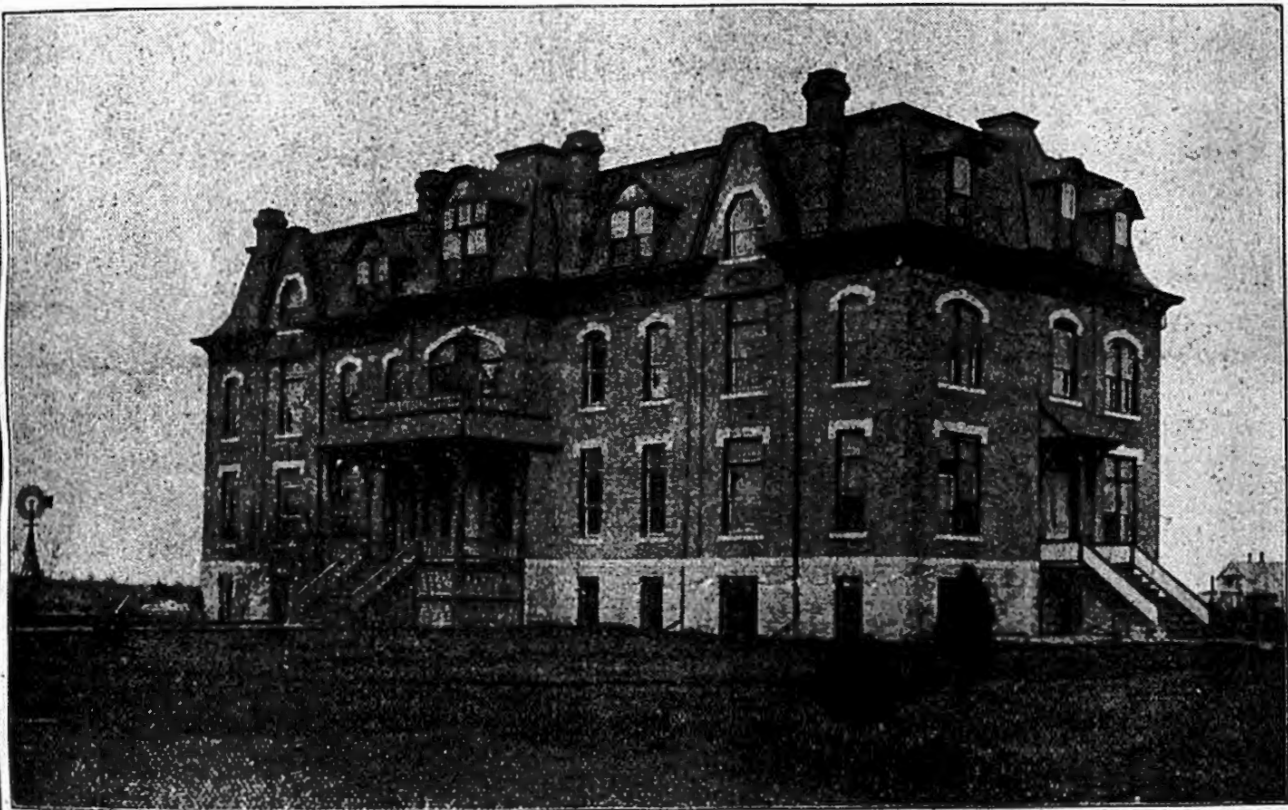


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CALLED TO A PAYING POSITION.

Ernest Vaniman thought he was going to get to attend College this year without molestation, but such was not the case. Inman wanted a good teacher for her High Schools and called on Prof. Shirk to send them a good man. After some time Mr. Vaniman was induced to take up the work and carry it through the remainder of the year. Mr. Vaniman finished our Normal Course with credit in 1904 and has been in constant demand as a teacher ever since. He takes his present place at the very neat salary of \$80 per month. There is chance for you to raise your salary to this amount too. You need what Mr. Vaniman has,—thorough preparation. The course offered in our Normal Department, when thoroughly mastered, puts McPherson College graduates at the top notch.

A FINE COLLECTION OF ART.

