The only criticism on Prof. Muir's musicals is that they are too far apart.—McPherson Freeman.

The following program was rendered,—

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|---|--|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Vocal Duet | - - - - - | Selected |
| | MRS. MILLER AND MISS PRICE | | |
| 2 | Violin Solo | - - - - - | Selected |
| | MRS. ANDES | | |
| 3 | Reading, "The Heart of Brier Rose" | | |
| | MISS EVELYN TROSTLE | | |
| 4 | Piano, (a) Tempo de Menuette | - - - - - | Zanella |
| | (b) Sonata in F minor | - - - - - | Beethoven |
| | (c) Tocata B | - - - - - | Chaminade |
| | MISS GLADDYS MUIR | | |
| 5 | Vocal Solo, "For All Eternity", with violin obligato | | Mascheroni |
| | MRS. S. MILLER | | |
| 6 | Reading | - - - - - | Selected |
| | MISS MAYBELLE GISH | | |
| 7 | Piano, (a) Love's Dream, Nocturne, No. 3 | - - - - - | Liszt |
| | (b) Hark, Hark, the Lark | - - - - - | Liszt |
| | (c) Nocturne in F sharp | - - - - - | Chopin |
| | (d) Etude | - - - - - | |
| | *MISS MARY RICKETTS | | |
| 8 | Vocal Solo, "Judge Me, O God" | - - - - - | Buck |
| | MR. J. H. BERKEYBILE | | |
| 9 | Quartette, "Eldorado" | - - - - - | Pinsuti |
| | MRS. S. J. MILLER, MISS PRICE | | |
| | MESSRS. MUIR AND BERKEYBILE | | |

*Graduate



Expression Recital

The following excellent program was rendered in Chapel Tuesday evening,—
Piano duet - - - Selected

PROF. AND GLADDYS MUIR

Reading, "The Lance of Kanana"

J. T. DOERKSEN

Reading, "Eben Holden's Horse Trade"

FRANK E. MOHLER

Reading, "The Lie" A. H. Donnell

OLIVE M. SNYDER

Solo, "Asthore" - Trotterre

MR. HENRY KITTELL

Reading, "The First Call" - G. M. Cooke

ANNA O. McVEY

Reading, (a) - Selected

(b) "Romancin' " - Riley

JACK BALDWIN

Reading, "The Mortification of the Flesh" -

RAYMOND E. FLORY

Solo, "Heaven Hath Shed a Tear", with violin obligato Kuchen

MISS MARY REIFF

FARCE—THE MINISTER'S WIFE

Scene—Girls' Boarding School

Miss Bennett, Principal of School,

Nettie Lichtenwalter

Rose Campbell

Edna Detter

Mildred Burns

Evelyn Trostle.

Molly Lawrence

Viola Vaniman

Gertrude Ross

Anna McVey

Mrs. Parsons, The Minister's Wife

Mrs. Ernest Vaniman

All the numbers were good, but a few deserve special mention. "The First Call" by Anna McVey was a clever recital of the experience of two boys in preparing for their first venture in the social world, and was enthusiastically received by the audience. Mr. Flory's "Mortification of the Flesh," an account of an old bachelor's courting, was also excellently presented. Mr. Kittell's solo was rendered in his usual simple, pleasing manner, and was much appreciated. The farce, put on by the Junior Expression girls, was a comedy of boarding school life and the plot was unfolded with a jolly naturalness which completely fascinated the audience.



Field Day

It was only a week before Field Day that the city school board decided to permit the High School track team to carry out the challenge previously sent by them to the College, so the M.

C. athletes had practically no training for the events. Nevertheless, in the hope that further acquaintance would awaken further interest by the Highs in the College, they agreed to enter the track meet. Though the college men are older and stronger, the Highs were in excellent condition from the county meet and the contest was close from the beginning. There was an immense crowd from town and college and "throughout the afternoon the opposing pennants waved merrily as the opposing teams alternately won the seats, and interest did not slacken till the judges began to count up points, when they found that the score would nearly break even.

