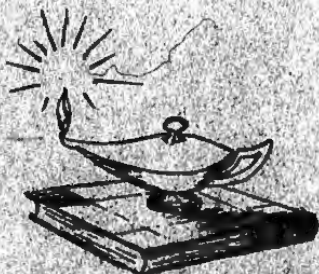


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## The Moonlight Sonata

ALICE NASH.—CLASS '14.

Everything about the house had been astir all day. Trunks and valises were being packed and draymen were carrying them down to the depot. Grocery boys could be seen entering the house at several different times, bringing all kinds of goodies, for they were preparing for a regular feast that evening.

All this commotion was due to the fact that George Atteridge, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Atteridge, was preparing to take his departure for Germany, where he intended to spend three or four years in studying music. His musical talent had been recognised ever since he was quite a young boy, and he had been under the instruction of the best musicians at home, but his one greatest ambition was to go to Germany some time in his life and there be under the influence and training of a truly great musician. The fulfilment of his wish was about to be realized and consequently he was in high spirits all day, and had been for several weeks since he was sure of his going. However, when the hours before his departure kept diminishing in numbers, he began to realize for the first time, what a journey he was really taking, and that the years would seem longer than they actually were, before he could see the folks and friends at home. Perhaps the other members of the family were thinking of the same thing, for

the dinner that evening seemed extra long and tedious, although each was doing his part toward making it seem cheerful, since it was the last meal that George would eat at home for some time.

It was finished at last though, and George and his sister Katie went into the parlor, for one of their confidential little talks; that they so enjoyed. George seated himself in a large comfortable rocking chair and pulled another one, equally comfortable, along side of him motioning for his sister to be seated. For some few minutes neither spoke, but at last George broke the silence. "Say Katie, will you miss me when I'm gone?" As a general rule Kate could stand a good deal of her brother's joking, but she was not in that mood tonight. "Oh George, don't tease, you know I can hardly stand to let you go." "But, little girl, don't you want your big brother to ever learn anything more about music than he does now?"

"Such a foolish question, you know I'm in for anything that you want, but it'll be such a long time before you're back, and then Isabelle will probably have you from then on, if you don't fall in love with some pretty little German girl over there, and then you and I can have no more little chats in this dear old room."

"Now Katie, dear, you don't know but what you will be married before I come back, but say, since you've mentioned her, you'll take good care of Isabelle till I come back, won't you? And don't let some good-for-nothing chap pick her up while I'm away. Gee, its hard to leave that little girl."

"I'll do my best, George, but you almost make me feel jealous. I don't believe you care a bit about leaving me." With this, she took ahold of his hand and led him to the piano, saying: "You must play me one little piece before you leave. Remember this will be your last time for three or four years."

"You'd better wait until I come back from Germany, and I'll be able to play like somebody then." But Katie insisted, so after she had turned out the lights, for he always liked to play in the dark, he started in on Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata,"

which was Katie's favorite piece. To Kate, listening, it seemed that even four years in Germany would not improve George's playing, for he was master of everything he attempted to play. When the piece was finished, she took hold of his hand and said: "Oh George, that was wonderful, Isabelle could never appreciate your playing like I do."

George was a trifle doubtful about that, for there was nothing he loved to do better than to sit and play for Isabelle. She was always an attentive listener and seemed to go in raptures over his music. However, he said nothing.

The lights were turned on again, it was only a short time before he must start for the train. It was a distance of four miles to the depot and his father had the horse and buggy all ready to take him to the station.

His mother came into the room to tell him "good bye," but she could not bear to have her boy leave her. He had taken her in his arms and was whispering words of comfort into her ears, when the father called that it was time to start. One last fond kiss and he released her, turning to his sister, but she had quietly slipped out of the room, and he knew it was because she could not say goodbye to him. - So with a last look at the old place, he bounded out of the house and jumped into the buggy, beside his father, perfectly unconscious of the sad little face of his sister gazing mournfully at him from the upstairs window.

He had expected the ride to the depot to be a long and tiresome one, but owing to the cheerfulness of his father and the continual flow of conversation he kept up, he was surprised when he saw the depot only a few blocks away, and the train already pulling into the station. They arrived just in time for him to swing onto the train and shout a goodbye to his father.