Many of the students who are accustomed to use the Library daily may not have noticed the little card in the corners of the frames of the pictures on the walls of the Library. They are a fine assortment of pictures, sent to us from Italy by the King. They were secured through the assistance of one of the Italian Ministers in this country. We prize them very highly. The frames for them cost nearly fifty dollars.

A LARGE ENROLLMENT IN EXPRESSION WORK.

Miss Johnson reports that work in her department is so much in demand that she has to organize more classes. The class in Physical work outgrew its proportions. There were seventeen Juniors, two Seniors and one Post graduate student. That looks a good deal like prosperity sure enough.

A SPLENDID MEETING.

There was a delegation of ten from here to the State Y. W. C. A. convention at Ottawa a week or so ago. They were Vada Kuns, Ollie Snyder, Grace Vaniman, Corda Clement, Nettie Lichtenwalter, Emily Shirkey, Edna Dettler, Gemma Hollinger, Lyda Heldstab and Miss Louise Johnson. They report a most excellent meeting. In spite of the fact that it rained nearly all the time, there were no complaints about the weather, due to the simple fact that the people were enjoying the meeting so well. There were about 265 delegates in attendance. As is usual in such meetings, there were several

volunteers for the Foreign field and a number of conversions. The girls are enthusiastic over the meeting and will give a report of it publicly soon. Among the platform talent present were some returned Missionaries from the Foreign field.

A TRY-OUT CAMPAIGN.

The Y. M. C. A. boys are planning some evangelistic work in the small towns near here in the course of a few weeks. There is always a large amount of energy aroused for doing things in Y. M. C. A. and this is intended to give direction to that energy into useful and helpful channels. Besides being an excellent thing for the community where they work, it will be an excellent training for the boys.

THE COMING BIBLE INSTITUTE.

It is to begin about January 20th, and last ten days. One of the fine features in it will be our Brother S. N. McCann, who spent several years in the field of India, in actual Missionary experience. He may not be able to stay all the time, but he will be here enough to give us the fire of his personality. Professor Edward Frantz needs no introduction to the Brethren in this part of the Middle West. He has lived with us so long and taught us so efficiently that the mere mention of his name in this connection is sufficient guarantee that the Institute will be all and more than former meetings of this nature. The complete program will be announced in good time. The tuition in all these Bible Institutes is free. Make your plans to come and spend a Ten Days with us on the Mountain Top.

SOUVENIR CATALOGUE.

It costs four cents to mail one of our new catalogs. It is a well made volume. Besides a full outline of the Courses of Study offered in our Institution, it contains a complete and concise statement of the purposes underlying the study of each branch. It is often asked, especially by young people, "what good will I get from studying that?" or "I want something practical." Our catalog tells it in such plain form that you cannot help but understand it. It also gives some fine views of the buildings and the people at the head of affairs. Our new Carnegie Library, costing \$12,000 is now in use and is open for the use of the students every day except Sunday. Send us your name on a postal card and we will send you a catalog for your home. It makes excellent reading for all.

ANOTHER GREAT REVIVAL.

Frank Crumpacker has been preaching at Moni-
r for two weeks in the good old fashioned way.
Frank is proving to be one of the best revivalists in
ese parts. Besides a large amount of natural
laption for that kind of work, he made himself
roficient in Bible knowledge, such as is to be had in
rofessor Frantz's classes. If you can't come for a
ll course, come for a short course, such as is giv-
in our regular Bible Institutes. We will meet
is year in January. Watch for full announce-
ents.

THEY DID THEIR PART WELL.

Prof. Frantz and Prof. Clement appeared on
e program of the District S. S. and C. W. B. at
e Eden Valley church a short time ago in a very
ceptable manner. The Bible readings by Brother
rantz were eye-openers to many of us in their
mple interpretation of the Bible.

Brother Clement gave us two splendid lectures
Sunday School work. He is contemplating the
riting up of the material he uses in such talks in-
book form so we may all have access to it. We
wait such publication with interest.

THE EAR MARKS OF REFINEMENT.