It all depends on whether Lichtenwalter won third place in the Discus throw or whether Sorenson had him bested. The records show that the High School won while the college scorers claim it for them. Wynn for the College won first with a 91 ft. throw, Maltby of the High School second with the dispute on third place left open by the judges, Prof. Cope and Prof. S. C. Miller, who decided to publish the record McPherson College 48, High School 47 with a fat question mark after. This means that the first field meet between the High School and the College was tied.

The official score submitted shows that the broad jump was won by Dresher for the College covering 17 feet 9 inches, second winners being Maltby for the High School and Russell third for the College, aggregating a score of 6 to 3 in favor of the College.

Tennis was won by the College teams straight, opposing teams being Detter and Flory vs Bixby and Kuns, Royer and Schroeder vs Cope and Dean, and Hollinger and Barnes vs Cope and Suffield, counting 5, 3, and 1 points respectively.

In a game of base ball the High School took the honors by a score of 7 to 4 outplaying the college boys in team work. Batteries for the High School were Colburn and Engstrom, for the College, Sandy and Russell. Abel umpired in splendid manner through the seven innings played.



May Pole Drill

In the races the High School walked off in easy fashion taking the 50 yd. dash first, second and third, Sandberg scoring first in 5 4-5 seconds.

After the hardest contest of the afternoon, Horner for the College finally won the pole vault with a record of 9 feet closely followed by Young and Dean for the Highs.

In the shot-put Barnes for the College won first, Swanson and Parr for the Highs second and third. The high jump went to Wynn for the College with Spence and Swanson for the Highs as second while the hammer throw was won straight by the College, Hollingsworth swinging the weight 96 feet, Barnes 95 ft., and John winning third.

In the 100 yard dash the Highs shut out the M. C.'s, Sandberg, Maltby and Parr winning it all. The base ball throw went to the Highs by a score of 3 to 6, Sorenson pegging the ball 271 feet, Dotzour for M. C. second, and Swanson for the Highs third.

The enthusiasm and friendly good feeling thruout made it one of the most pleasant and interesting meets ever held at the College.



Class Play

A large audience witnessed the rendition of the Merchant of Venice by the Seniors in the college chapel on Wednesday evening. The stage was splendidly arranged, and, altho it is small, under able direction it gave ample room for all the scenes of the play. The elaborate costumes rented for the occasion from Wichita and Chicago, added much to the effectiveness of the scenes. The limited stage accommodations reminded one

of the conditions of the theater during Shakespeare's time, when the imagination of the audience was largely called upon to supply stage fixtures. The overture and music between acts was furnished by Hapgood's Orchestra from the city. The play was under the direction of Laura Evelyn Moran, to whose untiring efforts its success was largely due.

Tho all the parts were well played, some deserve special mention, Mr. Doerkson as Old Gobbo and Robt. Russel as his son, Master Launcelot Gobbo, showed many touches of originality. Mr. Cram, as

Shylock, was exceptionally strong and completely won his audience. Miss Grace Vaniman as Portia, Miss Anna McVey as Nerissa, her maid, and Miss Lula Hildebrand as Jessica, the Jewess, all did excellent work. The part of Bassanio, played by Mr. Trostle, was well done. The court scene was unusually well given and compared favorably with renditions by professional actors in the city. On the whole, it was a splendid success of which the Seniors may well be proud.



Class Day

On account of the condition of the roads, the parade of classes could not be given in the forenoon, as planned, but was postponed till evening. The afternoon's program on the campus also suffered some slight change on this account and began with the raising of the big, new college pennant on the recently donated metal flag pole, while the students and visitors enthusiastically sang the College song. This was followed by the third annual may-pole drill. Sixteen girls, dressed in white, marched around the pole to the music furnished by Miss Ada Preshaw at the piano. Taking the red and white streamers, they executed a beautiful and complicated series of exercises, winding, marching, weaving, curtsying, and ending with the regulation weaving of the may pole and a farewell curtsy to the audience. The following girls took part—Evelyn Trostle, Ditha Neff, Viola Vaniman, Mable Gish Gladdys Muir, Olive Brubaker, Ruth Frantz, Bess Bennell, Florence Ackley, Susie Cline, Olive Snyder, Nettie Lichtenwalter, Edna Detter, Monta Brubaker, Maude Eash and Edna Price. The classes were then called upon in turn, some responding with songs and yells and presentation of insignia, others with prepared drills. Of these, the Sophomore's "Maud Muller Drill" deserves special mention. In it, while Miss Evelyn Trostle read the well known selection, four "Judges" and four "Mauds", in appropriate costume, delightfully acted it out in pantomime. The Seniors' program consisted of the farewell song by male quartett, the dedication of the west entrance pillars, which, with all other cement material needed for completion of the entrance, were donated by the class, and the final solemn rite of burning notes, theses,