Within a month's time he was comfortably located in a flat in Leipzig, Germany, and had secured the instructions of one of the most famous musicians in Germany. He liked the place—everything seemed so quaint and picturesque. He liked the peo-

ple,—true they were a mixture of people from all parts of the world, who had come undoubtedly for the same reason he had, but they were congenial, sociable folk. He liked his music and his instructor very much. It seemed that he had really never stultified true music before. But above all he liked his letters from Isabelle; she wrote regularly and he thought that it wasn't so bad to be away from her after all, if he could get such letters as those. But why did he think so much of Isabelle's letters? His sister Katie wrote just as often and told him everything that was going on at home. Yet he considered her letters as a matter of fact, and it was Isabelle's letters to which he looked forward.

In the same flat with George was a violin player, Rex Shelton by name, and after acquaintance, there arose such a common fellowship between the two as is difficult to define. In the afternoons before supper, when each was tired of practicing, they would go for long strolls in the outskirts of the City, and in the evenings Rex would bring his violin over to George's room and they would play for hours, then end up with a long talk, which reminded George very much of the ones he and Katie used to have.

At the end of his third year he had taken his diploma, and had already won great fame in Leipzig. His folks urged him to come home, as he was having considerable trouble with his eyes, but on the request of his teacher, who wished him to study at least two years more with him, he decided to remain. So he again took up his practice of six to eight hours a day.

Isabelle was simply elated over his success, and this was one thing that prompted him to stay. He wanted to be perfect in her eyes, when he got home.

A few months after this, when Rex and he were taking their usual walk before supper, George remarked: "Rex, I've just got to do something for my eyes, everything looks black before me at times." So on their way back to the flat, they stopped in the office of the leading Optician and George had his eyes tested. After a close examination of his eyes, the doctor said: "Man,



You've got a pair of mighty bad eyes, and you'll have to take care of them if you want me to do anything for you. What's your occupation?" On telling him that he was there studying music, he said: "You'll have to quit that; no more looking at notes for some time." So Rex and George walked home rather dejectedly that evening. George went to his room without any supper to think over the matter. "How could he give up his music?" Within a month Professor Stengel was going to give the "Elizah" with a chorus of six hundred voices, and had asked George to do the accompanying. They were just in the midst of their practice now, with a rehearsal every night, and it would be a sin for him to go back on his instructor at that late hour. So he decided to stay by it for the remaining month and then if necessary, he would give up practicing. Accordingly he went to the practices every night. At times his eyes pained him so that he thought he could never see another note, but he was determined.

The night came for the rendition of "Elizah", and wonderful to say, his eyes were in better condition that night than they had been for some time. The oratorio went off fine, without a halt, and the people went in raptures over the way "Mr. Geo. Atteridge" handled the accompaniment. He was so exuberant over his success that he forgot all about his eyes. He went home and wrote a long letter to both Isabelle and Katie, telling them all about the performance.

The next morning, George was seated at the piano, running over a few pieces that he had lately memorised, when suddenly everything before him turned black. He waited a few minutes, thinking that it was only one of his attacks. He waited—but the shadow did not brighten. He rushed to the window, tore off the curtain and pressed his face against the window pane; but in vain—he could see nothing. The full meaning of it all suddenly dawned upon him. He was blind.—With his arms over his face and eyes he reeled backwards, his full weight falling upon the keys of the piano. The discord that arose was terrible. Vibrating through the halls, it caused those who had never before distinguish-

ed the difference between discord and harmony, to clench their hands tightly against their ears, so horrible was the sound. Rex hearing the clash rushed into the room and found his companion with his head resting on the keys. He was at his side in a moment thinking that perhaps he was unconscious. But he was not. He lifted up his head and said, "Rex it has come at last; I am blind."

They sat there, for hours it seemed, perfectly quiet, for each understood the other's silence. Then George said: "Rex, You'll have to write to Isabelle for me, and tell her, you know I can't."

That afternoon Rex Shelton was busy moving George's belongings into his room for he insisted that he should take care of him until he went back home.

At last an answer came from Isabelle. She was very sorry to hear of his misfortune. The letter was very brief but it was the last he ever received from her. And later they noticed an announcement, in one of the home papers, of the marriage of "Miss Isabelle King and Mr. Robert Smedes." The gentleman being a young physician in a small town some distance from their home.

To George this blow was even greater than his blindness. The letters from his folks came, begging him to come home. So he decided to leave, after having induced Rex to go with him.

At first he hated to think of his home coming, on account of Isabelle, but when the train pulled up to the old depot and he was in his father's embrace, he decided then and there, that there was no place like home. Mother and Katie were waiting for them on the porch, and a steaming hot supper was all ready inside.

