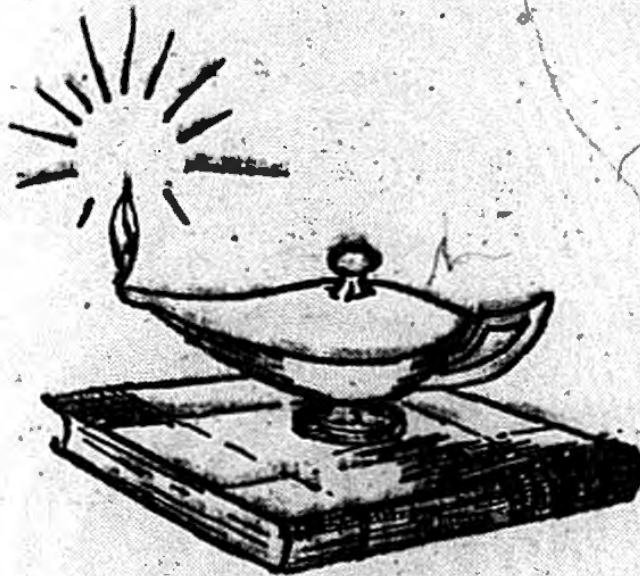


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The function of the Poet; Has it Ended?

By C. C. Kochenderfer.

In trying to answer the question before us, we must first determine what the function of the poet is. What must he do in order to be distinguished from the ordinary prose writer? Has his influence on the development of humanity been great enough to warrant putting him in a distinct class by himself?

Considered historically, poetry always has been a great force in the world's development—social, political and religious. Homer, "the father of poetry", showed the early Greeks by his patriotic songs that they were in the world for a purpose and thrilled them with a sense of their destiny. He stirred up their love of country and created a Hellenic race-consciousness. The Hebrew scriptures were poetry to the Hebrews and they found out through them that life was full of spiritual significance. Our own Puritan ancestors were influenced greatly by the psalms and the epic poetry of the Old Testament. When they left their homes and came to this land to enjoy religious liberty, the Bible was almost their only literature. And so, down thru American History it is self-evident that with poetry comes development. The thought inspired by the imagination of the chosen people has aroused us and brot us to our present position in the world.

No two men had more to do with the making of Scottish History than Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott. They were men of the people with the advancement of their country foremost in their thots. Shakespeare's influence on the whole world is still felt and will continue to be felt for a long time to come.

The poet in his writings uses everything for thought material—humor, and satire of all kinds, narrative and lyric self-expression; he also tries to solve some mystery and to penetrate to the heart of things. There is no lack of enjoyment by the public of today in the first four. There is no reason to suppose that song, wit and satire, or even story-telling are less popular than they were fifty or a hundred years ago. People read with just as much pleasure verses of these delicate sorts

as they ever did. But it is the last that is the most important function of the poet.

The seer quality is the true poetic criterion; it has been the function of the poet to amuse, to express worship, to instruct, but it is its highest function to suggest that which is beyond the reach of prose to explain, the true nature of life. It is this function that may be said to have ended.

Now, men are as much interested in the mystery of life as in past ages. If the purpose of verse is to intensify meaning, why is poetry not as powerful a force today as it ever has been? Simply because a mood has come over the world in which men do not wish to have the pressure of serious problems increased. The age is too scientific; it must have a statement of a thing as it really is; no ornament is wanted. It regards exaggeration as unfair to the truth. All ideas must be expressed so that their meaning can be definitely seen without hesitation on the part of the reader. To the ordinary person the reading of poetry is a task because the mind must exercise its powers to a high degree. The public wants to be entertained and this accounts for the great amount of light fiction that is written. The spirit of the age is realistic, and it is impossible to run counter to it. To the modern man things must be what they seem. In the poets of the past imaginative fervor is pardoned, but from a man of today we are impatient of any form which colors fact, as it seems to us, illegitimately. "The airy nothings", are no longer in demand; it is waiting for facts and ideas, definitely and clearly stated.

