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IN MEMORIAM

By B. B. BAKER

(President Arnold died May 31, 1902. In his last moments he repeatedly said, "Sweet peace! Oh, what peace!")

"Sweet peace! Oh, what peace!"

A spirit's paean song;
In earthly fetters long
Now comes the glad release.

His was the helping hand
Outstretched to those in need;
And many a noble deed
His service did command.

Of love to God and man
He taught in strength unmoved,
And in his conduct proved
Exemplar of the plan.

God's ways to human eyes
Sometimes are paths of pain,
Then tears that fall as rain
But upward to the skies.

Tho earth and time shall cease
For spirits truth-made free,
Eternally shall be
"Sweet peace! Oh, what peace!"

HER EMANCIPATION

Oh, let men and nations awake! The original beautitudes of the Garden of Eden are returned. Awake from a deep sleep of four thousand years to find with Adam that woman is a reality and not a poor imitation of man. A partner for whom he should resign all other attachments of life, not his despised, abused, degraded slave. That she is a guide, a radiance, a benediction in the sphere to which nature and providence assigned her, rather than a victim to man's baser self.

God has taken ages to undo the ruin wrought during woman's first existance, to re-establish her to the plain from which she fell. Not until Christianity began to permeate the pollutions of Paganism, not until Judaism began was woman's soul recognized, did woman begin to live.

Paganism recognized only the body as a reality, the soul, God and immortality were everywhere ignored. Woman belonged to her husband, was inferior to him, was miserably educated, was shut in her home, was given in marriage without her consent, was valued chiefly as a domestic animal to prevent the extinction of races. She was capricious, fickle, false and unattractive. She rose only to fall. She lived only to die.

No nation can enslave its women but it insures its own Barbarianism. The student of history perceives that the advancement of a nation is marked by the progress of its women. The frozen souls of Paganism were thawed

not all at once. Christianity in the beginning wrot but little change. Its precepts were to obey the husband, to dwell at home, to attend the household, and yet it proves the character of their liberty.

The Jewish family was the purest of antiquity. With Judiasm came more honor and favor. Woman's soul began to expand, aspirations to be kindled, hopes to be cherished and friendships to grow. We admire the beautiful Rachel, the heroic Deborah, the affectionate Ruth, the brave Judith, the generous Shumanite. Not until Christianity developed the virtues of the heart and kindled the loftier sentiment of the soul, do we find the hallowed ministrations of the Mary's, the Martha's and the Phoebe's.

Down the centuries from Calvary every age has been marked by some new developement in the rise of woman. Each age had its problems and solved them. Cleopatra, the Pagan woman of antiquity, stands revelling in the pleasures and vanity of sensuality, with a feeble moral sense and without any distinct recognition of God, or immortality.

The fourteenth century saw developing the noblest sentiment in woman, impossible until Christianity had modified the opinions and habits of society. Female friendship which springs from the depth of a woman's soul, has done more for the elevation of society than any other sentiment, except religion itself. The model friend is Paula, whose remarkable friendship for Jerome made her historical.

Socrates says, "There are two Ven-

ness, one celestial, called Urania the heavenly, who presides over all pure and spiritual affections; The other Polyhymnia, the terrestrial, who excites sensual and gross desires." The history of love is the eternal struggle between those two divinities, the one seeking to elevate, the other to degrade. Love represents a great certitude without which few would be happy, without which woman would lose the charm which constitutes her peculiar fascination. This form has been recognized alike by poets and moralists, Pagans and Christians. For this trait there is a glory in the memory of Heloise. There is no woman in French history of which the nation is prouder. Human in her impulses, divine in her graces. And so on down the ages. Joan of Arc stands as the heroine, Saint Theresa the religious enthusiast. Madame de Maintenon the woman in politics, George Elliot the novelist, Queen Victoria the Sovereign and Francis E. Willard the Philanthropist.

Woman's open vision on the program of the Almighty has come through a series of struggles, aspirations, defeat and victories: is being opened still. Now as never before is woman in woman's age. Let her take it and utilize it. Problems are before her as problems have never been, responsibilities to meet, never before met, standards to carry, never before raised. In the young women's hands to day rest the destiny of men and of nations, as in no other hands. In this age she is recognized co-worker with God. Largely responsible for the character, aspirations and the salvation of the unborn generation.