As of old, after supper, George and Katie found their way into the same old sitting room and after one of their old chats, Katie led him to the piano; and after she had turned out the lights and rolled up the curtains, George began playing her "Moonlight Sonata." Katie listened. It was the same old piece he had played the night of his departure. The same old piece: her favor-

He. Yet there was a sweetness of melody and expression that she had never heard before.

His soul had been touched; sadness had come into his heart and the music was sweet—melodious.

He had finished, but her only exclamation was "Oh, George," and yet the words that she had uttered the night he left for Germany, rang through his head as clearly as if she had spoken then. "Isabelle could never appreciate your playing like I do" and he knew that it was true.

C

## The Decisive Moment.

BY CLAY YOUNG, WINNER OF THIRD PRIZE IN THE PROHIBITION ORATORICAL CONTEST.

"Once to every man and Nation comes the moment to decide."

The ability to act at the decisive moment has changed the fate of many nations. Napoleon, by acting at decisive moments, gained the largest empire ever held by one man. Although not always easy to recognize, the decisive moment must come and often times it changes the destiny of a nation. We, whose most precious heritage is liberty, harbored slavery for many years, and because of it, our nation hung suspended between antagonistic sentiments. One of the greatest issues in the history of our country hung in the balance. When the decisive moment arrived, the stain of slavery was washed out in the blood of thousand, and our nation was swung into the pathway of Union and Freedom.

For generations this country has been striving to expel the saloon from the land. It has been driven from one vantage ground to another: each victory marked by a battle, harder fought and bought with a dearer price than the preceding one, as the enemy becomes more desperate. Now it has taken refuge in politics. Here it defies every attack, frustrates every attempt to dislodge it from this formidable position. Here it exults in its security and with fiendish

triumph continues its devilish traffic. It is unnecessary here to enumerate all of the evils resulting from liquor. Suffice it to say, that since its advent to this country, it has existed as a blighting, damning curse on everything pure, decent and virtuous. The American saloon is the cause of over six-sevenths of the pauperism and four-fifths of the crime in this nation. "It is the hot bed which propagates communism and anarchy." It is the foster parent of the slums of our cities, the condition of which, it is impossible to describe. Talk of Dante's "Hell," and all the horrors and cruelties of the torture chamber of the lost! The man, who walks with open eyes and bleeding heart through the miserable rum-soaked slums of our cities, needs no such fantastic images of the poet, to teach him horror.

Yet I do not stand here tonight to hurl anathemas at politics, for shielding this monster, nor upon the voters, who make it possible for such politics to exist. But mark you. It is a false sense of party loyalty that makes men shut their eyes to the public welfare, and by the injudicious use of their ballot, permit such corrupt officials to be elected. But think how many souls are damned, how many drunkard's graves are filled, because of this party loyalty. We cannot underestimate the power of the political forces. They have been closely interwoven with every step of our nation's progress. This should be the key to the solution of the problem, but the legislators are too prone to the influence of popular passion and excitement, to say nothing of other means of influence, which, it is charged are used for the power of rum to be broken through politics alone.

Is there then no hope of purging our nation of this blot to its moral, physical and intellectual welfare? Behold! Through an opening in the clouds of sin and corruption gleams a star of hope. The decisive moment is here! Anti-Saloon leagues are formed through-out the country. This will strike at the very root of the evil without involving party principles. No longer is the position

of the enemy impregnable. Their bulwark of defense is shattered. We have them in the open.

Now the liquor dealers realize their dangerous position and seek to stay their impending doom. They cast about for excuses: they play for time. They ridicule the idea of prohibition prohibiting. No, God help us, it does not prohibit! How can it prohibit when by bribing the police officers, they can keep their saloons open every hour of the week? How can it prohibit, when the laws are not enforced, when men willfully plan to break them, when Grand Jurors acquit guilty parties and shut their eyes to the outrages perpetrated on all sides? No, it does not prohibit under present conditions, but is that any logical reason why we should not have prohibition? Because the statutory laws are continually broken and crimes committed in opposition to them, is that any reason why they should be repealed? No, prohibition does not prohibit, but if you will elect honorable, upright men, who are convinced of what their duty to home, citizens and their nation demands, and then have the moral courage to stand up for their convictions, prohibition will prohibit.