There is another cause which has brought about this fall in poetry and that is the type of character represented, for instance by Col. Roosevelt—the strenuous life. The hustle and the bustle of the modern world gives little repose to the man who is struggling for existence and the feelings aroused by this struggle are much more lively than those to which literature is addressed. It is the day of competitive noise. Every-one is looking for excitement, so that no time is left for serious thought. The leisure hours needed for the higher forms of poetry are taken up in something else more exciting and more insistent. Again, the young, both youth and maiden, are too much taken up with the various sports of the age to find time or interest in the pursuit of the Muse. Every-one is trying to outdo his neighbor in some practical matter and only gives his attention to that. Modern travel is so fast that the people are deprived of the seclusion forced upon men of

earlier times, and of the leisure known in the hours of our ancestors. There is nothing in modern life helpful to the deeper spirit of poetry. Love of poetry is not taught in the homes or in the schools as formerly. The public taste is not so inclined. The poet is often looked upon as a strange, eccentric man, hardly a normal being. Most modern poets write poetry to make a living, not because they feel so inspired. The trouble is that many modern poets seem to have no real poetic knowledge and their poetry lacks the red blood of the heart life; it is colorless and cold. The real modern form of literature is the novel.

Our President

The recent illness of President Frantz has caused a number of the students to count their past blessings and more fully appreciate the great opportunities which they have had the privilege to enjoy. Some men may be known in a short time, while others are only known thru years of contact and association; the latter "wash and wear" while the former do not always. Our president is at his best in the class room, where the true scholarly mind and Christian character are revealed. The longer the course the better we know him and the greater our admiration.

In a purely Socratic way he develops thinking and thinkers; not by pouring into our mental boxes patent medicine doses, but by developing that which is lacking in each one after a diagnosis of their particular needs. The sarcasm, of the highest order, handed to a careless student or to one who has been absent too often, is received with a smile. It leaves neither scar nor bruise, but you are sure to make good. It puts a self-propelling force into a fellow, and leaves a bright memory instead of arousing any hatred.

The energy expended in order that these dull minds of ours might search for and find fundamentals, that we might accept the Truth in spite of our personal prejudices, is springing up from the class room in responsive hearts and lives. Some are passing it along in India, others in China, others in many homes and in various walks of life. The practice of the Great Principle speaks so loud that we hear the precepts much plainer. We covet the beautiful combination of a deep devotional life and a keen scientific sense, so highly developed in our unassuming president. As students we should still more fully realize the privilege which is ours and take advantage of the rare opportunity to study under a master teacher.

February 4th. 1910.

February 4th. 1910,
That day will never dawn again,
The day which met and sealed the fate
Of Pro-hi Preachers, three and eight.

Say all could win? You're a dunce;
Eleven folks can't speak at once.
Besides, to me it seemed but grace
To let the ladies have the place.

But big man Dalke, he ariz
And first of all, said, twas his biz
To let Amelican people know
Once and for all, "License must go!"

He set his foot upon the prize
And held er there, before our eyes,
Before a man had time ter speak.
Now what d'you know? I call that cheek.

Then came that Flory, ater while,
Who had his booze on ten days trial
I think he liked it for he kept
His place, and wouldn't budge a step.

By this time people 'gin ter see
That things, in order, sure won't gee,
And so they broke the run o'things
And give this Doerksen man the strings,

But when he started, jerked him back,
And sent him tumbling down the track
Until he reached the bottom round,—
He had ter stop when he reached ground.

So then they started from below,
And Arnold next came in the row,—
That made him last, excepting one,
He'd been clear last, but last was gone.

Well, then ter change the thing again,
They ushered Steele, a stately man,
Away up front, and set him three.
I guess that's where he oughter be.

But next came brave Miss Hildebrand
Who, with a ladies charming hand,
Declared the right that ought to be—
Deserving more than three times three.

Well, Seidel, he's a daring lad,
Stood up and didn't do so bad,
They put him fifth,—but people, stop!
He should have come next to the top.

Next Parson Rasp took up the same,
His message well did he proclaim,
He took the best that was not filled,
And so at four they had him billed.

But best of all, came Bobby Cram,
Who stood up shouting, "I'm the man
Who believes in votin' politics",
And so they set him two below six.

Then Studebaker 'gin ter speel
And people all begin ter feel
That he'd sho win, but, guess not,
Away down seven they let him sot.

Well, this makes ten, and so one more,
Miss Ring had access to the floor,
She'd beat 'em all, but then, by gix
The places all were gone but six.

So Feb. 4th. of Nineteen-ten
Will never, never, dawn again,
But other days we hope to meet
And find our VICTORY THRU DEFEAT.