In the great strife for woman's rights and emancipation let her become great as a woman, not as a man. Let her maintain her rights, but not forget her duties. Develop the qualities most refined, feminine and winsome about her, most interesting to the true men and most helpful to the world.

Let her not worship fashion; turn her attention from the manufacture of flimsy nothings to the making of important somethings. Be unromantic and common-place if necessary but do some one thing well. Woman's crowning virtue is a heart at leisure from itself to soothe and sympathize, a hand with the glass of cold water rather than the sceptre, a life of love and sacrifice rather than the municipal power of nation or of state.

Woman may cope with man in the proudest intellectual tournaments; she may become a prominent linguist, poet, novelist, artist, critic, historian or lecturer. Through it all her superiority lies in her loftiness of character, her purity of mind, her heaven like patience, her native modesty, her moral and spiritual strength, not in physical endurance or her ability as a genius.

To the poor unfortunates who have no homes to keep, no children to instruct, no husband to love no visible means of support, to those who have to go to uncongenial labor or starve. Let them do it cheerfully, make it a means and not an end. Be it in the kitchen, behind the counter, in the mills or in the factories. Do it without slightest surrender of the essential feminine qualities. Control the moral element in

such society; represent the truest virtues of humanity.

Woman commissioned by the great Messiah, clothed in the armor of love, is conquering the world with the sword of the spirit. The shining hosts of heaven are enlisted under the banner and Christ leads the way. The great round world is surrendering to her command. The powers of darkness flee. Prisons and dungeons are transformed into reformatories, dram shops' and hell holes are turned into market places and homes of purity. Base wretches are made to discard their demon shroud and stand erect in manliness. Fallen sisters smile through tears of repentance. These are miracles equal to the raising of Lazarus or to the feeding of the five thousand. Oh Sisters! within your grasp lies the hastening of the Millennium, the redemption of the world. Take it! It is yours.

Outside the College Walls *Class Day Oration*

As the student graduate takes his final survey, the college walls grow too narrow, and he must either be let out or he'll break out. But he soon finds out he has left his college mate only to enter the great university of knocks and knots. Then let him turn for a time from the scholastic and live with the atmosphere of forests, mountains, plains and skies; flowers, birds, rocks and rivers, and go more deeply into the school of meditation than before. For this is a silver key that unlocks one of the golden gates to success. Roosevelt as he sat at the foot of the Rockies before entering his executive bark found it a rich repository of

living issues. How naturally one repeats the lines of our beloved poet. "To him who in the love of Nature holds communion with her visible forms she speaks a various language; for his gayer hours she has a voice of gladness, and a smile and an eloquence of beauty, and she glides into his darker musings with a mild and healing sympathy that steals away their sharpness ere he is aware."

When the heart is desolate and wounded, when the spirit is overwhelmed and cast down she is a sweet sympathizer. When the soul is hungry for knowledge she can satisfy. There is no one so happy but she may augment his happiness. There is no Solomon so wise but she may show him his ignorance. Tho all the world tired should come to her she will turn none away; for she can keep perfect time and sympathy with the griefs and joys of the millions. To-day earth and skies are slowly revealing their mysteries. Telescopes pierce to the swinging worlds about us. Microscopes hunt down bacterial life with no less wonder. How shall we know best what to use for meditation, inspiration and aspiration in all this majestic march of hers. We take but two familiar scenes. One in our own broad plain and one in an eastern sylvan retreat.

Have you walked out alone some day when the morn was eloquent with melody of birds, when buds were bursting, and grass was creeping? And the very earth seemed yearning to the sky. What an eloquence of beauty comes, at such time, to him who will watch the western plain paint itself in green. When vying myriads of emerald wheat blades rise up and shiver together with every wind that blows.

Refreshed by April's "bottles of heaven" the aspiring plants rise higher. Milky heads bathed in the morning dews

of May stand proudly erect. In obeisance to the breezes their bow is graceful, their movements harmonious, and before you is an undulating sea of waves that chase one another closely and lose themselves in the distance. We watch the constant transformation with wonder through the restful days of June until some July morn finds that the wheat with bowed head has locked the golden sunshine in the bearded sheaf.