Now they wish to arbitrate, to compromise. They will close their saloons on Sunday. They propose to raise the license fee; they will regulate it. In the words of Lincoln, "The liquor traffic is a cancer in society—and all attempts to regulate it will not only prove abortive but aggravate the evil. No! There must be no more attempts to regulate; it must be eradicated." Now they propose to abolish the dives and dens and retain only the marble mansions and palace saloons. It is only an attempt to retreat behind the barrier of respectability. They cannot make a bad thing respectable. The leopard can not change its spots, nor the Ethiopian his skin; neither can the liquor traffic change its inherent vices into respectability. No! We will win. God is on our side. He stop until we have rescued our nation from this enemy, who pollutes our society and desecrates our sacred institutions.

While they are wavering let us charge them. They may with-

stand our attack a while but we will win. God is in our side. He will protect the right. But be not over confident: let us not underestimate the power of the enemy. Not easily will they yield: not indifferently will they fight. They are desperate. Their wealth, gained at the sacrifice of their souls, yes, and the sacrifice of thousands of other souls as well, is threatened. They are resolved to win by fair means or foul. They are rallying their forces for their last resistance. I see, on the bloated, debauched features of the liquor demons, startled fear and dread; but I see in their beared eyes, furious desperation. Ob, men, we must win! Now is the crucial moment! Listen to the pleading commands of your leader, "Ob, comrades, fight for the honor of your native land! Fight for the homes you love! Fight for the purity of American Womanhood! Fight for the honor and integrity of American Manhood! Fight in the name of Almighty God until the enemy flees in fear and confusion!!" Now the young men are coming to the front and swelling the ranks. Yes, but we still need volunteers. We are greatly outnumbered. O, Citizens, fall in line! Fall in line!! Help us to make such a furious charge as will shatter the power of the liquor traffic forever!

## C

What Budding Loquacious Linguistic Philosophical Genius Pro-  
pounded this?

"If there is one thing more than another that has impressed me since I came into this country, it is the incomprehensible, not to say multitudinous, dispensations of certain subtle and philosophical declarations as to the unified and indisputatable conglomerations of hyperborean deprecations of the inherent capabilities of the indigenous anthropological and traditional estimates of the superabundant testimonials of the qualifications of earth and air and sky for the production of pristine and gigantic, as well as consecutive, memorabilia of transcendent and clarified declarations."



# CLASS

'14.



Not very many people ever get to be President, but one man did and that is Oren Vaughan. He is the President of the Freshman class of McPherson College. More than that he is a McPhersonite and received his early education here. His many friends will remember him better by his old nickname of "Deacon" and "Scientific." He is in every respect worthy of the office he holds and will some day no doubt, astonish the world by some great scientific discovery or invention.

The person receiving next highest honor in the class is Clay Young, Vice President. He is a McPherson farmer boy with high aspirations, "Red" or "Brigham" as he is sometimes called is the lawyer to be, of the class of 1914.

Miss Elsie Buckman, Secretary, is one of our good staunch Conway young ladies. She is a girl with a purpose. For several years she has been in such a manner associated with the McPherson College that she will be long remembered when she takes up the life of the Missionary in the Foreign field, as she expects to do when her College education is finished. Before going to the Foreign field she will work in the Wichita Mission.

Mr. A. T. Hoffert was born near Carelton, Nebraska. His early life was spent on the farm and attending country school. Later he taught school for a number of years. He is preparing himself for a Foreign missionary.

Miss Dithie Neff, the humorist of the class, is a native of the Buckeye State. The greater part of her life has been spent in Mc-

Pherson with her grandmother, Mrs. Fabnestock. We will hear of her after a few years, as a journalist.

Mr. Lundeen came from the state "where people have to be showed." This, however, is not characteristic of this tall Swede. He was raised on a farm, and is fitting himself for an engineer.

Miss Sara Jacobs is a typical Jay-hawker, having brains, push and perseverance. She was recognized in the City High School as a student and is keeping up her reputation in College. "Journalism," is her calling.

Mr. Guy Breen was born in Smith County, Kansas, on the farm. He came from the country school to the McPherson College Academic department. For a number of years he was engaged in business in the city. He is striving for an M. D. degree. He has the honor of being the only married man in the Freshman class.

Miss Alice Nash was born in Salina, Kansas. The greater part of her life has been spent in McPherson, where she finished High School. She is a musician and is fitting herself for a music teacher.

Mr. John Deeter is the only Minister in the class. He was born in Missouri. For the last ten or fifteen years he has lived in North Dakota where he received the early part of his education. After he finishes his work here, he will go on in school work and will probably take a D. D. degree.