But now since all can't have first place,
Let us who ran and lost the race
Arise and sing this common weal,
"I feel, I feel—just like I feel."

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Kansas University has recently issued a \$380 fellowship to each of the following colleges,—Baker, Friends, Ottawa, Emporia, Fairmount Southwestern, Midland, Washburn, Bethany and McPherson. The fellowship is to be granted each year to one student chosen by his college, and that student is to be allowed his choice of courses. This is a great opportunity for those desiring to continue their college work, particularly for those wishing to specialize. To be chosen as a representative of your Alma Mater at K. U. is indeed an honor, and the possibility of some day claiming it should inspire every student to do his best.

Since the rush of the second semester is on we have heard many students bewailing the fact that they "simply haven't time" to perform this or that really important duty. Is it not just possible that abuse of time, rather than the lack of it, is the real difficulty? How many hours are lost in half-hearted attempts at study, with eyes on our books and attention focused on the conversation of those about us? Or how many are wasted in loitering in the halls, "just hangin' 'round"? How much time, indeed, is spent in telling others how little time we have! We need this time, every minute of it. Besides that which must be devoted to our lessons, we need it for reading current magazines, for helpful conversation, for wholesome recreation, for attending lectures, for participation in social and religious activities of the school. Nowhere outside college walls is our opportunity so great for general self-improvement. Knowing this, why not take advantage of it and make every minute count?



Y. W. C. A. Cabinet 1909—10

Halley's Comet

(By Dr. Ephrian Miller, Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, University of Kansas.)

The comet which made its first appearance a few evening ago in the Western heavens took the astronomers as well as other mortals by surprise. It is being closely observed and there will doubtless be something interesting to say about it very soon. It has been called Derake's comet in honor of its first observer.

The most important astronomical event of the present century is the finding of the celebrated Halley's comet. Professor Max Wolf, of Heidelberg, Germany, found it on a photographic plate that was taken Sept. 11, 1909. As soon as the discovery was made known a hundred telescopes were pointed in the direction of the illustrious visitor.

Since its last appearance in 1835, Halley's comet has traveled millions of miles beyond the orbit of Neptune in the icy cold of space. Now it is coming our way.

It is impossible to see the comet at the present time with the naked eye. But with a good six-inch telescope, or even a three-inch glass its position can be traced from night to night. Those who are not fortunate enough to possess a telescope will have to wait until sometime in April, before getting a naked-eye view of this comet. It will then rise shortly before the sun, and will rapidly increase in brightness.

At the present the comet is moving towards the west in a direction opposite the motions of all the planets around the sun. On April 19 it will be nearest the sun and will move with its greatest speed in its orbit.

Five days later it will be headed in the direction of the earth but we shall pass by unharmed. At this time, April 24, its motion will be towards the east, and so it will continue to move. On the evening of May 18 our visitor will be within 14,000,000 miles of the earth, after which for a few days it will move among the stars at the rate of 15 degrees per day, equal to one sixth of the distance from the zenith to the horizon.

On May 19 the comet may be seen as a magnificent object appearing shortly after sunset. It will get higher and higher up in the western sky each succeeding day.

It will probably travel across the face of the sun but there is no

danger of it striking either the earth or the sun. We shall probably pass through its tail but the only serious consequence will be a meteoric shower, which may in itself be a glorious sight to behold. However, we cannot predict positively that the shower will occur.

Halley's comet gives great promise of being a remarkable one. In May it will be a gorgeous spectacle in the sky, a brilliant object with a long flowing tail, 30° degrees in length, stretching one-third of the distance from the horizon to the zenith.

In the summer of 1682, Halley's comet was very extensively observed by two Englishmen, Halley and Flamsteed, and by Cassini at Paris, and by many others. Some years after this, Halley undertook the labor of calculating the elements of all the comets which had been sufficiently observed to enable him to do so. A comparison of the elements of all the comets thus computed by Halley showed that those which appeared in the years 1531, 1607 and 1682, were moving in orbits very similar to each other. Hence he was led to conclude that they were successive appearances of the same comet, revolving around the sun in a period of about 75 or 76 years; and he was more confirmed in this by the fact that a remarkable comet was recorded to have appeared in the year 1457, which was seventy-five years before 1531. He concluded by confidently predicting that it would appear in the year 1758. It did so appear, being first seen on Christmas Day in that year by a Saxon farmer, and by an amateur named Palitzsch near Dresden. Subsequent calculations have been made to identify Halley's Comet with comets seen at many intervals of seventy-six years before 1456, the first being so far back as 12 B. C., in the reign of the Emperor Augustus, and the second in A. D. 60.