exam-papers, ponies and the Soph dummy of local fame. The program ended with the burying of the hatchet by Sophs and Seniors, and expressions of good-will from both. The class parade followed shortly after. Autos, carriages, hay racks, and "circus wagons", decorated with class colors and pennants, formed in line at the College, and, led by the faculty in autos decorated with College colors and carrying the large College pennant, went down Euclid Avenue, over the residence portion of the city, and thru Main St., giving class songs and yells. A halt was called on Main St., where all gathered around the big pennant and united in singing the college song and giving McPherson songs and yells. This was the first attempt at a parade of this kind, but it proved so thoroly successful that it will doubtless become an annual feature of class day.



Alumni Banquet

The annual alumni banquet was held Thursday evening in the College dining hall, which was beautifully decorat-

ed with roses. The Hapgood Orchestra from the city furnished delightful music thruout the evening. As time was desired for a business meeting, only light refreshments were served and the program limited to the Address of Welcome to the Classes of 1910, by Dr. W. C. Heaston; Response, by E. L. Craik; poem, by J. H. B. Williams, class of '06; and an excellent talk by Dr. J. E. Boodin of K.U. on the relation of the smaller or endowed college to its community and to the state university. Prof. S. C. Miller then gave the report of the executive committee, which recommended reorganisation and the adoption of a new constitution previously drafted. This constitution was accepted and the following Board of Trustees elected: Prof. J. A. Clement of Lawrence, Dr. J. H. Saylor of Ramona, Prof. S. C. Miller, Mrs. S. B. Fahnestock, F. A. Vaniman, Prof. C. J. Shirk and R. C. Strohm. The new organisation provides for the establiishing of a live alumni association which will keep a traveling secretary constantly in the field and will really accomplish something for its alma mater. This is unquestionably the most important move ever made by the M. C. Alumni Association and bespeaks for it a bright and useful future.

Commencement Exercises



The Commencement exercises were held Friday morning at ten o'clock in the College Chapel before a large and appreciative audience. The stage was artistically decorated with ferns, palms, cut flowers and class pennants. The graduating classes, preceded by the faculty and the speaker of the day, marched into the hall as Prof. Muir played a beautiful march by Chopin. After invocation by Rev. J. J. Yoder, Miss Nora Hall rendered a beautiful vocal solo. Then followed a piano duet by Prof. Muir and his daughter, Miss Gladys, after which Dr. Boodin, of Kansas University, delivered a most excellent address, briefly sketched below. Prof. Harnly then presented the diplomas to the graduates, Mrs. Maxwell sang a much appreciated solo, and the crowd was dismissed with the doxology, and benediction by Prof. S. J. Miller.

The subject of Dr. Boodin's address was "The Making of a Citizen" and he presented it with a simple sincerity which won the hearts of all who were fortunate enuf to hear it. There are two ideals of life, he said,—one of these regards the human being strictly as an individual, the other regards man as a social being. Hobbes, as an advocate of the first ideal, believed all institutions to be negative. For him they had no value save for their restraining power, and he thot we would be better off if it were possible to live without them. Hegel, as an advocate of the other ideal, declared that the social man is the only man and the selfish individual has no value.

As an introduction to his lecture, Dr. Boodin gave the story of Ibsen's great drama, Peer Gynt, in which he showed the futile folly of an attempt at pure individualism. Each person must find himself in the social institutions about him. The efficient life is not a life filled with negation, but with positive ideals.

If our country is to realise its high ideals of citizenship it must be accomplished thru physical selection, proper enviroment and the right kind of education. We need to get the Platonic ideal of bringing into our state "full-blooded" men and women. Children who have the right kind of an inheritance have a decided advantage over those whose natures are stunted and dwarfed. If a child is to become a good citizen he must be surrounded with the best. Environment determines taste.