My father used to raise a few sheep, when he
ved down in East Tennessee. They were allowed
run loose in the woods the most of the year. The
ighbors, likewise, kept sheep. They ran loose
so. Out on the Plains men brand their sheep
with a hot iron, putting a mark on them which
esignates whose they are. Sometimes a little
etal tag is put on the lower part of the ear with a
rand on the tag. My father was not informed on
ach improved methods, so for his sheep he snipped
he end of the ear with his knife. The right ear
as "forked" in the end and the left was cut
raight.

Likewise people are "marked in the ear." The
anguage that we have an ear for, whether refined or
angy, is as certain a brand as can be needed. The
anguage used is an index to the soul. He whose
peech is pure, whose words are chosen with care
rom the best English known, is put down in our
inds at once as a person of whom we want to know.
ore. Such a one attracts us by the mere fact of
is radiant goodness.

On the other hand, we meet some one who

seems to have assumed that it is his mission into
the world to display all the possible swings in slang.
We are repelled. It is intuitive with us that such
is of a lower order. We have the ear marks upon
us by our own intuition. They are known and cor-
rectly interpreted wherever we go.

It is just as easy to be the user of the choicest
language as of any other kind. It was a proverb
long ago that "words fitly chosen are like apples of
gold in pictures of silver." Their user shines.

This likeness repre-
sents our Prof. S. C. Mil-
ler. It is only ten years
ago this fall that a green
country lad came to this
institution without money
and started in to do school
work. To save his ex-
pense account, he brought
what he could from his
home and set up house-
keeping in the little cor-
ner room north of the ad-
vanced chemistry room.
He made fires and did odd
jobs to earn his tuition.
He was not particularly
fond of neglecting his
studies to "chase around" at night. In other words,
he "tended strictly to business." Today he holds
the degree Master of Arts, won by merit and hard
work. His record is only an instance of what a
young fellow can do without money but with deter-
mination.

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EDITORIAL

There is at the present time almost a world wide movement in stamping out the saloon. It has taken on an entirely new form from what the most ardent supporters of the movement could have expected a few years ago. In almost every state in the Union, there has been great progress made. In some places, it has been law enforcement, in others local option, in others a genuine fight against a moral evil. The new state, Oklahoma, went dry in the constitutional election a few weeks ago.

The State of Kansas is organized for aggressive work among the college students. There is held each year a State meet with convention features, a grand contest in oration, and inspiring meet-

ings for all lovers of good, wholesome conditions in the home community. Once in a great while you can find a young man who has never been inside of a saloon. That is, such men are to be found in Kansas. Not many states can boast of so clean a manhood. That is what makes Kansas so good a place to attend school.

The state meet is to be held here in McPherson this year. We are already getting ready for it. This part of the movement is directly working among the colleges. There were nine colleges represented in the contest last year. This year ought to show no less number. It fact there will most likely be more. It is no little privilege to be permitted to represent a college in such a great gathering. McPherson College has always stood for cleanness of life in every form and it is nothing strange that the Prohibition League should enlist so many of our students.

HAVE COME TO STAY.

Wm. J. Miller of Beatrice, Nebraska, has a son whom he wants to educate in a proper manner. He brought his family down at the opening of school, rented rooms and expects to make McPherson

College his home for some time to come.

GOT MARRIED.

On Wednesday, October 30, near Lyons, Kansas, Mr. Irwin Drescher and Miss Belle Jones. Both are former students. They will go to house keeping on a farm near Mr. Drescher's home, 3 miles east of Lyons. We wish them every success.

THE JOINT RECEPTION.

It is our custom to give a public reception to the new students at the opening of the second term. Last Wednesday evening was the date for this term. There was a good sized assembly in the chapel at 8 o'clock when the button was touched. The object of such gatherings is to become acquainted with each other. And we generally do! We had a general good time together last evening and went to our rooms less liable to that dread disease, homesickness. We are a happy family; don't you wish you were with us? We wish you had your wish.

GOOD MANNERS.

Prof. Miller has his Rhetoric class doing a good deal of writing; here are some of the results:

Man was created in God's own image. If he fails

his ideal he cannot attain perfect manhood. Manners is one of the foundation stones upon which character is based. Its nature may be explained best by the language Paul uses about charity: "It vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, seeketh not its own." True manners can never be a mechanical device, but must be a profound expression of the heart to all mankind.