When Halley's prediction was fulfilled, (sixteen years after his death) by the reappearance of the comet of 1682 in 1758, it was called after his name, and has ever since borne the designation of Halley's Comet. It appeared again in 1835, and during this year of 1910, it will be visible to us.

Alumni and Ex-students.

H. J. Vaniman, Acad. '00, has recently opened a bank in Lordsburg, California.

Henry Stutzman, N'01, has gone to Manhattan to take some work in K. S. A. C.

Emma Horning '06, writes from Tia Yuan Fu, Shansi, China that she enjoys her work thoroly.

Frank McCune is teaching in the Berean Bible School in Los Angeles, California.

Not long since, R. C. Strohm, N'03, spent a few days in the sunny south land. The state of Texas was his particular stopping point.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sharp have named their young son Theodore Kuns Sharp, Jr.

No doubt the alumni will be delighted to hear that Elmer Vaniman, Acad. '93, has finally married. Miss Mary Stead is the bride.

J. Z. Gilbert '94, is teaching science in the Los Angeles High School. He is especially interested in Paleontology.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stutzman, graduates of our Normal department, will take up their abode in Okla. early in the spring.

Geo. Edgecomb, N'06, is one of the three county superintendents of schools to use an auto in his work.

If any Alumnus or ex-student has any or all of the Catalogs previous to the year 1900 Prof. Fahnestock would be very much pleased to have them send such to him.

The school 'Marms', Ellen Olson, N'06, and Margaret Dudte, N'07, were in McPherson Saturday. They enjoy teaching.

E. K. Materson, '06, is located in Griggsville, Ill. as Baptist pastor in that place.

Minnie Bartels, '06, is teaching History and English in the High School at St. Johns, Kans.

R. C. Ingalls, '09, has a fellowship in History at K. U. for the last semester. The interesting part about the fellowship is that Roscoe received it merely upon the work which he did during the first semester.

Mrs. Fern Kuns-Coppedge, Acad. '03, who is studying at the Art Institute League of New York with America's greatest still life painter, William M. Chase, received one of the three honorable mentions given for the year on still life oil paintings. In recognition of this Mrs. Coppedge was the guest of honor at the luncheon given at the Waldorf Astoria for Western Art students.—Topeka Capital.

Social Happenings.

Miss Vada Kuns entertained fourteen of the college girls at her home Friday evening, Jan. 28. Games and music made the time pass all too quickly. The principal amusement was a contest in which the girls vied with each other in writing a description of the kind of a man they wish to marry. Many of them were very clever and original but Miss Olive Snyder's was voted the best and she received the prize, a "gentleman statuette" Miss Pearl Drescher won second prize. A dainty three course luncheon was served.

A joyful celebration of the close of mid-year exams was held at the home of Miss Evelyn Trostle Saturday evening, Jan. 27. About twenty boys and girls gladly laid aside all the worry and care naturally incident to the season, took possession of the kitchen and prepared a good hot oyster stew, with divers varieties of sandwiches and all the other necessary accompaniments. The remainder of the evening was spent in a jolly, informal way which completely banished all harrowing thots of "flunko, flunkere, faculty, fire'em".

Miss Ada Preshaw was delightfully surprised Friday evening, Jan. 28, when about fourteen of her college friends called at her home in the city to help her celebrate her —?th birthday. The evening was spent in playing games and making candy. Mrs. Preshaw had been forewarned and had prepared an excellent luncheon which, needless to say, was enjoyed by all.

Prof. Kochenderfer's Sunday School class held a social at the beautiful home of John Andes on the Hill Wednesday evening, Jan. 12. In spite of inclement weather, about seventy were present and all thoroly enjoyed the unique contests and interesting program arranged by the committee on entertainment. Vocal solos were rendered by Mrs. S.C. and Mrs. S. J. Miller; Mrs. J. H. Berkybile and Mrs. Dr. Heaston gave appropriate readings; a quartette, consisting of Ira Vaniman, A. O. Brubaker, R. W. Detter and Ernest Vaniman gave several selections, and short speeches were made by Pres. Frantz, Rev. J. J. Yoder, Prof. Kochenderfer, F. A. Vaniman and Geo. Edgecomb. A Biblical spelling contest furnished much amusement and resulted in an undisputed victory for Prof. Frantz. The refreshment committee contributed largely to the pleasure of the evening by serving a delicious three course luncheon. At the close, the entire class stood, joined hands and sang, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds", after which they were dismissed with prayer.