If a child has not seen the beautiful and heard the true, the finest

art galleries and the best universities of our land cannot efface the scars and make of him what he might have been. Our villages and towns have the opportunity and responsibility of making our citizens.

You must take an active part in life if you would grow. If you want to save your own soul you must lose yourself in the institutions of the race. If you neglect your work, the world will suffer. It will get along without you, but you will impede its progress.

The lecture closed with the story of another of Ibsen's great dramas, The Emperor and the Galilean, in which the Greek ideal of this world as the only world, and the early Christian ideal of other-worldliness were contrasted and a third evolved, the ideal of a good God in His world. This third ideal was strongly upheld and heartily recommended to the class of 1910.

The Faculty--An Appreciation

As the faculty took Uncle Josh's exaggeration of their little peculiarities with such delightful good humor, we have decided to give them what is no more than their just due, the brighter side of our opinion of them. It is impossible to do justice to the unselfish interest and devoted, sacrificing service of a college professor, but we do hope to assure them that their efforts have not been entirely fruitless and unappreciated.

Prof. Harnly, secretary of the College and acting president during the absence of Pres. Frantz and Vice-pres. Clement this spring, has been connected with the institution for eighteen years, and deserves much of the credit for its success and present high standards. His sane, optimistic view of life has helped many a student over a hard place and has been more or less consciously incorporated into the ideals of all those who have been under his instruction. He has exerted wide influence as Y. M. Bible class teacher, and is the leader and inspirer of the strong Prohibition Association of M. C., of which we are all so justly proud. He is also pushing the Agricultural Department.

Prof. Fahnestock, M. C. treasurer, has also been a faculty member for many years. He has founded and upheld the popular commercial department, winning the love of all his students and instilling into them the vital principles of honesty and thrift. He has had charge of the advertising department, and is the originator of many unique and successful ideas in that field. To his efforts largely is due the College Library, with its comfortable and artistic furnishings. His jovial man-

ner and sound advice are valued by all who know him.

Prof. Shirk has held professorship in the College four years, and has during that time been steadily building up the science department and general college enthusiasm. The remodeling of the old chemistry room last summer and the conversion of the Kindergarten room into a well equipped Chemistry laboratory this spring, are concrete examples of his work. He is noted for his patience with the backward student, his untiring assistance of those who exhibit an interest in their studies, and the high standard of work demanded.

Prof. S. C. Miller has been with us three years and is responsible for the strengthening and modernizing of the English department. He has installed many new special courses and brot to them the fresh, enthusiastic interest of the young man. He has worked hard for the excellent lectures secured annually by the College, for class spirit and enthusiasm, and for the new Auditorium-Gymnasium. His "bright and smiling face" and timely suggestions will be missed next year.

Prof. Kochenderfer, tho he has spent but one year with us, and has had to endure the severe examination given every new professor, has nevertheless made his influence felt and has given his students a breadth of view and an acquaintance with the thot and men of the day for which they are truly grateful. His wide travel, extensive study and keen interest in world movements gives him a view point of much value to those under his instruction. He has taken an active interest in the w:l re: of M. C. and has materially strengthened the course outlined in his department for next year.

Prof. Dettar, is another of our "new" professors. His poise and personal interest in the student's work have won for him the respect of all in his classes. His enthusiasm for athletics, college spirit, and the Y. M. C. A. has been a potent factor in their development during the year. Our best wishes go with him in his work at Lordsburg College next year.

Miss Moran, head of the Expression department, came to us as the third of a series of popular instructors from Columbia School of Oratory; hence her popularity was assured from the first. The work put on by her classes and others under her direction has been excellent and insures like success for next year. The physical culture department has been enlarged by the introduction of ball and Indian club work, and will be still more thoroly organised next year with the advantage of the new gymnasium and apparatus.

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Editorials

With the publication of this issue, our duties as editor of the Rays cease, and with mingled regret and sighs of relief we hand the well worn editorial pen to our worthy successor. The editorship of a college paper is a privilege and a pleasure. It also means a mighty lot of hard work and little thanks for your trouble. On the whole, however, we have enjoyed the experience and have thoroly appreciated the confidence and support given us by students and faculty.

