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Class Day Exercises

Thursday, May 21st, was another red letter day for McPherson College in more ways than one.

Mirth and jollity prevailed the campus and buildings from dawn until eve. Class spirit was at "high tide," a fact readily recognizable from the flashing colors, the waving banners and the mingling of wierd sounds, for which no student "in particular" and every student "in general" was responsible.

That beautiful Indian legendary tale, Hiawatha, was the play given by the Senior classes. We have nothing but praises for their work and all taking part in the same are to be heartily congratulated on their success.

The decorations were in keeping with the scenes and were well arranged. The costumes were truly Indian style and the results very effective. Last but by no means least, the acting of the "troupe." It was excellent and all are to be complimented.

Hiawatha is a touchstone which will revive memories of the class of '08.

The programme was continued during the afternoon upon the campus and in the chapel. The college oration was given by H. O. Crumpacker and was entitled "Life's Possibilities." His key note was, "Be a *man*, not a compromiser." Prof. S. C. Miller gave the faculty speech. We are not disappointed in his handling good sound advice and wit. Next followed the presentation of the insignia by H. W. Lohrenz and the response by R. O. Ingalls.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent upon the campus in the normal class exercises, the May pole drill and giving full vent to the enthusiasm of the various classes. All were good. The programme was ended by the singing of the college song.

The Brass Quartette furnished music for the day and acquitted themselves worthily.

May every school year be closed with such class and college spirit as manifested on this day.

The Commencement Address

The commencement address was delivered by Rev. Hannaly of Chicago. It was a rare treat and all who heard it expressed their hearty appreciation. Prof. Clement in introducing said, "we are to hear a big man." Nor were we disappointed. He was big in body, yet greater in mind, big in voice, yet greater in tho't. He had a message and he delivered it, sounding vital principles in human experience.

"Parasites" was the subject of his address. It was delivered with a forcefulness that convinced the audience that he was a man who stood for something and one who meant what he said. He was practical and advocated principles which are paramount in the social questions of today.

Space does not permit us to go into details of the speech, we can only repeat a few of the tho'ts. His strongest appeal was; "Be active, be an aggressor, make a contribution to society." It is expected of you, do not fail to do your duty.

"Mankind is divided into two great divisions, leaders and trailers. What are you? Realize your possibilities, get busy. Two classes of people, tho' widely separated in social standing, are on an equal basis when contributions to society are considered. They are, the professional tramp and the idle rich. Both are parasites. See that you are not a menace to society. Be somebody, stand for something, lead on! This is the only way results will be accomplished."

"Don't be a knocker, be a booster. You can't saw wood with a hammer. Don't be passive. Don't wait for someone to show you where to take a hold. *Take* a hold and push. Get a 'big stick' and hit the devil on the head every time he bobs up and we need not fear the results."

"Life's possibilities lie up-stream. We must row for them. No one has ever yet drifted to them. Strive for them and contribute your share to the progress of humanity. Produce something, don't be a parasite. It pays, it is worth your while."

The above are only a few of the many principles sounded. It was a "mental feast" and after all are they not the most enjoyable?

May the coming school year experience many more such treats.

Dick, Tom and Harry

By G. Vaniman

"Girls, cried Meg excitedly as she burst into the room waving a letter in her hand,—'girls, this is simply great! It'd be the jolliest kind of a lark, and I'm sure we can do it if—' 'Child', interrupted one of the six girls thus suddenly addressed "do stop a minute and tell us what you are talking about."

"O, its a letter from those boys,—the ones that pass here so often, you know,—and they've planned a skating party for us—just listen:—"

Young Ladies Second Floor Meredith's

Dear girls: We hope you will pardon our presumption in thus addressing you without the formality of an introduction, but as we have passed your hall frequently together on our way to the University, we flatter ourselves we are not entirely unknown to you.

Knowing that all girls like a good time once in a while, and that the restrictions at Meredith's are exceedingly severe, we thot possibly you might enjoy an opportunity for a little diversion. The ice at West Park Lake is in splendid condition, and these moonlight evenings are immense. Now if that appeals to you, be ready at nine o'clock to morrow night. Promptly at that hour we'll have someone call one Miss Meredith to the phone, and the other to the door,—then if you hurry you can get down the fire escape while they're engaged. Come straight to West Park and we'll meet you there with the skates. Hoping this will meet with your approval, we are

Yours for fun,

Dick, Tom, and Harry."