Irving Notes

The following officers have been elected for the third term: E. L. Craik, Pres; Edna Detter, V. Pres.; Nettie Lichtenwalter, Sec.; J. T. Doerkson, Searg.; Ira Arnold, Ass't. Searg.

The executive committee has the matter in hand of making some improvements in Irving Hall.

Prof. Harnly recently gave us a very instructive lecture on Heredity and Its Influence on the Human Race. The lecture was worthy of comment and can be placed in line with the most important numbers given in the historic hall.

Two very excellent numbers recently given at the Irvings deserve mention. One was an illustrated lecture on Chemistry by Russel and Barnes, the other an illustrated poem by Arnold and Cram.

Seven of the contestants in the oratorical contest were members of the Irvings. Those results speak well for the Irving society work. Certainly noble work has been done in the hall when seven members are sent out to fight the greatest problem now before the American people.

Eurekas

Officers for third term:

President---Roy Nininger.

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Attorney---Frank Mohler.

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Athletic Notes

McPherson College has again closed another successful year in intercollegiate basket ball. In more ways than one this has been her most successful year. In spite of the fact that we were unable to have home games, a team has been produced that has done what the teams of few other schools can boast of; it has won twelve of the twenty-two games played, made a grand success financially, and everywhere it played has made a record for clean playing and manly conduct. The original line-up was Lichtenwalter and Horner, forwards; Wynn, center; Meyers and Royer, guards, and John, substitute. Ware, Talbott, and Temple later entered the team. We can certainly be proud of the work

done by each man and we wish to compliment Mr. Lichtenwalter on his work as manager.

Below is a complete record of the games played and the points made by each man. We would like to give also the points made off each but the material is not at hand for such a record.

		G. P.	G.	F. G.
Lichtenwalter,	F.	22	85	62
Ware,	F.	17	87	63
Talbott,	F.	12	107	
Wynn,	C.	12	24	
Royer,	G.	15	7	
Meyers,	G.	21	23	
Horner,	G.	5	4	
John,	G.	2	2	
Temple,	C.	2	1	

The schedule as played is as follows :

McPherson College	49—Newton Y. M. A. C.	35
"	" 38—Nickerson College,	36
"	" 47—Bethany College,	35
"	" 48—Florence High School,	34
"	" 23—Halstead High School,	24
"	" 18—Salina A. C.	17
"	" 52—Western State Normal,	50
"	" 44—Western State Normal,	48
"	" 47—Southwestern College,	44
"	" 27—Chilocco Indians,	39
"	" 62—Wichita Y. M. C. A.	40
"	" 34—Hillsboro A. C.	29
"	" 52—St. Johns Military Academy,	11
"	" 21—K. S. A. C.	39
"	" 34—Nebraska State Normal,	28
"	" 17—Falls City High School,	29
"	" 50—Midland College,	32
"	" 36—Haskell Indians,	39
"	" 23—Missouri State Normal,	49
"	" 30—William Jewell,	40
"	" 23—Ottawa University,	40
"	" 30—Kansas State Normal,	43

Total—805

Total—781

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

The devotional committee has ably planned and is successfully carrying out a series of life work meetings. They consist of a number of lectures given by able speakers, each one presenting the claim of Christian young men for his own profession. The first one given was on the general principals of choosing a life work, given by Prof. S. C. Miller. On January 30 the body was favored by a splendid, convincing talk from Mr. F. P. Hettinger, practicing lawyer in Hutchinson. His theme was the claim upon Christian young men for the law profession. The meetings have been well attended and met with success. The series will be continued by Prof. Clement and Dr. Heaston, each occupying one Sunday afternoon.

A splendid sectional book case has been purchased and placed in the reading room. It adds much to the beauty and dignity of the room.

State secretary Mr. Whitehair was with us lately. In a special called meeting he urged much the sending of a good delegation to the state convention at Topeka. About a dozen of the men are thinking of going.