The more manners is developed in the lives of men, the higher their degree of culture becomes. It is not obtained in one day. Therefore it should be installed in every thriving heart and mind of the young. I do not consider manners as being a law for man to practice while he is surrounded by a group of personal friends; although this is one phase of it. Manners cover the entire life; every transaction that we engage in determines whether they are good or bad.

Manners begin at home in early youth. The child that rises from the large rocking chair and allows the older person or parent the comfort it affords, the child that saves Father or Mother all the steps it can and is thankful for whatever it receives, certainly has the fundamental principle of good manners. The manipulation of good manners may be noticed in the child-life by its willingness to allow its companions to play with its toys. The principle of manners here seen is the one taught by the greatest teachers of men.

* Manners must be in the lives of every individual who would live peaceably with his fellow men. If he has it we can always expect a square deal. Manners make things uncomfortable or embarrassing for no one, but on the other hand will have a smile and a welcome word for all. The chief object in life is to administer comfort to all and to

make all feel their presence is appreciated.—
J. W. Detter.

Condition of life depends so much on the individual, that any person of good ability and industry, who starts from the humblest position in life, may some day rise to a high station or at least come in contact with polite society. It is therefore very important that every young person should learn to be polite and mannerly. I shall take up here the subject of good Table Manners and shall not attempt to discuss Good Manners in general.

The table is the proper place for the observance of all social amenities, and should be marked by a kindly interchange of thought. The minor etiquette of the table must always be observed. Overhaste in eating is rude and vulgar and also very unhealthful.

When you are seated at the table, place your napkin across your knees and as soon as you are helped, begin to eat. Whenever there is a servant to help you, do not help yourself or others unless requested to do so; always ask the servant for what you want.

In eating one must not bend the head ravenously over the plate, extend the elbows, rattle the knife or fork, or in any way soil the tablecloth. He must be quiet and gentle in all his movements. Anything like haste or greediness is ill-bred.

It is generally considered to be rude to discuss the quality of the food whether good or bad. It is hardly necessary to say that the proper place for eating is at the table, and that fruit and other food should not be eaten in the streets or at public meetings where it is not provided for all. The proprieties of time and place as well as manner should always be carefully observed.—Orie J. Abel.

PERSONAL MENTION AND OTHERWISE.

It was too rainy on Halloween for much activity.

Prof. S. J. Miller has been around for a few days.

Glenn Buckman has come in to finish up some work.

Iva Gillispie has reentered school for Senior College work.

Elsie Buckman expects to be back in school again before long.

Mr. H. H. Garst has come back for some more advanced work.

H. J. Detrick went to Moundridge to preach one Sunday recently.

J. P. Vaniman and wife attended the Love feast at Lyons over Sunday.

Henry Stutzman is finishing up some work in the Collegiate department.

Madge Stafford and Mrs. Ernest Kuns were visitors at the College recently.

There is a strong class in Zoology this year. Their work is very commendable.

Theodore Aschman has been kept at home for several days by the illness of his sister.

The second year German class say they have enough to do to keep them out of mischief.

The Monitor Brethren used the baptistry in the chapel for their converts last week.

Nason Brubaker has sufficiently finished his farm work that he can start to school.

Mrs. Tauser of Minneola, Kan., is here visiting her two daughters and other relatives.

Sam Ebbert and Inez were among the Monitor goers last Saturday for the Love Feast.

Subjects for the thesis work are being chosen and material collected for the mid-year work.

Andy Crumpacker attended the Feast at Newton and did some good preaching for them while there.

Pearl Blonderfield, Normal '06, is using her State certificate this year, teaching at Minneapolis, Kansas.

Elder T. S. Moherman of Ashland, Ohio, is expected here to begin our series of revival meetings in a few days.

Ernest Sherfey goes to Abilene every two weeks to preach. His sister Mary went up with him to their Love Feast.

S. N. Garman is at Cushing, Oklahoma, in business for himself and doing well. It pays to be well prepared.

The Associations are observing the week of prayer with marked results in the deepening of the spiritual lives of those attending.