"There, isn't that great?" exclaimed Meg, her eyes glowing. "Glorious!" "Splendid!" "Simply dandy!" chorused the girls. "Tomorrow night—just think of it!" "O, girls, won't it be a capital joke on the Guards?" The Guards! At the thot of them all sat up suddenly and looked sober. Would it, after all, be possible to escape those ever watchful guards so easily?

Now the "Guards," otherwise the Misses Meredith, were two spinsters who kept a "Select School for young Ladies." The unnecessarily strict watch they felt duty bound to keep over their vivacious charges, had won for them the sobriquet ap-

plied by the girls, and had given them a superficial appearance of old maid severity which completely hid the love of fun both secretly cherished. Their hall was located midway between town and the University, and this winter especially, they had found it extremely difficult to keep their fair maidens from flirting with the students. The girls on "Second" had proved particularly trying, and more than one note had been intercepted,—more than one charming smile and languishing glance frozen by a stern look from the guard chaperoning the girls on their afternoon walk. These gentle rebukes, however, and the confinement of the girls to their rooms at the hours when most of the students passed, had, for a time, seemed a successful remedy,—but of late, both the Guards had noticed a certain three boys pass with unusual regularity and undisguised interest in the windows of "Second". Becoming suspicious, they watched, from a distance, and saw, to their dismay and chagrin, one and another of the girls nod and smile,—yes, and sometimes even wave to the boys. They consequently set about with renewed energy to counteract this influence, delivering extended lectures on "The Evils of Flirtation", "Meekness and Modesty", and kindred subjects. Besides this, to prevent any possible "dates", they called at each room twice during the evening,—at seven-thirty, to see that each girl was in her room studying, and at nine-thirty, to be sure that all were in bed and lights out.

The girls were well aware of the anxiety they were causing the Guards, and took great delight in the plot. In fact, the enthusiastic outburst following Meg's reading of the letter was due almost as much to the unusual opportunity it afforded them to outwit the Guards, as to the real fun the plan promised. But could they carry it out? They looked at each other solemnly as they remembered that nine-thirty call. How could they be at West Park and in their rooms at the same time? The enormity of the obstacle staggered them for an instant. "But girls," persisted Meg, "we simply can't give it up. You know there hasn't been a thing doing for weeks and weeks." "Hurrah, an idea!" shouted Nan, and mounting a chair, she began impressively—"Ladies and gentlemen—ahem!—whereas it becomes necessary for us to appear to be, at nine-thirty, where we are not,—and we have not so far developed psychologically as to be able to separate spirit and body—there's nothing left to do but—make dummies!" "Bravo!"

shouted the girls—"That's the very idea!"—and they eagerly began discussing plans. Soon, however, they heard a step on the stairs, and fled noiselessly to their respective rooms.

They were in a fever of excitement all next day, and their flushed faces, sparkling eyes, and whispered consultations caused the Guards to exchange many a meaning glance—and once Nan thought she saw them smile. At last evening came, and at seven thirty, Miss Meredith, to her apparent surprise, found the girls on "Second" studying with exemplary zeal. No sooner had she closed the door, however, than these studious maidens jumped up quickly and, with many smothered giggles extracted various articles from their wardrobes, and collected heaps of sofa-pillows, preparatory to the making of the dum-mies.

Then the fun began. They stuffed, and punched, and pulled and twisted, till at last the figures approached somewhat nearly a human form. Then they were placed in the beds as naturally as possible, to await the Guards' nine-thirty call, and the girls, turning out all the lights, gathered quietly in Nan's room, from which they could easily descend the fire escape. Here seated on the floor in the dark, they breathlessly awaited the hour of nine,—starting suddenly as one of the girls, hearing a noise down stairs, whispered "Ooo—there's one of the Guards coming,"—and again when Meg, choking with laughter, threatened to bring dire punishment upon them by her contagious giggling. The time seemed interminable, and they were just beginning to wonder if the hour had passed without their notice, when the clock began to strike, and,—Joy!—at the same instant the door-bell and telephone rang loudly.