My Creed

I would be true, for there are those who trust me ;

I would be pure, for there are those who care ;

I would be strong, for there is much to suffer ;

I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all—the foe—the friendless ;

I would be giving, and forget the gift ;

I would be humble, for I know my weakness ;

I would look up—and laugh—and love—and lift.

—By Howard Arnold Walters.

Locals

Well, here we are! Where? Oh, at college. And what for? Just what we are trying to find out.

And the third term is here. Yes, Father Time has rolled us on another cog.

The comet is a welcome visitor, judging by the number of diligent

admiring observers it has. It brings out the delightful side of astronomy as it affords night observations and discussions, you know. Of course the observations must be taken early, but the discussions may sometimes extend into the quiet hours of the night. It's surprising to note how many are interested in astronomy, anyway, girls as well as boys.

Lit. Student—"Say, Professor, didn't De Quincey die in Greece?"
Poor man!

Dr. Frederick Starr of Chicago University may denounce the relics of barbarism if he chooses, but, in spite of it, we are still bound to revert to them. This fact has been demonstrated in our own institution by one of our leading scientists, Mr. Barnes, who, it is said, has lately taken a fancy to Rings.

And what about the weather? Oh, it's all right. Heat prostrations, sudden deaths by sunstroke, and the like, have not occurred recently.

Benedict Bruce Miller and the girl who was willing to change Mohler to Miller for his sake, favored us with a visit not long since. Bruce's smile has expanded a little, if possible.

Prof. S., to student who wanted to know why his experiment with amorphous sulphur failed.—Why, for amorphous sulphur to become rhombic requires years unless the temperature is kept high enuf, but if the temperature is sufficiently high, the change will take place in a few days. Student—Not much hopes for results in the chemistry lab then. W. T.—O-just get an incubator.

Prospects are quite good for a base-ball team next spring. At least a battery is being worked out at the north-west table in the Dormitory.

Stanley Dresher attended the Volland-Studebaker wedding in Nebraska. This undoubtedly bespeaks wisdom on the part of Mr. Dresher, for, you know, it is well to gain information along certain lines beforehand. That's right, Stanley, never go into anything blind.

Philosopher Craik contends that catsup is bad for the complexion. But Linquist Thompson, who is a strong imbiber of the same, argues otherwise. He says he has always used it, is now using more than ever, and that he will put up his complexion against any girl's in school. No more than two at a time, girls, don't rush.

Mr. Goertz, believing that photographs exercise a good influence upon one's character, has recently placed one in his book case. We

hope he may realize the Harms which such an action sometimes involves.

Mr. Hoffsommer of Roxbury again visited M. C. some time ago.

"Jake" Schroeder, Normal '09, who has been teaching in the public schools this winter, entered college at the beginning of the second semester.

Latest definition of hugging—"energy going to waist."

"Pat" Nichols, who is fast becoming recognised as the College "stunt performer", recently pulled off a good one in Commercial Hall. While leaning around with his chair on one leg, it slid from under him, and, consequently, the laws of gravitation took their course. Pat went down. On rising, Prof. asked him what letter he was trying to make. Pat said he didn't know, but he used the downward stress.

Bertha Miller, who has been attending M. C., returned to her home near Hutchinson at the close of the first semester.

"Jimmie" Rothrock was around recently visiting old friends and especially addressing admonitions to the more wayward members of his illustrious and chivalrous Order of Old Bachelors. It seems that the Philosophers have militated against the object of Junior's care and it is rumored that the Socratic Rite will henceforth be a side degree of the Order.

Mr. C. to Mr. S. after the Harnly lecture—Well, I've discovered that you have six fathers. Mr. S., inquiringly—How's that. Mr. C.—Well, your father, your grandfather, and forefathers.

Prof. Clement has recently been elected by the K. U. Board of Regents, Assistant in Education on account of the illness of Prof. Hogg. This is further proof of McClary's statement—"Your own will always come to you."

At the table—Mr. Craik—Did you ever participate in the perfunctory formality of extracting the albino, nourishing, nutritious fluid from a domesticated, maternal, bovine creature? Mr. Russel—You mean, did I ever pail a cow?

Prof. K.—Man is a geological force, something like a volcano. Explain. Student—Well—yes—he does "explode" at times.