And so dandelions that sprinkle beauty on a thousand hilltops, and leaves in a thousand blushing forests, and smiling fruits in a hundred lands and ears of corn in a million fields all boast of the yellow sunshine they caught and kept. And these are but fragments of her story. How manifold are thy works.

And then again when the ills of life have chafed your spirit, go apart and seat yourself on some moss covered mound. Go among the venerable columns that unite their branches in cathedral arches and lose yourself in quiet meditation. Let sentinel oaks, gatherings of sugars, congregations of beeches be your companions. Hear the music of an unique instrument as spring, with her gentle swaying hand takes the russet cover from nature's colossal organ which fairly bursts to let forth strains that they may find an entrance to every beating heart. Leaves are dancing, tree-tops swaying, squirrels skipping, jubilant brooks hurrying, insects murmuring, busy bees humming, forest zephyrs whispering all in time and tune to the music. More than a score of sweetest songsters pour forth profuse strains of unpremeditated song, and lead the choiring anthem; but not even the red head leaves unheard his ghost like drum on some hollow trunk or the pilfering crow his caw from a neighboring cornfield.

Myriads of variegated flowers that crown the hilltops and fill the valleys be-

tween, lean to the embracing air and perfume the heavens with sweetest incense. Herds of kine fill the sequestered vale and quench their thirst at the lazy brook; bells about their neck reverberate their chimes along the hills. And at deepening twilight in that pensive time when the cricket is heard, then your soul is filled with ecstasy as you sit alone to face the moon in her glory.

And who is not loath to leave this sylvan retreat when she takes on her autumn hues. And again when winter turns the breaths of Nature to hoary frost like downy feathers, or when her moisture is made into lifelike figures ready to leap into the valley below, or when frigid icicles dangle upon heads of trees like diamond spears, or a pure mantle robes their feet. And then when another cycle has been run, some spring morn the torch of day pushes aside his veil and the icicles weep themselves to death. And every thread and patch of the colossal quilt so noiselessly pieced, is melted away, and goes laughing down the hillside toward its vast eternity of the sea. Then we quite understand how rejuvenescence of Nature should arouse men to religious worship and outbursts of sublimest song.

O sylvan retreat for a thousand tongues to tell what I've felt from thee; O for a thousand beating hearts attuned to thy sweet voice; O for a thousand eargates to catch the wooing zephyrs; O for a thousand pens and scrolls enough to write thy message on; O for a thousand harps, and hands enough to play the music that fills my soul. It is probable that the scientist who discerns the causes and effects of things must be more rapturously entertained than those who perceive nothing but sound, size, color, shape and motion. And yet there is in the mere outside of Nature's works a splendor and a magnificence to which

minds can not attend without great delight. First comes her panoramic display and then you afterward, with a closer confidence, are let in to her deeper secret which leads you to seek for a final purpose and cause and source of her existence. And so men who have listened have heard. The geologist putting his ear down to rocks heard their marvelous unmistakable story. Agassiz, plunging deeply into the forest, listened to the birds, boughs and buds and found their secret. Herschel, under the concave of midnight silence as he watched the silver sickle be made into a shining shield without the sound of hammers, and the crowd of night's candles be lighted without brimstone; here he heard the music of the spheres. What wondrous mysteries lie concealed until some being with listening ear and waiting eye pushes aside the curtain and is let in to read the secret. Then with joy we wait for the beloved poet to give utterance to what we've often felt.

But what is the meaning and source of it all. What is the meaning of the correlation of forces that is beginning to sketch the physical history of countless suns in the firmament and of palaeontology which is slowly unravelling the wonders of past life upon the earth through millions of ages. We answer "Unity of Nature." We have also explained much by "Natural Selection" Survival of Fittest and by all the isms in vogue. But we are not yet wholly satisfied with ethos from Haeckel, Spencer, Darwin, Huxley and others. And we believe that in the cosmic process there are other agencies than Natural Selection and the story of the struggle for existence. And so we come naturally to inquire of the source. In spite of the searchlight of science the same challenge comes to us that came to Job. "Who laid

the foundations of the earth when the morning stars sang together?" Come would fain have tipped the earth's axis at a different angle. Skeptics have posed as the intellectual acumen of the world but can not fully explain all regardless of "that other influence." Plato regarded the world as the imperfect realization of a divine idea that in itself is perfect.