We will frankly admit we have not succeeded in realising those Utopian dreams with which we undertook the task. The motto adopted by the Rays "Onward! Upward!" precludes the possibility of an editor in the second year of its publication bringing the paper into a state of absolute perfection. We generously reduced our aspirations, therefore, that succeeding editors might have the privilege of living up to the motto.

We have been especially fortunate in having the assistance of so able a business manager and staff of assistant editors. Without such backing an editor can do nothing, and any measure of success which may have been attained by the Rays this year is due to their faithful and efficient service. For the new management we would bespeak the hearty support of all friends of M. C. The officers are thoroly competent, the present business manager and several of the assistant editors have been retained, and we assure you of an increase in the size and strength of the paper for 1910-11.

Alumni

Miss Minna Bartels, '06, came up from Inman Friday morning to hear Dr. Boodin's lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Eby write that their work in India is meeting with success.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. High mourn with them the loss of their baby, Emerson.

C. A. Loeven recently visited his Alma Mater. He rendered some splendid selections in Chapel which were highly appreciated by the students.

Miss Bertha Delp, N '06, will spend the summer visiting friends at Mound City, Mo.

Ben Wohlgemuth was married to Miss Whitner of Conway Springs May 15. The Rays extend their congratulations.

Prof. R. W. Detter, '09, expects to do summer work in Berkley University. No doubt Prof. Detter will pass a "special examination" before entering the University.

Mr. S. A. Pollock was married to Miss Myrtle Ferris June 1. They expect to make their home in McPherson.

Many of the old students and alumni members were with us during Commencement. Dr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Saylor came down from Romona. Miss Elva Miller of Kansas City, P. C. Hiebert of Hillsboro and Nelle Green of Mitchell were with us. Monitor sent in its share. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stutzman, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stutzman, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Yoder, Misses Ida and Lulu Brubaker, Almo Young, and Mattie Stutzman and Mr. Harvey Brubaker spent some time here renewing old acquaintances.

Miss Silva Miller, '10, "put out to sea" as soon as she received her appointment to the Philippine Islands. As a teacher of domestic science and sewing she will receive \$1000 per year. See did not give us her address but in all probability it will be "Beckner Station."

The following M. C. students receive degrees from K. U. this spring; J. H. Clement, A. M.; J. A. Clement, A. M.; H. B. Hoffman, A. M.; B. E. Ebel, A. M.; Martha Bartels, A. B.; Foster Cline, B. L.; Julius Tretbar, M. D.; Louis Byers, M. D. and Howard Shirkey receives



Banner Wagon of Class Day Parade.

his C. E. from Missouri University. The percentage of students doing post-graduate work is steadily increasing. Four of the class of 1910 will continue their study next year,—C. D. Risp and B. S. Trostle at Chicago University, D. Dalke at K. U., and E. L. Craik at McPherson.

The first issue of next year will be a special alumni number and it is desired that news of each alumnus may be received for that issue. Any aid in contributing interesting items will be very much appreciated by the editors.

Faculty Reception

Saturday evening, May 21, the faculty held their annual reception for the students in the Chapel, which was decorated with College pennants for the occasion. After having passed the receiving line, each guest was ushered to one of the seats arranged around the sides of the hall. The program which followed was provided entirely by the faculty and revealed an unsuspected versatility of talent in that august body.

Prof. Harnly gave a pleasing address of welcome, and was followed by Prof. Fahnestock, who gave an interesting account of "Who's Who and Why" among M. C. alumni. Prof. Shirk then favored us with a soliloquy on "Why I am not a Carpenter," disclosing some interesting facts and amusing boyhood aspirations. Prof. Kochenderfer, in a talk on London, next related a series of English jokes, over which some of the students are laughing yet. For the benefit of Shakespearean students, in particular, Prof. Miller then gave a most realistic personification of Falstaff, portraying him on the battle field and in the tavern. It required little imagination to see the foam on those huge bowls of sack. Miss Moran followed with the reading, "The Old Red Cradle," with musical accompaniment. It was given with a sincere depth of feeling which left tears glistening in the eyes of some of her hearers.