At the conclusion of one of his chapel talks Prof. "Fanny" showed the students some petrified potatoes from Colorado, the land of the Rockies. Another illustration of the effect of environment.

Thunder in the winter time is unusual, but we have heard its

echoes reverberating within our college walls for weeks past.—Oratory, I guess they call it.

Prof., speaking of families of chemical elements—"In this family there are more -phites than -phates." Alas, how true elsewhere as well!

Question—Why does Prof. K. use three chairs in teaching his classes and continually wink his eye at the girls?

The slogan of the basket ball boys since returning from their trip is "Normal Schools for Ma"—which, being interpreted, is "I like boys, but O, you girls!"

To those still uninitiated we will explain that mysterious "A. R. L. It is simply Anti-rat League, and promises a bright future for all pussy cats.

The Sophs certainly exhibited commendable discretion when they selected one of their own number to act as "dummy," and another as "crank".

The way the Commercial yells "hic, haec, hoc" at a basket ball game, without any knowledge of Latin, is remarkable.

Prof. Frantz was unable to meet his classes for three weeks on account of illness.

The Seniors have been tragically attempting to live up to the dignity of their caps and gowns, but found it a bit difficult in the face of the Sophomore demonstration, especially when they threw them the lemon.

Miss Moran, for one, is heartily glad the Oratorical Contest is over. She declares she would have had delirium tremens had she been compelled to listen to those prohibition orations much oftener.

If you see a Senior going around with a microscope don't disturb him. He's looking for the Junior class.

How nice for old students to frequently visit their Alma Mater. But some think they can't afford this. Kasey can't see why. It is nothing for him to A. Ford.

The Physics class recently demonstrated the fact that the average locomotive and steam boat engines consume, respectively, one and eight tons of coal per hour. Drescher considers these startling facts, and thinks that from now on engines should be constructed much smaller. When asked why, he replied—"Why, for the sake of the coal miner."

Another organization has sprung up in our midst. It is called the Philosopher's Club and its function is to pronounce finally on the philosophical and metaphysical questions of the day. The leading magazine articles are brot before this distinguished conclave for consideration. After agreeing to accept or reject the matter in hand, the imperial dictator, Socratus Iratus Arnold, pronounces the "ipse dixit" which is returned with a hearty "so mote it be" from the erudite disputants. Whereupon the conclave adjourns sine die.

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What does Carrier carry? Whom does Detter owe? Why is the Sophmore Sandy? Which one owns Banks? What does Baker bake? Who can pay the Price? For what does Jewett Russel? Where is Miller's mill? Who will join the Ring? What did George Wynn? How high are the Andes? Who likes to hunt Kuns? Who wants these Nichols? Why do they all talk to a Stump? Who got Moran her share? Which is Johns? What d'you know about that Guy? Who is our Crumpacker? Why give up Hope? Who will attend the Ball? What did De Forest Steele? Why is the little man Small? What did Prof. Shirk?

Exchanges

The Collegian is on our desk with its usual quota of advertisements. The paper also has a few other things in it.

The Lordsburg Educator is fairly bubbling over with New Year spirit. Undoubtedly some good resolutions have been made.

Southwestern and the College of Emporia have signed up for a debate to be held in the near future. Ottawa was also expected to participate, but for certain reasons will not. The Collegian says they are "skeert".

The Wesleyan Advance is working for a gymnasium.

Friends is growing. A new laboratory, fire escapes and society halls are some of the latest improvements.

We are pleased to commend the article, "The Function of a College Paper", which appeared in the Purple and Gold.

The State Prohibition Oratorical contest will be held at Lindsborg March, 15th. This contest occurs at Bethany during the week of the Messiah which will afford the contestants a rare musical treat.