"Hurry now, girls, and come on," whispered Blanche excitedly, raising the window with a screech which caused them all to catch their breath. Stepping thru, she began the descent, and the others each wanting to be next, all tried to climb thru the window at once. The scene which followed was indescribable. Such a pushing and pulling,—stepping on skirts and hands loudly whispered injunctions to "be quiet" and, finally, the invariable missing of the last few steps and consequent fall, produced a noise and confusion they could scarce believe it possible for the Guards not to hear.

Once down undiscovered, they picked themselves up with alacrity, and after Blanche's warning "Sh-h-h!"—did not say a word as they glided from one shadowed shelter to another on

the bright moonlit, lawn. At last they reached the street in safety, and set out at a rapid pace toward West Park. "Say, didn't that work dandy?" exclaimed one of the girls as soon as they were at a safe distance. "And O—those dummies! Isn't it the richest joke on the Guards?" "Yes, indeed." "Wasn't it lovely of those boys to plan this?" "Say, put in Nan, 'I do hope they'll bring enough others with 'em so we can have one apiece'—So, walking briskly, and chatting and laughing gaily, they soon reached the lake.

They did not see the boys immediately, and were just wondering on which side they would most likely find them, when someone just behind them said—"Hello, are you the girls from Merediths?" "Yes" they answered in a chorus, and turned expectantly to greet—Miss Meredith, laughing heartily! "Ah pleased to meet you, girls," she said, bowing. "I'm Dick, Tom, and Harry."



Easter Sonnett - "Talitha Cumi"

"Talitha cumi; rise from of thy bed,

O damsel; it is I that bids thee rise,"

The Master said. And then in foud surprise,

The parents saw her living who was dead.

The Lord of Life, though vital breath had fled,

With graciousness recalled from foul decay,
Reanimated flesh which lifeless lay,

When feeble forlorn hopes of man had sped.

If man must die, shall he yet live again?

Shall mortal body in corruption sown,
Spring up anew with fruitage blessed, even when
The Christ shall come again at trumpets blown?

'Tis doubtless so, as Christ on Easter day,

That blessed morn, casts death's cruel bonds away.

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E. L. CRAIK.



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Editorials

Don't knock and shirk, but get to work.

The tears of disappointed friendship hold in solution our
crystals of pleasure.

He: You certainly are an enigma to me.

She: Why, no, I'm not. I'm a Pragmatist.

School is closed and the question comes with double force,
"Has it paid, am I worth the price?"

The successful financier is one who accumulates wealth and redistributes it more beneficially than where he found it.

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"He who lifts *now*, lifts double," "You can't saw wood with a hammer," and much more such good advice from Rev. Harnley of Chicago, has created a spirit among the students that we hope he will come again.

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Anxious To Know: Professor, can the soul really be in an emotional state, does it continue to love when the object or some symbol of the object is lacking?

Those Who Know: Ha! Ha! Ha!!!

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Professor: It is proposed by good authority that only women are capable of real love. Men are inconstant and their emotions lack that quality which goes to make up genuine love. It is evident—

Smitten: Well, Professor? What is it then?

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It does not seem very clear how some Lawrence papers and others over the state can criticise the students' work at K. U. in connection with the conviction secured of the violation of our prohibition law. The writers who ridicule such achievements evidently sit in rooms whose ethical atmosphere is hazy. Our statutes are plain, and when the eyesight of some of our executive officers gets bad, don't abuse the boy that leads the blind man. The court records show criminal convictions, the evidence was secured by K. U. students. *It worked* for civic righteousness and that is what we want. The law follows:

"Any person or persons who shall manufacture, sell or barter any spirituous, malt, wines, fermented or other intoxicating liquors, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished as hereinafter provided: Provided, however, that such liquors may be sold for medical, scientific and mechanical purposes, as provided in this act. (The druggists permit follows.)

It is strange how hard it is to read this in some localities, and understand it.

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There are expenses, responsibilities, and a certain need for good, systematic college athletics. Every denominational col-

lege of our rank and above in the state, realizes this and does all in its power to encourage the proper kind. The state schools are not comparable with denominational colleges because of their size and different methods and source of support. Baker will centralize her athletics under one man next year and he will be a member of the faculty. One-eighth of the tuition goes to the athletic fund. Washburn hires a manager by the college management and a fee of two dollars is expected from each student. Wesleyan, Southwestern, Friends, Fairmount and Bethany have salaried managers hired by the school management. These managers have an advisory committee composed of members of the faculty and student body. We need a more permanent, definite athletic policy here. It is too vital and important to be turned over to the student body. To insure good health, a student must do so much muscular exercise. We ought to have a manager who can direct the work for which a reasonable salary should be given, and this manager could be of use in the faculty. A compulsory athletic fee could be collected to support such a system, and it would be money well spent. A two dollar fee would hire a good manager who could direct the work and in a few years furnish a good equipment.