The history of the universe has been written down by the unswerving finger of Nature, exhibiting all events and final purposes in unmistakable sequence. But owing to our comparatively limited vision much of the legend lies in intricate confusion. There is yet much unfathomable but not all is unknowable. And once we attain to a knowledge commensurate with reality we shall find no traces of hazard or incongruity. College student, a great field is open for you with boundless resources. A huge library for the writer. A studio for the artist. A laboratory for the scientist. An inexhaustible repository of truths for the philosopher and of unworn sermons for the theologian. Only the first few golden syllables of her poem are yet written. As we conclude how naturally we are led to paraphrase. Who can measure the heavens and the earth? Who hath uttered all the secrets of the seas, the confidences of the forest, the story of rocks beneath us. Who hath begotten the drops of dew? Who can stay the bottles of heaven? Who hath spread the sky as a molten looking glass. "Teach us what we shall say, for we can not order our speech."

"We are children of Nature; we belong to her birth and we can never be wholly separated from her. Not we alone aspire but all Nature longs to return to the source of her existence."

Value of Illustrations.

This is an age of illustrations; it abounds everywhere, and in some directions would seem to have reached its highest development. Who of us, whether old or young, rich or poor, educated or unlettered, does not enjoy the illustrated papers, magazines and books which abound in all stages from the crudest to the most finished engravings or etchings.

To estimate the value of this work in educational power is well nigh impossible. It contains an almost limitless capacity for good or evil, and, happily for mankind, its development has been chief in the line of the pure and elevating.

Without the pictorial illustrations, a great strain is laid upon the imagination. Only as the mind grasps the meaning of each word in the description, and joins these conceptions in a connected whole, will there be a clear understanding of what is read. The power to do this varies with each individual, and is greatly effected by early training. When the picture accompanies the description the imagination is assisted, the conception is more accurate, and the enjoyment and interest correspondingly increased.

Take a peep into the nursery and see how early the love for the pictures shows itself. It is the simple outline of familiar objects, with the addition, perhaps of a little color, that claims the child's attention. And when a little later he begs so eagerly to "make" a boy, a soldier, a dog, is it the finished

sketch, or the few simple lines which his imagination so easily fills out, and his little untrained fingers try to imitate, that give the greatest delight?

Later still, when more objects enter into the pictures that please him, his plea is "Tell me the story." Imagination alone is equal to the task of investing the picture of forms with life; it needs the word to point each separate object and unite them into a harmonious whole. Thus I might trace this growing interest through all its stages, and show how the picture illustrations lead to the acquisition of much useful knowledge that would otherwise seem unattractive.

There are some parts of the Bible that need no illustrations. And to attempt it with material is positive desecration. The tone of voice, the expression of the face, the manner, will do more than anything else to awaken and impress feelings of reverence, of awe, of love, or of sorrow with children as with older persons. This wonderful power inherent in the human voice and gesture of influencing others, is well worth the consideration of every teacher.

But the "love of Christ constraineth us," and if we try to follow in his footsteps, the outward expression will be in harmony with the under feeling, "for as he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Every graduate in our literary courses are engaged in educational work either as teacher or student. This speaks well for both the school and the graduating classes.

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ENTERED AT THE POST OFFICE OF McPHERSON, KANSAS, AS SECOND CLASS MATTER.

Rays of light again greets its readers at this the fifteenth opening of McPherson college. It starts again on its monthly visits to the many friends of the institution, and we hope that it will have the same hearty support of students and friends which it has had in former years. It is the desire of the editors to make the paper even more interesting and instructive than before. Let every student contribute something to the success of the paper.

THE OPENING

Ten a. m., Tuesday the 9th. was the hour set for the beginning of the fif-

teenth year of McPherson college. The appointed hour found the chapel well filled with students and friends of education. Prof. Muir, Mr. Sargent, Miss Bartell and Mr. D. Earl Bower contributed to the success of the musical part of the program: Prayer was offered by Rev. Schnacke, pastor of the congregational church of the city. President Frantz gave a few introductory words of welcome, in which he first made touching reference to the absence of our former leader, the late lamented President Arnold, and then introduced the orator of the occasion, the Hon. Frank Nelson, state superintendent of public instruction. The subject of Superintendent Nelson's address was, "The Theoretical and the Practical in Education."