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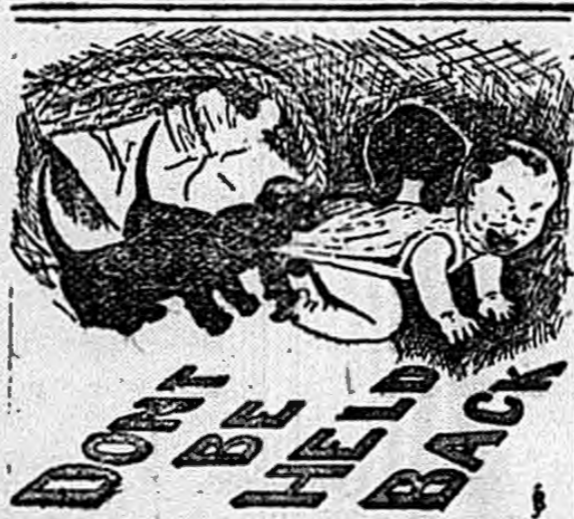
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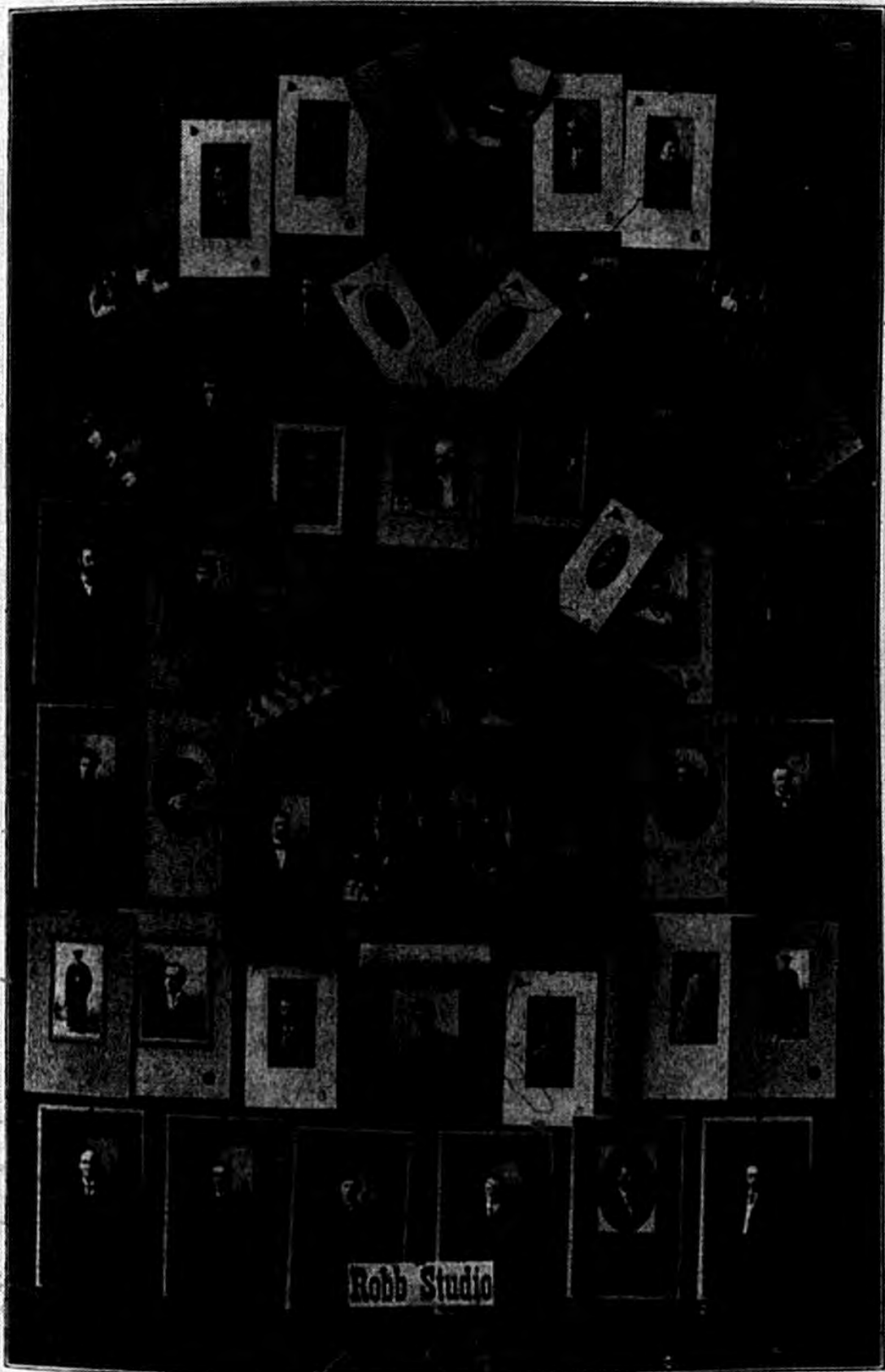
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