Current News

Mrs. Russel Sage has endowed the American Bible Society with the sum of \$500,000, to be used towards a permanent endowment.

It is reported that in case Mr. Bryan should be our next president Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma is slated for the position of Secretary of the Treasury.

The English government is having trouble in India. It is thought that there has been recently a plot formed against General Viscount Kitchener.

The Panhandle of Texas is being rapidly settled. One hundred thousand people are entering each month. The country is one of natural resources and does not require irrigation. Special inducements are being made to emigrants.

At a banquet of the Canadian Club in New York. Ambassador Bryce said: "Peace between England and the United States is Eternal."

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Within the last few months the increase in bank deposits in Kansas has amounted to \$3,000,000, showing that the panic has spent its force.

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The trial of Fred S. Warren at Fort Scott is now in progress. Warren is business manager of the Socialist paper "The Appeal to Reason."

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It is rumored that Secretary Wilson is to resign his post as head of the department of Agriculture, and that F. D. Colburn of Kansas, is to succeed him.

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On May 16th the motormen of the city of Cleveland, Ohio, went on a strike. This action was determined upon by a vote of the local union, and has paralyzed travel.

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A call has already been issued by farmers on Norton and Decatur counties for harvest hands. They prefer college men and several eastern colleges are expected to furnish the men.

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Salina is building a natatorium. It will be the largest body of water under roof in the state. Its construction is brot about by the fact that too many people have been drowned while swimming in the treacherous Smoky Hill river. A professional swimmer has been employed to give instruction.

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And now the Philippine Assembly is giving our own Congress some pointers on law making. They are considering a bill which reduces the salaries of all higher offices from 20 to 45 per cent. Our Congress is kept busy making appropriations. Another bill which the Assembly is likely to pass is one giving to women the right to vote but not to hold office. In order to vote, a woman must be twenty-three, and if married, must have written consent of her husband, or if unmarried and under the care of parents, she must have their written consent. Well, it is not the very best but then it is a good starter.

The drink bill of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1907 was 2,275 million dollars, the total receipts from Tariff were 263 million, the total dividends paid by all railroads and national banks were 235 millions, and yet there are parties claiming that a slight change in the tariff rates and governmental control of corporations are the biggest questions before the American people today. Ah, come off!

Again the Society of Equity (surely a misnomer) is fighting the tobacco trust with fire and marauding. They are now sending their night riders into the southern counties of Ohio and Indiana and there burning tobacco warehouses and threatening poor farmers who must raise tobacco for a living. We do not worry about the tobacco trust, but we do not want a "society of equity" to stoop to that kind of business in order to gain their end. Better try a little real co-operation.

The aspect in the political field has not changed very much during the month. Secretary Taft is now sure of the nomination for President in the Republican party. The estimate of vote on first ballot is from 513 to 554 in favor of Taft, while it takes only 491 to nominate. The other candidates are seriously thinking of withdrawing from the race before time of convention at Chicago. In the Democratic race Bryan is still in the lead, but Johnson of Minnesota, is winning prestige and friends every day.

In the Prohibition forces men are falling in line with a firmer step every day. Dr. W. B. Palmore of St. Louis, Clinton N. Howard of Alabama, Fred F. Wheeler of California, and Alfred L. Manierre are some of the men mentioned as possible Presidential nominees. Prohibition agitation is gaining on every hand. Arkansas may soon be in the Prohibition column, and that, too, by a Republican majority. Wonderful increase in anti-saloon sentiment was shown in Illinois at the recent spring election. Texas is now inaugurating the most extensive Prohibition Chautauqua work ever undertaken. May 26th North Carolina votes on State Prohibition, and June 15th the Prohibition Committee of Minnesota fires the pistol shot which starts one hundred and six college trained men into the "Out to Win" Legislature campaign in that state.