The Theoretical element was explained to mean the study of books. The practical, the study of men. It was a strong speech, a masterly treatment of a great theme, and an inspiration to all who listened.

After the address, Superintendent Nelson was entertained at the home of Prof. Harnly. City Superintendent Johnson, County Superintendent Law and Prof. Frantz and Fahnestock, President and Secretary of the college, also shared in the bounteous hospitality of Prof. and Mrs. Harnly.

The afternoon of the day was spent in the enrollment of students, the number being 185, which has been increased to 286 with new students coming in daily.

-We have just begun what promises to be the most successful year in the history of our school. Several days before the time of the opening had arrived, old and new students came flocking to college hill and by Sept. 9 there were about 200 students, who with many of their friends gathered in the college chapel for the opening exercises. By looking at that gathering of students we could see many new faces, and it was apparent that there were by far more new students than had ever been numbered at any former opening.

The extent of the territory which is represented has become greater, there being students from as far east as Ohio and Virginia, as far west as Washington, as far south as Louisiana and Texas, and north as the Dakotas.

THEY MARRIED

On Sunday evening, Sept. 7, there was a very pleasant affair at the home of Rev. Isaac S. Brubaker on College Hill. Though all present, a company of nearly a hundred seemed to enjoy the occasion thoroughly. The matter was of special interest to Miss Ollie Brubaker and Mr. Henry M. Stutzman.

President Edward Frantz performed the ceremony, after which the tables were spread throughout the spacious rooms and several hours later those who were able to do so went home.

But these are not the only ones who have been hit hard lately by Cupid's

fiery shafts.

Aug. 14, Mr. Ira D. Yoder and Miss Emma Vaniman gave up further resistance, and on the 24th of the same month Mr. D. H. Arnold and Miss Lizzie Goodsheller concluded they might as well succumb.

Mr. R. C. Smith and Miss Edith Heaton were married on Sept. 2. They will reside in Kansas City where Mr. Smith will complete his medical course next spring.

To all of these old students, young students perhaps we ought to say, the Rays of Light wishes large quantities of happiness of the most exquisite variety.

The question often comes to parents living in the central or remote West, "shall I send my children to a western school or to one in the East?" The belief is quite common that the colleges of the East are far better than the colleges of the West. The primary differences, perhaps, are the differences between the older civilization and the younger.

The rapid progress in all lines which prevails throughout the West influences the western college to emphasize the scientific and mathematical studies in the curriculum, while in the East, because of the conservative spirit, the studies in language, philosophy, and history are emphasized.

It is admitted by leading educators that for all undergraduate work, the best colleges of the West are as good as the best colleges of the East. But because of the larger libraries and the

more adequate scientific equipment, the facilities available in the colleges of the East for doing graduate work are superior to those afforded by the colleges of the West.

For a student who intends that his life work will be in the West, it is far better that he get his college training, at least his undergraduate work, in a Western college, so that his preparation will bring him more in line with the free, progressive influences by which he is to be surrounded.

ALUMNI NOTES

On the evening of June 24 at Plainville, Kans., Mr. A. L. Harter, class '90, and Miss Grace Graves were joined together in bonds of matrimony. Mr. Harter is serving his third year as Principal of the Plainville schools, while his wife begins her fifth year as teacher in the primary department.

Mr. H. E. Bruce and Miss Daisy Osgood, both former students of McPherson College were quietly married at Ottawa, Kans. in August. Their home is in Conway, Kan., where Mr. Bruce is principal of the schools.

Mr. E. K. Masterson, '02, visited the college lately. He has charge of the department of mathematics in the Arkansas City High School. Not satisfied with an A. B., he will do work leading to the Masters degree. E. K. believes in pushing on. He spent a part of the summer in Chicago University.

Miss Anna Fakes, normal class '00

is teaching in Hopkins, Mo. She writes that a five year state certificate has been granted her in lieu of the three years Kansas certificate she received at McPherson college.

Miss Flo Ramage, class '01, spent the summer at Topeka, where she was secretary of the city Y. W. C. A. She will teach at Little River, Kan. the coming year.