The children of Elder Levi Mohler are staying at J. P. Vaniman's while the Elder is out in this district for the Mission Board.

Miss Nell Hinkson has closed the art studio for a few days and has gone to Topeka for some special work in her department.

Mrs. Sallie Shirkey Miles, known to many old students, was down from Abilene visiting her sister Emily and other friends over Sunday.

Conrad Rasp was with us over Sunday recently and gave us a most excellent Sunday morning sermon. He is working for the White Co.

N. G. Neher's have moved to California for their health. Clara staid to complete her work in the Normal Course with this year's class.

George Brubaker and wife of Girard, Illinois, are here visiting Mr. Brubaker's aunt, Mrs. Ezra Slusher and some other relatives at Monitor.

Milton Showalter and Freeman Brubaker are two of our best students. They drive in from home every morning. Such young men generally make good in life.

J. J. Yoder says he never had a better school to teach than Galva. And Galva people seem to think they never had a better teacher than Prof. J. J. Yoder.

Prof. Muir's music pupils are preparing for some recitals to be given soon. He has a large enrollment this year already, and there will be several more in with next term.

Ira Vaniman has been elected Secretary of the McPherson County Sunday School Association. Ira is a hustler and we may expect things to happen.

Prof. Ebel has won his way into the hearts of his students in an admirable way, in spite of the fact that many dread to tackle Latin. You can't resist his gentle sympathy.

Walter Ball and Arthur Wendt are two of Groveland's coming young men now in for training for their life work, who are doing excellent work in the Normal Department.

Dr. Bradbury seems to have made a splendid impression on the students to start with. He already has a good practice on the Hill, besides being a popular instructor in Physiology.

We were favored with a fine lecture by Prof. Harnly in Christian Workers Band the other Sunday evening on "Our Proper Social Relations." We enjoy such from our home talent.

Not many fellows have a record of work to their credit as has Roy Baker. He did two men's work all summer in a Railroad office so he could get back to school this winter. He is here.

Miss Ida Stump had to go home to take care of her parents. It is a blessing that all children cannot share, the caring for parents in their declining days. It is the sweetest satisfaction of our lives.

If you should see a light in the Science Hall, even pretty late, do not be alarmed about it; it will most likely be Jouette Russell at work on some mechanical experiments. He works late and early.

A new piece of brick walk has been put in on Euclid Street, right by Prof. Fahnestock's house. That completes the line from College to town except a short piece at Reiff's, and brick is on the ground for that.

The work on the front steps has been suspended for the present. Several hundred dollars are being spent on that part of the building and when all complete will add very materially to the appearance and convenience of the building.

D. V. Wiebe is among us for work. The cold snap gave us a hint of real winter.

Ben Severtson is among our new student ranks.

Two of the Goering boys of Lehigh have enrolled.

Lester Brubaker has come to take a business course.

Miss Bradshaw of Osborne County, is enrolled for school work.

Mr. Nevinger of Colorado has placed his name upon our lists.

Grover Doutzer spent Sunday at his home in Kingman county.

The name of Hazel Converse now appears on our registration list.

Mr. Deardorf and sister of Iowa, came to be among us for school work.

Emma Beckner and her brother spent Sunday at Conway Springs with an older brother and family. They were present at the Lovefeast there Saturday evening.

Mary Daggett is here again for school. We welcome all such young people as Miss Daggett among us. She is a young lady of excellent character.

F. P. Detter of Nickerson was up over Sunday, visiting his two children. That is just what many more parents should do. It helps both the student and the Institution to have parents call.

Some of the boys are organizing squads for some evangelistic work during the Holiday vacation. They will go out in groups of four and put in the whole week at religious work.

The class in Chemistry is laboring with the theories of electrolysis and ionization. It takes some study to thoroughly master them, but they seem to be getting out of the woods all right.

Prof. Shirk is always on the lookout for something in the way of improvements. The latest to be added to his department in the way of apparatus is a new spectroscope. It is a fine \$70 instrument.

J. F. Bowers writes that he has to sever his connection with Easton Business College, Easton, Penn., and

leave that climate. He is now at home in Louisiana, and may possibly be here before the year is out.