Mr. Paul Seidel is a McPherson County man. The last four years has been spent here in school, chiefly in the Commercial Department. He expects to be a Commercial teacher.

Miss Edna Price is a native of Nebraska but has spent the greater part of her life in Nickerson and McPherson Kansas. She is the only alto singer in the class and is a natural born musician. She was once a society lady but now secludes herself to the society of one, hence it is not known what she intends to



do in the future years. But with the poet we can say of her:

"She is a woman nobly planned

To warn, to comfort and command."

Miss Ruth Fasnacht, the globe trotter, is the class critic. Her sharp piercing eye escapes no error in any form. It has been said of her by one of the Profs. "She always comes to class prepared." Ruth is especially noted for her rich flow of perfect grammatical speech. She is preparing herself to be a musician, and home girl.—(Mamma's girl, you know.)

Mr. Baldwin, who goes by the name of Jack is a pretty, curly-headed blonde. He was born in Pennsylvania and has traveled west and while on his way to New Orleans stopped at McPherson, Kansas, where he has, by the irony of fate, been destined to spend a greater part of his life.

Mr. Harvey Nininger is a little fellow and has been here nearly two years during which time he has been preparing himself for the more active and serviceable duties of life. His home is in Oklahoma but he likes Kingman county, Kansas, better.

Mr. Freeman Brubaker has spent most of his youth in McPherson, Kansas, on a farm east of the college. He is a bright little fellow and will make his mark in the world sometime. He is a good boy and never had a girl. He is preparing himself for the ministry.

#### COULDN'T BE.

A Member of Congress was very much impressed with the dignity of his position and it was always on his mind. One night his wife woke him and whispered:

"John, there are burglars in the house."

"You must be mistaken, my dear," said her husband; "there may be a few in the Senate but in the House—oh, no; the idea is preposterous."

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## Editorial

"Self-reliance, self-knowledge, self-control, these three alone  
lead life to sovereign power."

—Tennyson.

"Ambition takes on various forms; some men would rather be  
spectacularly vicious than inconspicuously decent."

As the latest Parisian garment makes its debut, and prostrates  
the world at its feet like an Alexander or a Napoleon, just so does  
a fashionable opinion captivate the world providing it is heralded  
by a popular man.

We are doing a little gratis advertising this month for the  
Freshman class. The afore-said class contributes the literary  
material and cuts for this issue. All other features are worked  
out by the staff as usual.

This is not an apology for the appropriate — beg your pardon  
—rather the classic stereotyped color representation customarily attributed  
to the Freshman. We believe they have progressed so far that they are as proud  
of the verdant hue of the cover of this issue as is any indigenous inhabitant  
of the Emerald Isle.

On another page we present Mr. Young's oration to the public.



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**M**R. D. O. VAUGHAN was born in McPherson City and has been a resident of the same to the present time. He took his grade work and High School work in the city schools, graduating from the High School with the class of '08. He enrolled in McPherson College at the beginning of the school year and is now president of the Freshman class. He is especially interested along engineering lines.

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**M**R. CLAY YOUNG was born near Canton, Kansas, but has lived for a number of years about two miles southeast of McPherson. He took his grade work in the country school and his High School course in McPherson, graduating with the class of '10. This is his Freshman year in McPherson College. He represented his class and won third prize in the Oratorical Contest. He is especially interested in athletics and expression.



With this oration Mr. Young won third prize in the local prohibition Oratorical Contest. We cannot do justice to his oratorical ability as his delivery was his strong point, for which he was ranked first place.

It is with satisfaction that we note a recent move toward bringing the college student in closer contact with the practical world. Unless carefully guarded the average student tends to become in a measure an alien in his own community, by a slow but persistent isolation from the same. This tendency is in a degree being neutralized by sending student speakers out in the neighboring villages and rural centers. Another commendable way being utilized is to invite the leading men of this city and from various parts of the state to give addresses in chapel, Y. M. C. A. and Literary Society sessions.

It was reported in the Alumni Notes of the last issue of the Rays that "Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nickel, of Miami, Texas, are the proud parents of twin girl babies." We have subsequently been informed that the above statement is incorrect. We ask the pardon of those especially concerned, and we assure them that we are sorry that the error occurred and also sorry that it was an error.



## Alumni Notes

Mr. James Rothrock was a college visitor over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Stutzman are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Mrs. S. B. Fahenstock gave an excellent address to the Y. W. C. A. of Tabor College recently. "Women's Opportunities" was her subject which she handled in her usual pleasing manner. The girls have organized, recently and appreciated the many helpful suggestions she gave them pertaining to Y. W. work.