B. B. Baker, class '01, writes that he will be at McPherson some time this year, accompanying one of the best lecturers now in the field.

Quite a number of our younger alumni have been married during the past summer, mention of which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

J. G. Law, class '99, is now teaching at Groveland, Kans.

G. C. Drescher, '01, is teaching near Lyons, Kans.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Hollem visited friends on College Hill during vacation. Mr. Hollem is a normal graduate, class '06. He is engaged as lumber merchant at Lawton, Okla.

Prof. P. F. Duerksen has given up the profession of teaching and launched out into the editorial field. He edits the "S. S. Bote," "S. S. Lecture" and "Hillsboro Press."

G. J. Goodsheller class '00, is assistant in Bacteriology, in Hahneman Medical school in Chicago.

Prof. C. F. Gustafson a former teacher of Chemistry and Latin in his Alma Mater, now occupies the position of assistant teacher in Chemistry at

State University.

P. H. and Lizzie Hiebert, each of whom completed a course at McPherson College are now attending school at Pomona College, California.

J. B. Shirkey, class '01, is teacher of Latin, Greek and Vocal Music in the Maryland Institute at Union Bridge, Md.

Mr. Harrison A. Frantz and Miss Lottie Netzey were married June 11, and reside in Holmesville.

are so helpful in student life.

Miss Adama, state secretary of the Kansas Y. W. C. A. spent one day, Sept. 17 at the college, assisting the girls in opening the work of the association

Ed. D. H. Weaver of North Manchester, Ind. accompanied his daughter Alice, on her return to school, and preached an excellent discourse in college chapel on "How to make the most of life."

Bible classes in the following subjects are in progress. Old Testament History, Life of Christ, Minor Prophets, Pentateuch, Christian Doctrine and Historical Hebrew. A class in Missions will be organized soon. The membership of the Bible classes is considerably larger than that of former years.

COLLEGE NOTES

The Y. M. C. A. held a social for the young men of the college on Friday night of last week which was attended by 8 young men. Each man wore a card bearing his name and state, which constituted a plan of self introduction.

The Y. W. C. A. held a reception on Friday evening Sept. 12 at 6 o'clock at the home of Prof. Fahnestock, which 65 young ladies attended for the purpose of renewing acquaintance and meeting the new girls.

A joint social was held on Monday evening Sept. 15 in College Chapel, under the auspices of Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.; about 160 were present. After spending about a half hour in introductions the audience seated themselves and were entertained by Hultqvist Bros. orchestra, a welcome address by Prof. J. A. Clement and reading by Miss Effa Kuns which was enjoyed by all.

These socials are an excellent means of becoming acquainted with new students and of forming friendships which

President Frantz preached in the Presbyterian church in the city on the seventh. The subject of the sermon was Religion and Business. On the preceding Sunday he addressed a Sunday school convention at Galva.

For the first time in the history of McPherson College the enrollment passed the 200 mark in the first week of the session.

This is where the students came from: Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, North Dakota and Washington.

On the Sunday following the opening of school, Elder Vaniman gave some account of his summer work for the General Mission Board. He reported over twenty thousand dollars raised.

Bible study Sunday, Sept. 14, was observed at the College by a sermon by the President on the subject, "The Relation of Bible Study to Individual Christian

Life."

Elder J. J. Yoder of Conway, Kansas has been elected a member of the board of trustees.



VACATION NOTES

Messrs. C. J. and J. A. G. Shirk, H. A. Horton and S. G. Mead drove to Colorado and spent several weeks outing in the mountains, prospecting and collecting specimens for scientific purposes.

W. L. Harter, president of our young men's organization and U. H. Slifer, chairman of missionary department, were in attendance at the Lake Geneva Conference in June and returned filled with enthusiasm and inspiration for Christian work among college men. On their return trip they visited many places of interest in Chicago.

Mr. F. H. Crumpacker spent vacation soliciting funds for the Bible department of the college and conducted several series of revival meetings among the churches in south eastern Kansas. On his return he brought his mother with him to superintend the culinary affairs for himself and his brother Harry.

Miss Lizzie Wieand has been employed as teacher in the 1st. primary grade of the city schools.