Prof. Dettler, who, in preparing the program, had omitted his own name, was called upon by Prof. Shirk for an impromptu speech, and attempted to get even by relating a college experience of Prof. Shirk's in which sawdust pie figured conspicuously. Prof. was equal to the occasion, however, and with some very clever punning and allusions to "Roses in June" got the best of the situation. The happy evening closed with the serving of cherry punch by Miss Moran and Prof. Dettler.

College Buildings Repaired

All students and friends of the College will indeed be glad to learn of the extensive improvements being made in the College buildings this summer. About \$3000 was collected for this purpose before school closed and work began June, 1. The plans being carried out are as follows:—the west entrance to the main building will be completed and the south entrance rebuilt with cement; the halls are to have new floors; steel ceiling, new floor, new windows and, if possible, new opera chairs, are to be placed in the chapel; the porticoes of the Dormitory will be rebuilt, the rooms thoroly repaired and toilets put in; both main building and Dormitory will be repainted. Besides this, money is being raised for more extensive scientific equipment and several men will be in the field all summer working for new students and an endowment fund.

These improvements will make college life at M. C. still more pleasant and will certainly be appreciated. The money has been raised almost entirely in the immediate vicinity, the ready and generous response showing the deep and enthusiastic interest of the community in the College.

M. C ! M. C ! Rah ! Rah ! Rah !

Locals

Vacating—vacant—vacation.

Silence and gloom now pervade the deserted college halls.

"Live to serve", the Senior motto, was particularly applicable at the alumni banquet.

Halley's comet dared not switch his tail in our faces this time. He no doubt was afraid of being tin-canned.

Prof. Kochenderfer will spend his vacation at Wichita instead of going East this summer.

The census man takes the census (senses). Beware lest he gets yours.

Walt Thompson expects to help Pa plow corn this summer and dig post holes for the celebrated Marconi wireless pasture fence.

A certain young man rooming in the Dormitory is said to have purchased twenty-five dollars' worth of aluminum ware before leaving. He may be going to "bach" after while. (?)

It is said that Jim Nasium will be with us at College next year. That's right, Jim, education is a grand thing. We all welcome you in our midst.

Several of the girls are planning to go to the Y. W. C. A. convention at Cascade, Colorado, June 24 to July 4.

Miss Elva Miller of Kansas City, accompanied by Miss Funderberg, came to M. C. to witness graduation exercises. Craik is progressing nicely in the Latin course outlined by Prof. Ebel and will soon be ready to "Caesar."

Sandy is going out to work this summer to make more money to buy more roses to win more smiles. We wish him bountiful success.

Miss Moran will remain in McPherson during vacation. She has taken Uncle Josh's advice to heart and will live on butter and cream.

Mrs. Cram came to see her son Robert roll his eyes villainously as "Shylock."

Prof. Fahnestock recently declared his intention of donning one of those striking red and white Commercial caps, decorating an auto with college pennants and going over the state to secure students for next year. We are eagerly awaiting his appearance.

One of the Profs. in chapel:—"How many students want to take Anabasis next year? Um,—let's see, is that fourth or fifth year Latin?"

Miss Bess Benell is clerking in the Mercantile Dry Goods store in McPherson during the summer.

Miss Carrie Brubaker returned to M. C. for Commencement week.

The Niningers brothers will be perpetrators of the domestic science art this summer, selling aluminum ware.

David Carlson of Dury, Kans., paid old friends on the Hill a few days' visit preceding Commencement week. Dave is now proprietor of the popular summer resort at Dury.

We extend heartiest congratulations to 'Drew Pollock and Prof. Detter. Too bad they roasted you so hard, Ralph, but you really couldn't expect to escape it, you know,—"murder will out."

Miss Anna Kimmel spent the last few weeks of school visiting old friends here. That probably accounts for P. B.'s happy smile.

Prof. Shirk's students presented him with a roller-top officer desk shortly before school closed, in token of their appreciation of his untiring interest in their work.

Geo. Robinson and Miss Bertha Mammel of Roxbury came back to attend graduation exercises at M. C.

"Doc" Mohler stayed by his office for a week or so after school closed, finishing up his work. His practice is undoubtedly growing. He has at least one serious "case" in the country.