By the way, did you know that of the six teachers employed

in Tabor College, five are old M. C. graduates? They are doing most successful work and are laying the foundation for a strong College.

Prof. Lohrenz is at present taking post-graduate work at Kansas University. Prof. Hiebert is acting president this year. He is expecting to take University work next year. Prof. Ebel is also planning to spend two years in Chicago University, in the near future.

The many friends of Mrs. Kate Herbert-Ebel will be glad to learn that she is well again. She, the same jolly impulsive girl of our remembrance, said "they have such a big lively boy, who won't be still for a minute, consequently one of them stays home with him most of the time."

Roy Carlson, Nor., '09, was one of our pleasant visitors this week. He is going to have charge of his father's farm this year.

Mr. Horton Davisson and family are visiting relatives and friends in the city. Mr. Davisson is one of the successful farmers in Hinton, Oklahoma.

Miss Vivian Hedlund was the guest of Miss Grace Vaniman this week, also visited their mutual friend and class-mate, Martha Bartels, of Inman.

The many friends of Dr. J. C. Klepinger will be sorry to learn, that on account of the critical condition of his eyes, he will have to give up his practice. They will locate on their farm, near Herington, this spring.

Adolph Beyer, Nor. '05 has enrolled in the college department.

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Mary had a little dog,  
She put him on the shelf,  
And every time he wagged his tail,  
He spanked his little self.

## Social Notes

Miss Grace and Miss Viola Vaniman were hostesses for a most delightful valentine party last evening at their home on East Euclid street. The large double parlors were decorated with pink and white hearts and between the connecting doorways was suspended a large heart of smilax pierced with an arrow of pink carnations. Smiling little cupids peered out from among the decorations, and beautiful pink and white carnations added to the charm of the house, where the young ladies welcomed their guests, to the number of about forty. Pink and white hearts played an important part in all the games and entertainments during the evening. At one time partners were found by means of pink hearts given to the young ladies, on which was a tiny piece of sandpaper. The gentlemen had matches with the corresponding number on their hearts. When they found their partners they struck the match. Progressive hearts formed a source of much amusement. The young people were seated at small tables and given pink paper hearts on which they made wishes for each other. The gentlemen progressed until they made the rounds. Little bags of pink hearts were given to the ladies for another game, which they were to forfeit if they said yes to any question asked by the gentlemen. The refreshments were all in an appropriate style, pink ice-cream hearts in white ones pierced by white darts, delicious cakes in which the same idea was carried out, and other good things served in an equally pleasing way. The party was a very enjoyable affair all the way through and the Misses Vaniman proved themselves the most charming hostesses, so that it was with a feeling of regret that their guests found at a late hour that it was time to depart for their homes.

At a late hour in the evening the boys of the dormitory gave the usual serenade, after which treats were in order. In this

particular case though the treats were fudge instead the usual cigars.

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A number of the college students were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilcox, in the city Thursday evening Feb. 24. A social evening was rapidly passed, in which music played a prominent part. A dainty lunch was served late in the evening. At a late hour the guests departed, thanking their host and hostess for a jolly evening.

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Miss Trostle most admirably entertained a number of friends at her home on Saturday evening Feb. 19. The evening was spent in playing games after which a three-course luncheon was served. The company broke up at a late hour, pronouncing Miss Trostle a splendid hostess.

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The girls of the Dormitory held a Mock Wedding Monday afternoon Feb. 21. The ceremony was very impressive and many tears were in evidence among the more serious girls. The groom was elegantly attired in a blue serge while the bride wore the conventional white, with the long flowing bridal veil. One particular feature of the wedding was that invitations were issued to girls only.

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## Y. M. C. A.

Things have been rather quiet among the boys for the past few weeks, but now they have awakened. All the mission study classes were started Thursday Feb. 23. A good interest and attendance was manifest which is very encouraging since the classes have been somewhat delayed.

A reform movement is now on foot concerning the Y. M. C. A. reading room. We are gratified to note the improvement of conditions there. The reading room is a fine asset to the Y. M. C. A., and it deserves the best attendance of all its members. It

is good now, but by co-operation it can be made better and should be the pride of every member.

## Y. W. C. A.

The new officers were elected last week: Lillie Hope, President; Edna Dettler, Vice President; Evelyn Trustle, Treasurer; Corresponding Secretary, Maude Eash; Rec. Secy., Gladys Muir and Chorister, Letha Hudson.