The Prohibition League organized by electing Harvey Hoffman president. An interesting time is expected along about the middle of January, when the Oratorical Contest comes off. Several are considering already how they will feel when it is all over but being called to the platform to receive the first honors.

Talmadge Carter has been down with typhoid a few days, but under the care of Dr. Bradbury is recovering rapidly.

ENROLLED FOR BIBLE WORK.

Sister Lizzie Miller and Sister Bertie Smith have enrolled in the regular Bible course. They have never had the opportunity of such before and thoroughly appreciate such an excellent chance to study the Book of Books under an accomplished teacher.

INTERESTING QUESTIONS.

The class in Life of Christ is discovering some very interesting problems in their work. One splendid feature about the Teacher is that he always leads the students to learn. It is not what someone else may have found out and told you that is of real value to you, but what you have come into possession of yourself, through your own efforts. The writing required will make each member of the class the author of his own "LIFE OF CHRIST," when the course is completed.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

Lillian Young, Reporter.

The subject for our devotional meeting, Sunday, Oct. 27, was "Mexico, Our Next Door Neighbor." Miss Emma Beckner led the meeting.

The Praise Service, led by Edna Detter, on Nov. 3, was an excellent meeting.

A joint meeting of the Y. M.'s and Y. W.'s was held in the chapel Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10. The girls gave their report of the State Convention at Ottawa. It was an exceptionally good report. It gives us a broader view of what the Y. M. C. A. really stands for

when we hear of the work that is being done throughout the United States by this great band of workers.

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I wonder, my boys will it be one of you?

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Is vacant today, for Death claimed its due.

The directors are choosing a man for his place—

I wonder, my boys, will it be one of you?

A pulpit is waiting for some one to fill—

Of eloquent men there are only a few. The man who can fill it must have powerful thrill—

The best will be chosen—will it be one of you?

The great men about us will pass to their rest;

Their places be filled by the boys who pursue

The search for the highest, the noblest, the best;

I wonder who'll find them?—I hope 'twill be you."

Prepare For Life's Work At McPherson College.

A VISIT FROM THE STATE BOARD.

We were favored Wednesday with a visit from three members of the State Board of Education. They are on their annual tour of the accredited Colleges of the State. Those here were: President Nichols of the Agricultural College at Manhattan, Supt. Husner of the Junction City Schools and

Supt. Karick of Stockton. They gave some helpful inspiration in the chapel talks.

McPherson College is one of the Schools of Kansas whose graduates are given State Certificates to teach in any of the Public Schools of the State without further examination. It is a wise policy of the Board to keep close tab on the grade of work being done. They can better coordinate the courses of study also and secure a greater uniformity of scholarship on the part of those graduated. According to their reports, McPherson College has top-notch position in grade of work turned out. We were pleased to have them call.

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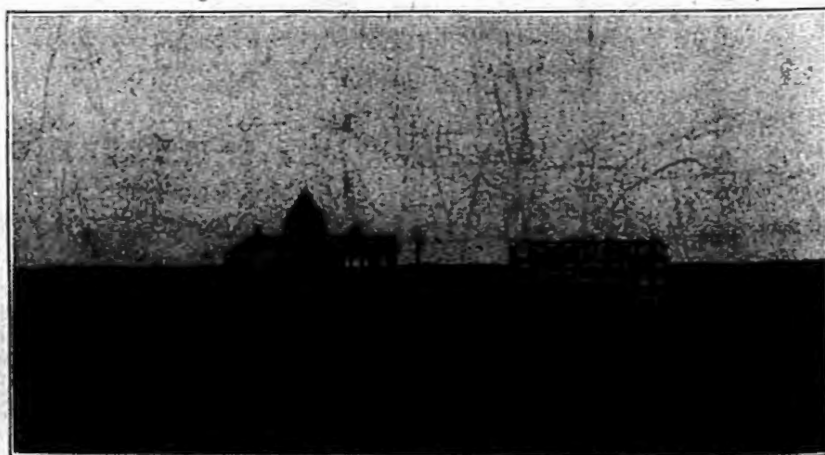
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