The Agricultural School

The proposition to establish departments of Agriculture, Domestic Science and Manual Training is meeting with much favor. *McPherson College* as a Center. And with in the circumference of a radius of 400 miles there lies the greatest Agricultural Empire on earth. The richest part of which lies within a radius of 100 miles. Within this large circumference there are ten or eleven Church Districts. Potentially our people are strong because they are rural. That our strength may be conserved we must remain rural. In order that we may remain rural *McPherson College* must have a first class Department of Agriculture, Domestic Science and Manual Training. The establishment of the Department is possible, provided each interested party helps a little.

It can easily be demonstrated that Experiment Stations and Agricultural Education are paying investments. The spirit of the age demands it.

Courses in Manual Training, Domestic Science and Agriculture are being introduced into our common schools, high schools and colleges.

Prof. Ikenberry of the McKinley Manual Training School, St. Louis, writes: "The more I know of it the more I am convinced that it is the proper thing in Education and that it has peculiar possibilities for our people." "I cannot think of anything more important in our Educational work than just this that you are starting. They have tried it at Mt. Morris but without funds to make it the success that it ought to be. If you can make it go, you will have the satisfaction out there of knowing that you are *pioneers* in the *only real forward step* in our educational history within the last two decades. I had hoped that the Educational Program at Des Moines might provide for a look forward as well as backward as that is really the important thing, but if you can make the step instead of looking, that will be better. Success with you."

A vigorous canvass is being made, and is meeting with success. The first subscription was \$1000. We depend upon the friends of *McPherson College* and of agriculture, and all those who have a vision of the future, to respond liberally. It is a

rare opportunity. Indeed it is privilege to give support to a movement that is so far reaching and that must mean so much for ourselves and our posterity.

H. J. Harnley.

Farewell Address

The following is a portion of the farewell address given the students by Prof. J. Addison Clement.

Another year is spent but is not yet ended. We are endlessly linked with past and future doings and happenings. If you have been a teacher you can in some way know the feelings of a faculty member on this closing morning of the school year. Some things are left undone. Not all that has been done is ideal. But your instructors have tried to do their duty. The pressure has sometimes been heavy, not because of turmoil or disruption among us, but because of our anxiousness to render you lasting service. We trust you for the rest.

Our reward is not a financial one. You are our greatest joy. The earnest and faithful student is our veritable pillar. You are the support of our structure. We must depend upon you. If we have helped you, do not forget to set your neighbor a-fire. If your lot is cast beside the plowman, or carpenter, or blacksmith or teacher, or preacher, or lawyer, or doctor, or brother, or sister leave always your truest self with them. Lift and lead. The main difference after all between human beings is doggedness and experience. The real hope of all progress is unified experience.

I believe in the social spirit of true type. We are depending upon you students for the generation of the spirit in your various communities. Do not forget your debt and obligation to your respective fathers and mothers, to your communities from which you come when you leave us temporarily or permanently. Let us cobweb this state and our sister states with the silken threads of love, truth and peace. We trust you for the dissemination of true virtues as we separate. Do not betray the trust. Young man prove yourself worthy the faith your father and friends have in you. Seize and use your opportunities as a rich endowment. Use your good health as a loan from the creator. Young woman show yourself worthy of the

unceasing love of your mother and friends. We are on the threshold of the greatest age that has yet dawned. Do not darken any life. Do not thorn any path. Live for and love humanity and truth. Let the watchword of yet a thousand thousand be "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." The realization of this watchword will be reward enough for all our efforts. Our main means to the goal is service. Let us learn it, I say, in behalf of McPherson College.



The Junior Normal Musical

The musical given by the Junior Normal Class Monday evening was splendid.

The Class is composed of ten young ladies,—one which Prof. Muir has a right indeed to be proud of.

Each of these young ladies gave selections which showed diligent work and mastery.

Each performed her work in a very creditably and pleasing manner, and the music was thoroly enjoyed by those present.

The stage was beautifully decorated, roses decorated the whole scene, and filling the room with their fragrance.

May boundless success fill the pathways of these earnest young people, and may there be many more such classes of McPherson College.



Y. W. C. A. Notes

Mrs. Sharp addressed the girls on Sunday, May 3. Her talk was very instructive and much appreciated.

The last meeting of the Association for the year was in session with Y. M. C. A. Rev. Carey of the Baptist church addressed the students.