Last Sunday, Feb. 26, Prof. Shirk of Topeka addressed the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. on the "Little Things Worth While." The preceding evening he gave a lecture in the chapel about the "Passion Play." This Mr. Shirk has been here before and is not a stranger to the students and his presence is always welcomed.

Prof. Thayer of Fairmont spoke to the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. on Feb. 19. He is a big fine looking man and his talk on "Religion and its place in a student's life," was one of the best that has been given at this place.

## Irving's.

Feb. 11, 1911, the Irving's gave a good program before recess after which Rev. Ross of the city gave a lecture. It was a good, wholesome and entertaining lecture and one that is very beneficial to any literary society.

The last two Saturday nights there was no regular meeting of the Society because of the inclemency of the weather on the one occasion and Prof. Shirk's "Passion Play", lecture on the other.



## Local Notes

You can tell by the cover design that the Freshmen Class is a howling success.

The sociology class have been studying the homes and home life in the tenement district of our large cities the past two weeks. At a recent dismissal of the class Prof. Koch & c. said: "This tenement problem is a mighty interesting one, and I think we'll keep hammering Family life for another week or two."

Dotsour in Orthography class, "Give two words using the prefixes "pro" & "con". One meaning for, the other Against." Young political speller: "Progress and Congress."

Arnold in beginning algebra. "Where do we first find Algebra?"

Young Historian, (in the wrong pew) "Algebra was the wife of Euclid."

Arnold and Hollinger have taken it upon themselves since our fireman departed to make it hot for us. But it takes them both to do it.

Everybody has heard of the kill or cure water remedy. But everybody doesn't have it administered by the soft caressing hands of a few adorable ones of the fairer sex. Carrier has never told us whether he wanted our sympathies or our congratulations.

Prof. Kochenderfer: "What is the size of a family in the tenement district of Chicago?"

Miss T. "Why they run from one up."

Professor Shirk completed the division of the class in pairs (one boy and one girl in each) to work lab. in Physiology together and then began: "I think this is a good time to get the connective tissue straightened out now."

Prof. Miller reading an announcement in chapel. "The Orchestra will rehearse to night at 7:30, Faculty meeting this afternoon at 4 p. m. would like to have all the Tutors present."

Miss Sawyer reading a paper on Ben. Franklin: "He was hall-

ed in the French courts . . . but the tide turned and he arraigned them in a thunderous manner."

In Economics, Prof. "What was the status of man then?"

D. E. C. "Man was the bread winner of the family."

Prof. "And the status of woman?"

Wait. "She was the bread maker."

Prof. in history class: "Describe Queen Elizabeth."

Miss Neff. "Her face was pale and thin but she was a stout protestant."

A maiden at College named Breeze,  
Weighed down by B. A's., and M. D.'s;  
Collapsed from the strain  
Said her Doctor 'tis plain  
You're killing yourself by degrees.

Say did you ever stop to think that it is mighty funny that many students cannot state a bald fact without spitting hairs.

Prof. Shirk had been trying for an hour to drill into the hard heads of the Physiology class the action of nerve stimulus and finally Breon tumbled. (We mean his chair alipped out from under him.) If you ask him he can tell you exactly the effect of sudden and forceful stimulus.

Miss Esse Joseph, now of Barnard, Kansas, returned to M. C. last month for a few days visit.

You ought to know just how much work is attached to getting out that Annual. Nobody is kicking on the support the juniors are receiving from the student body, and it is that and the work that is being put on it that is going to make it A 1.

Mr. Ricker of the State Reformatory visited the college a few days ago. In introducing him, Prof said: "Mr. Ricker is a man who has been in the Penal institutions for years and has left his work long enough to give us a call.—Mr. Ricker."

Prof. Shirk of Topeka lectured here on "The Passion Play." He also gave a talk to the Y. M. & Y. W. C. A. on Sunday after-

noon. M. C. Stedens are always glad to hear Prof. Shirk.

Professor K. Says that all you can say for the Guild System is that it is conducive for manufacturing people.

E. Vaniman recently had the subject handed to him for a thesis in Sociology 'Marriage and Divorce.' Because 'probably' he would be more interested in it than any one else in the class.

Miss Bennell says: "London has the best tenement district of any city its size." And nobody can disprove it.