J. A. and J. H. Clement spent a few weeks visiting their old home at Canton, Ohio and returned with their two sisters who have entered school. J. A. has assumed his place as member of faculty with proper dignity, while J. H. begins his first year as principal of Belleville schools.

Prof. H. J. Harnly and F. A. Vaniman made an overland journey to Pueblo and Manitou, Col. with an automobile. Their

families went on the train and together they spent several weeks visiting places of interest in central Colo., gathering geological specimens and looking after their mining interests.

Miss Mary Frantz solicited funds for the Bible department in south eastern Nebraska with excellent success. In August in company with Misses Dottie Wheeler and Flo Ramage she attended the summer conference at Lake Geneva, Wis. for ten days and all returned to take up the work among the girls with new zeal and earnestness.

Mrs. Mary Needles has erected a new residence on Marlin St. just south of the college dormitory and moved into it with her son and daughter who expect to finish the college course.

Mr. P. V. Wiebe spent his vacation building a nice two story residence just across the street north of main building. He too intends to complete a course in college.

Among those who added improvements to their residences are Jos Andes, Eld. Dickey and Laura Mc Quoid.

Prof. Edw. Frantz spent the early part of the summer recuperating from his sickness and the remainder repairing and remodeling his new residence property, which with planning the work of the Bible department and outlining the work of his new official position, furnished him sufficient employment.

Prof. Fahnestock has been very busy during vacation, corresponding with and mailing catalogues to young men and women who desire a college training. The results of his efforts may be noticed in the large number of new students who have entered this term.

The students who engaged in agency work of various kinds, during the sum-

mer, were with but few exceptions, successful. Besides the money they have made, they have had many experiences and have gathered much general knowledge, that will be helpful to them in after life.

"THE GOLDEN AGE COLLEGE and BIBLE SCHOOL."

Such is the modest name of a new educational institution projected by Chester E Pond of Auburn, California. This institution is to be "conducted under the more simple, satisfactory and evangelical teachings of a new, world wide, clarified and symmetrical orthodoxy." From the circulars received it appears that no definite steps have yet been taken toward the establishment of the school. The writer has plans and he is trying to interest the men who have money. There is an atmosphere of mysticism about his thought, but much of his criticism of existing conditions is just, and many of his ideas commend themselves as sound and sensible. We append a few extracts from his circulars from which the reader may get his point of view and judge of the practicability of his plans. We may add in passing that until Mr. Pond gets his institution ready for the preparation of men and women "for the society and uses of the angelic heavens," to use one of his fine phrases, McPherson College will continue to do its best to equip its students for noble living and useful every day work in this matter of fact and human earth. But hear Mr. Pond himself:—

"The Golden Age College will be a natural, spiritual and celestial institution. Will endeavor to teach and to practice the science of a useful and heav-

enly life upon earth; the philosophy of a Divine Natural Life; calm and considerate amid the present soul-searing rush and push of an over busy world.

Will endeavor to realize and to teach others, that God, by the allpervading power of His spiritual influence—His Holy Spirit—"is behind everything, is in everything, and is expressing Himself through everything."

And further, this College of our universal and ideal Christianity, will extend the right hand of fellowship to all who sincerely love, follow and worship, the Lord Jesus Christ, the personal God of heaven and earth, and from its very nature, will acknowledge and encourage whatever is good and true and useful, in every known system of religious thought, and in every useful branch of human activity—civil, Moral and spiritual."

"The true object and end of all education, both natural and spiritual, is an ultimate personal fitness for the society and uses of the angelic heavens.

"This Devotional Bible School will be especially helpful to those progressive and spiritually inclined people who know already, or who sincerely desire to know, how to find and how to live the golden age life, the millennial life, the ideal Christian life, or whatever you may choose to call it. And how to live this useful and happy life at *all times*, in *all places* and under *all circumstances*; according to each one's best knowledge and ability."

"People generally, to their own injury, are inclined to reject whatever phases of Divine Truth they themselves have not yet discovered and appropriated.

Each religious sect and denomination in Christendom holds one or more important Christian doctrines. And each sect is inclined to unduly emphasize its own doctrine or doctrines to the belittle-

ment or distortion of other equally important doctrines.