The social committee of the Y. W. C. A. gave the senior girls a social at the home of Mrs. S. B. Fahnestock on last Monday evening. All report a very enjoyable time.

Our Association is to be represented this year at the Summer Conference by Misses Ullom and Burger. The Conference is to be held at Cascade, Colorado.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Both Associations had the pleasure of listening to Rev. Carey from the Baptist church, last Sunday afternoon. Altho' a new man, he has won a place in the hearts of the students.

On May 10th the young men listened to Prof. Harnley, on his interpretation of Pres. Roosevelt's famous theme "The Square Deal." The Professor showed that the same principles that we find in the laws of gravitation are the ones that must be used in the laws of love. Each molecule gives off as much force, as it receives from other molecules. The *give and take* must be equal. The development of character can never be accomplished by one in isolation. We must be lovable to be able to love. The devotional committee can be complimented in securing these speakers for the closing busy weeks of school.

The cabinet for the coming year is as follows:

Pres. H. B. Hoffman V. Pres. Ira Vaniman

Sec'y. Frank John Treas. H. J. Detrick

Chairman of committees:

Bible—R. W. Dettler Devotional—E. L. Craik

Missions—B. S. Trostle Social—R. C. Ingals

Membership—Grover Dotzour

Student Sec. Dadisman made a short call today. He is working up the Cascade Conference. This is the first convention at Cascade for our conference, but the Y. W. C. A. held theirs there last year. It will be a fine trip and a wonderful experience, truly a mountain top experience. Our President, Howard Kasey, Homer Lichtenwalter, Glen Buckman, Roy Bixby, J. W. Suderman and Grover Dotzour are planning to go. These summer conferences are highwater marks in the student's life.

The Associations regret to lose such strong workers as Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crumpecker, who have done so much for the students in old M. C. but we are glad they are capable and willing to face the foe in the thickest of the fight in *needy China*. Strong workers leaving us means that others must put their shoulders to the wheel and push harder and lean less.

Eureka News

The joint program given by the Irvings and Eureka's was much enjoyed by all.

The "Problem of Life" given by Mr. Hedine showed deep thought and very careful preparation. As a closing oration it was a credit to the organization.

Some very entertaining musical numbers were given by the Misses Ebel, Heldstab and Kuns and Mr. Jas. Wohlgenuth.

Another year of school has passed and although we, as Eureka's, have not succeeded as well as in past years, we shall strive in coming years to make our society the best in the school.

Mr. Bixby has the best wishes of all Eureka's for the success of his new undertaking.

Away down south in Texas
Where the snakes and turtles grow;
Went our Polly, our wise old Polly
The country to explore.

One day he went a fishing,
A fishing in a well.
For he thought frogs delicious
So in, his line it fell.

Now Polly was a wise young lad
As wise as he could be,
But always in the past he had
Been fishing in the sea.

He caught a dozen Polly-wogs,
(No kindred to our Polly)
And then a score of funny frogs
Were caught by wise young Polly.

He set the frogs a frying
Oh my! but they looked good.
He paused then went to eating
When Horrors! they were tonds.

Irving Memorial

On May 11 Irving Memorial Society and the Eureka society gave a joint literary program, the last of the school year. This was deemed expedient owing to the approaching strenuous period of Commencement week. The program was a decided success: Five selections of music were rendered. Mr. Hedine gave an oration that brought us into touch with metaphysics.

Professor Miller criticised the work. He had many words of praise for the society work of the past year. Thus closed the record of Irving Memorial for the year 1907-'08, but watch us next fall. Our motto is: "Ad astra per aspera."

Elite Society

The Elite society gave their final program of this school year, Monday evening, May 24th. A very large crowd was present, and a good program was rendered. If you desire further particulars inquire of the Eureka and Irvings who were present.

Mr. D. V. Wiebe of Lehigh, a former member of our society was down to attend the commencement exercises.

School is out and we will all soon be scattered over the states. The different members of our society will be found in the various places and different vocations during the summer months; Behind the plow; in the wheat field; canvassing views, in the school room; in the bank; behind and on the counter; in Texas picking strawberries; in Missouri raising mules and herding "razor backs."

What is the matter with the Elites? They are all right. Who is alright? The Elites. Who said so? We did. Who are we? *Everybody!!*

There is some talk of having two rival societies in our college. Let the good work go on.