Miss Olive Snyder and mother will spend the summer visiting relatives in Iowa, after which they will go to California where Miss Olive expects to enroll in Leland-Stanford for the coming year.

Two brilliant sociological students wanting Kidd's "Social Evolution":—"Say kid, do you have Kidd?" "Why, no, kid, I haven't Kidd." "Aw, kid, you're kidding. Now honestly, kid, haven't you Kidd?" "Why no, kid, honestly I haven't Kidd." "All right then kid."

Several of the students will attend Normal this summer with the expectation of teaching school next winter. Among them are Misses Mabel McGiffert and Carrie Brubaker, Messrs. Grif John, Perry Eash, J. A. Wedel, and Milo Voshell.

Mrs. Rothrock, who has acted as matron for two years at M. C., was presented with an elegant rug and picture as a mark of the students' appreciation of her services. She and her son Master Glen are now visiting with relatives in Iowa.

George Wynn, Jack Baldwin and Chas. Sandy expect to write accident insurance this summer. Thompson says he hopes to do likewise when he has succeeded in putting to death all the weeds that grow on his father's farm.

Miss Edna Detter accompanied her parents to the Annual Conference in Indiana.

Mrs. Alice Vaniman of Pasadena, Calif., is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Vaniman.

To the Juniors ;—We wish to extend to you our sincere thanks for the excellent service rendered in ushering and decorating for Commencement exercises.—The Seniors.

Wanted—by the girls left on The Hill, a delegation of interesting boys imported for the summer. College men with curly hair and black eyes preferred. Must be able to play tennis and build camp fires.

Who says the Commercial are slow? Those caps and pennants are "fussy doin's."

The Sophomores have planted a number of ivy vines about the College buildings and will take care of them during the summer. They have also ordered some special varieties of trees as a nucleus for a botanical garden to be placed in the Triangle. This is an example of real college loyalty that other classes would do well to follow.

We're going to have an Annual next year! If you get any brilliant suggestions along this line during vacation, pigeon-hole them in your brain and give them to the committee next fall.

Miss Fannie Lautzenhiser is spending the summer with her father in Oklahoma while Mrs. Lautzenhiser visits relatives in Indiana.

The last chapel exercises were of exceptional interest. Each professor was called upon Tuesday morning for a farewell speech, and as it was entirely impromptu, the variety of subjects was interesting. Prof. Dettter's announcement of his intention of spending the summer in California led to a "schnitzing bee", as Prof. Harnly called it, in which Dettter, Pollock, Dalke and Craik were all forced to plead guilty. Mr. Goertz luckily escaped this trying ordeal.

Several of the boys seem to find making up back work rather enjoyable this summer. At least they seem loathe to leave M. C. Judging from the popularity of Circle Lake, most of them must be studying ecology.

Question,—Is M. M. Studebaker working up his life insurance trade or simply "enjoying life" when he appears at those Mac ball games with his buggy full of pretty girls?

Circle Lake will have ice cream stands and band concerts twice a week during the summer. Many of the canvassers are planning to return to McPherson frequently.

Half a dozen of the boys tried their hand at cooking in the Dorm after Mrs. Lautzenhiser left. To identify the wonderful concoctions, each dish was labelled before being placed on the table.

Don't forget to talk for M. C. during your vacation.

Exchanges

James Bryce, the English ambassador, addressed the K. U. students recently.

The Missouri Valley Conference, in spite of the opposition of the K. U. regents, has voted to retain the American game of foot-ball.

Ex-President Roosevelt and Gov. Hughes will be present at the Harvard commencement.

To the Philomathean Monthly,—

For frantic boast and foolish word
Thy mercy on thy people, Lord! Amen.

Several colleges are barring Freshmen from participating in debates and oratorical contests on the grounds that the time which must be given to these activities should be spent on studies.

President David Starr Jordan of Leland-Stanford has suggested the adoption of Rugby to many of the colleges and universities thruout the east.

Yale certainly has an alumni. President Taft, eight senators and four congressmen count that institution as their alma mater.

If the Purple and Gold would kindly write their jokes on tissue paper we could more easily see thru them.

The Fairmount girls' basket ball team claims the state championship, having played seven inter-collegiate games without defeat.—Kansan

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