Now in view of these conflicting and confusing conditions throughout Christendom, has not the time fully come to found and man an Institution of learning, a Golden Age College and Bible School, that shall be large enough, broad enough, high enough and deep enough, to "take forth the precious from the vile," "to refuse the evil and choose the good" out of all this mixture of good and evil, whenever and wherever found?

Are there not good people enough in the land, who are now living ideal Christian lives, and have they not money enough from the Lord for ideal purposes, and have they not the Christian courage and consecration to found and maintain right here in the midst of these mixed conditions of good and evil, at least one Institution, either large or small, that shall distinctively teach and exemplify a plain, comprehensive and ideal Christianity in every department of life, labor and learning—even a Golden Age College of Ideal Christianity.

An Expert Teacher

I wish I could make you all expert teachers, but I am willing to put up with and make the most of you. Among other things, the teacher is always judged by the scholars, and the scholars will listen to the incidental words of a teacher even more than the direct ones.

Heed the Apostolic injunctions, and "go on unto perfection." "Sail on" was all Columbus could write in his diary on many days of that memorable voyage; but because he

"sailed on" America was discovered.

Fellow teachers, let us not forget in all our work that our words will never go any further than our own lives will carry them. Back of the teacher and the teaching is the man himself, and not what we say, but what we are, will determine the force of our message.

It is a sound pedagogical law that a teacher must know that which he is teaching, for teaching consists in presenting the truth to another's mind, and arousing and guiding that mind to grasp the truth so presented.

THE BOY

Boys and even young men do not appreciate the value of good character, even though they think they do. It is only when one gets farther along in life that its pricelessness is perceived. It brings immediate respect, honor and prosperity. The boy who is known to be truthful; known to be faithful and trustworthy in every place, is looked upon with warm friendship and admiration by people whom he does not suspect of such sentiments toward him. He holds the key to the homes and the business houses of the best people. He is in the line of first promotion wherever he is. A cigar will place him under mistrust, a glass of beer will condemn him a counterfeit coin; so will a lie; so will disrespectful conduct towards his parents. Any of these is a fatal mark of discredit.

Nothing is so admirable, or anything so much admired and prized as a pure, honest, honorable boy or young man. Character is the most precious thing in the world.

TEXT BOOKS

The Kansas State Text-book Commission finished its work on Friday evening, May 16. The adoptions were as follows:

Readers—Appletons, the American Book Company; conditional.

Mental arithmetics—Ginn & Co.

Geographies—Natural, American Book Company; conditional.

Arithmetics—New Model, Scott Foresman & Co; conditional.

Algebras—Wentworth's, Ginn & Co.

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lor's, D. C. Heath & Co.

Grammar—Hoeschel's Complete, Crane & Co.

Physics—Carhart & Chute's, Allyn & Bacon; conditional.

History—Davidson's, Scott, Foresman & Co.; conditional.

Physiology—New Century, American Book Company, remainder of the series approved for the other grades.

Speller—Rand, McNally & Co.

Grammar—Hyde's Language, D. C. Heath & Co.

Writing—The Easel, Crane & Co.

The word "conditional," after some of the titles, means that the books are adopted subject to a revision which will be satisfactory to the Commission.—Western School Journal.

The McPherson College Bible Club.

During last year and the present year the Bible Department of McPherson College has been supported by donations. The development of this department has been so encouraging and it has such manifest chances for good fruitage, that no one who has come in contact with its workings could think for a moment of having it discontinued. An encouraging start has already been made toward procuring an endowment for its perpetual support. While this endowment fund is being created funds are needed for immediate use—or rather for use after the close of the current year. So the friends of this cause are appealed to to keep the work already in progress going during a five year period. It is hoped that at the end of this period, the department may be largely or wholly supported by endowment. Let every one who can help, whether little or much, join us in this movement. We ought to have two teachers for this department. Please fill out and send to F. A. Vaniman, McPherson, Kansas, the following form, or send for separate membership form.

The McPherson College Bible Club.

For the purpose of making the Bible Department of McPherson College permanent, and thus promoting the study of the Holy Scriptures, I agree to become a member of this special club and to continue as such during a period of five years. It is understood that efforts will be made to secure one thousand members.

I agree to pay during the five years Dollars
each year, the first payment being due August 1st, 1902, and subsequent payments
at intervals of one year following. It is further understood that I am to receive the
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