The Elites can boast of having six graduates among their number.

A number of our members will not be in school next year,

as they expect to rid themselves of some of their overflowing knowledge in the school-room next winter.

This is the last issue of our paper during the school year, therefore we wish to say to our old members that we hope they will spend a very pleasant vacation and welcome them back in the fall. If every member will bring only one new one along the Elites will continue to be a success in the future as they have in the past.



Entertained his Bible Class

On Wednesday evening, May 13, Prof. Harnly entertained the members of the Senior Bible class at his home. The guests were Messrs Bruce Miller, Ralph Detter, Harvey Hoffman, James Rothrock, Bert Trostle, John Suderman, Marion Studebaker, Gilbert Barohill, and Mrs. Bert Trostle as an honorary guest.

Mrs. Trostle and Paul Harnly furnished most excellent music for the occasion. They rendered several very pretty piano solos which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

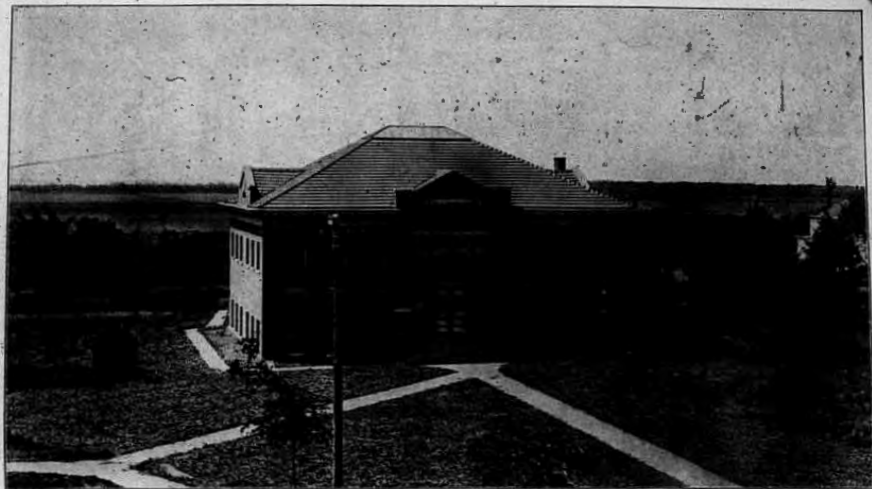
The professor told some of his funniest stories and related many interesting occurrences that happened during his college days. He has had such a rich and varied experience that to listen to him tell of the things he has seen and done, is quite a treat. Conversation was lively and all were in high spirits.

Mrs. Harnly showed herself to be in thorough sympathy with the students by serving a most excellent course of refreshments. It is needless to say how the boys appreciated this.

At a late hour the guests departed, all pronouncing the professor and his wife most charming entertainers.

The work covered by the Senior Bible class this year consisted of the study of Christ's teachings from the social viewpoint. The course was a very interesting one and proved of much value in interpreting the scriptures.





The Library Building, dedicated last fall. It is a lasting monument to the effort of Prof. S. B. Fahnestock,
In behalf of McPherson College.

On the Campus

Prof. Harnly's geology class took a trip to the Natural Corral. They spent a profitable and an enjoyable day, bringing many fine specimens of rock back with them.

Six of our college boys, who are manifesting oratorical ability, gave a fine program at Monitor, April 19th.

Rev. F. H. Crumpacker and Drew Pollock have returned from their late evangelical tour in Texas.

Prof. Shirk is working hard in Chicago. We often think of him, especially when we approach the Chemistry-halls.

Pres. Frantz writes often and informs us that he is enjoying his work. One of his greatest joys lies in his search for knowledge.

Mr. W. E. Sterner is here for Commencement week.

Miss Elva Miller's mother surprised her by her unexpected arrival—but a very happy surprise it was.

Professor Clement is acting president of the school during the absence of Prof. Frantz. Altho' our school days are closing yet we shall often think of him and the helpful things that he has given us.

A thing's essence makes it what it is.

Class spirit is being properly manifested. You can tell where a student belongs by his color. How about our colors when we leave these College Halls? Shall people know us then? We should show such colors that we may be found doing helpful deeds of love and service for our fellowmen. May our lives reflect!

Learn to be genial.