Spohn and Miss Eash were recently in a company playing Flinch. Spohn in order to further his interests "In the game" took a card from Miss Eash's hand and played it. He overruled the objection raised by saying. "It's all the difference."

No one writes any of these personal locals so don't blame anyone if your name is in print. Selah.

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## Athletics

When it came time for the athletic editor to prepare his notes he sought in vain for a topic upon which to write. At last it came.

When the new management was formed and the new trustees elected new life was fused into the institution. Every department and phase of activity has received a quickening impulse. Even athletics has not been slighted. The gymnasium committee met March 1, and decided to erect the new gymnasium this summer. That it is an absolutely sure thing is the statement of Pres. Miller. Really now that sounds good to most of us. That the gym., is a sadly needed feature of this institution is a most apparent fact. Without it athletics cannot be maintained here many years longer. There are those who maintain that athletics are not a necessity in student life. However no one wants to return to the days when the student was characterized by his pale and weary countenance. Today we find some of the finest specimens

of physical manhood in colleges and universities. Perhaps they were so when they went there but the training received there has kept them in that condition.

Those who care for baseball will be glad to know that there will be a team this spring which will represent the school. The crimson and white has been conspicuously absent on the diamond during several years past. Its reappearance is hailed with delight by all loyal supporters of the school. Jack Baldwin has assumed the position of manager upon the resignation of Grover Doutzour. Jack is a baseball fan and will do the most that can be done. In order to be a possibility at all, spring athletics must receive some financial support from the student body. Athletics cannot be run on the Association dues alone. The students have responded quite as liberally as can be expected. The patrons on the hill are willing to help in the cause when the matter is brought to their attention in the proper light. President Miller has taken the matter in hand and promises to see that baseball is a go this year. He himself has promised to see that the remaining necessary funds are raised. We have some good baseball material in school this year and with the support pledged there are excellent prospects of a successful season.

Not only is there to be baseball this spring but also there is to be some activity in track and field athletics. A new vaulting pole and discus will be obtained. Both the track and the diamond will be put into condition as soon as the weather permits. You fellows who think you can run some will then have the opportunity to display your abilities in that line. On field day there will be a track-meet held here on the campus as there was last year. When the new apparatus arrives we will expect regular practice to begin for those who are interested. We hope this department will not be neglected.



Says I to myself, says I. "The Rays of Light is the paper to buy."—S. I. A.

## Inter-Collegiate.

Bethany is making elaborate preparations for the celebration of her thirtieth anniversary. A jubilee in connection with the commencement exercises in the spring will be the nature of the celebration.

K. U. is making a plea for bigger appropriations. This is right, K. U. should have them. There is no excuse for a prosperous state like Kansas letting her university rank fourteenth in a list of sixteen universities of the Association of American Universities in the matter of incomes for the maintenance of the institution.

Injunctions were the subject of much debate in the political campaign of 1908, but here is one which neither the Elephant nor Donkey ever dreamed of prohibiting. The Vassar College authorities have filed an injunction restraining a candy manufacturer in Kansas City from using the label "Always Fresh" on a brand of chocolates called "Vassar Girls."

Hon. C. A. Smith of Minneapolis, Minn., is again giving \$100 for prizes in the state prohibition oratorical contest at Salina. Smith gave the same amount last year when the contest was held at Lindsborg. Southwestern did not have a local oratorical contest this year on account of lack of interest. She will, however, likely be represented at the state contest by a volunteer.

The degree, L. L. D., will be granted to a woman for the second time by the University of Maine next commencement.

The University of Chicago has granded 5,895 degrees since 1892.

K. U. is making an exceptional record in basketball this year. Only one game has been lost. This was to the Nebraska University team. Even this, however, was avenged to the tune of 37 to 12.

The following colleges are on the list sending fellows to the University of Kansas: Baker Univ., Ottawa Univ., McPherson Col-

lege, Washburn College, Emporia College, Fairmount College, Bethany College, Friends Univ., Southwestern College, Midland College.

Baker has a "Gospel Team" which is doing active work.

A summer camp for the High schools of the state will likely be held at Emporia this year.

Harvard has decided to accept a number of exchange students from Scandinavia.

The University of Colorado has a unique method of discouraging flunking. Flunkers must wear small blue caps with green buttons.

Ottawa is making quite a fuss over professionalism in oratory. Three K. U. men are lined up for participating in the Olympian Games to be held at Stockholm next summer.

We are pleased to Welcome the St. Johns' Gazette. The Gazette is a good paper and is a credit to the school.

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