Remember to bring some one to school with you next fall.

If you have received something good, pass it on. That's what we're trying to do at McPherson College.

There's nothing to be gained by being a knocker.

Messrs Foster and Farman Cline are here for Commencement week.

Many of the old students are here enjoying Commencement

week with us. They say it does them good to eat once again at the old Dormitory table. We are glad to welcome them. Come again.

The social given last Thursday evening to the student body by the Faculty, was heartily enjoyed by everyone. Such times are always long remembered as they fill a bright page in memory's picture.

Our last chapel was held on Tuesday morning. It was a great treat, lasting an hour and a half. Special music was given, also a talk by Rev. Kuna, after which we heard from each member of the Faculty. The closing number was the College song.

Mr. Barnhill is here visiting his son, Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollinger and little daughter are visiting on College Hill.

R. C. Ingalls has been elected president of the Junior Collegiate class. Five merry bachelors,—but a resolution has been unanimously passed that the president be married before 1910.

Third year academic class met and organized, electing G. C. Dotzour president.

Corda Clement will spend her vacation at home in Canton, Ohio.

Homer Lichtenwalter has been wearing the dignity of "professor" since Prof. Shirk's departure. He has been teaching three classes in mathematics.

J. C. Russel has been around looking after the work in the chemistry laboratory, of which he will have charge next year.

Class spirit picked up about the middle of May and continued to run rather high to the close of school.

G. C. Dotzour has been busy lining up H. C. White view men for their summer's work. Good reports come in from the men who are already in the field.

Prof. B. E. Eble will be in K. U. this summer.

Robert and George Cram returned to their home a short time before school closed. We hope to see them back again next fall.

J. W. Suderman expects to return next year to pursue collegiate work.

F. C. Wiebe will rusticate during the summer.

Miss Nellie Borders expects to teach next winter.

P. F. Toevs has sought to instill German patriotism into one of his German classes by having it sing "Die Wacht am Rhein."

A. E. Hedine will do prohibition work after school is out. We understand he will try "Yohn Yohnson's" state

Miss Martha Daggett has had a spell of sickness that has spoiled many of the pleasures of Commencement.

The visiting-board, composed of Elders Manon, Daggett and Keller recently visited the school.

The Misses Neher will join their parents in California in a couple of weeks.

J. W. Deeter and W. F. Bradley have a mutual pledge to sell views this summer.

L. A. Parlin expects to put in practice the business education he has acquired during the past year.

R. C. Ingalls will work for the Rock Island r.r. this summer.

The Alumni banquet was quite a success this year. Ninety-three guests were assembled in the dining hall of the Dormitory. Vice President J. A. Clement acted as toast master and he was certainly equal to the occasion. Prof. Harnly gave an inspiring talk on the needs of the College. Prof. Miller pointed out the value of the College paper. Mr. F. A. Vaniman gave some practical business jokes. Rev. G. D. Kuns talked on the ministry as a profession. Rev. F. H. Crum-packer gave some excellent shots on the line of missions, and Rev. Harnly spoke on the value of the small denominational colleges. The College Brass quartette furnished excellent music. All expressed themselves as having spent a delightful evening.

Quite a number of former students spent commencement with us this year. Among them were Messrs. Mohler Shirky, Helstab, Sherner, Westrick, Wiggins, Carter, Drescher, Dale Wagner, Frank Kauffman and wife, and Misses Zeigler, Aschman, Delp, Dute, Clara and Martha Weisthaner.

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Lonise W. Johnson,
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Elocution and Physical Culture

Marion Stuebaker,
Kansas History and Descriptive
Geography.

S. Ira Arnold, Arithmetic.

Lillian Hope,
Shorthand and Typewriting.

Lulu Hildebrand, R. S. D.,
Grammar.

Bertha Colline
United States History.

L. A. Bradbury, M. D.,
Physiology.

J. C. Russell, Chemistry
Homer Lichtenwalter
Laboratory Ass't in Physics.

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W. J. Silfer, B. S. D.,
Book-keeping and Penmanship

Anna Garber, Spelling.

Grover Baker, Algebra

Diedrich Dalke, German.

P. W. Claassen
Assistant in Zoology.

Mrs. J. B. Stauffer,
Director of Model School.

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F. G. Muir,
Director of Chapel Music.

Ira Vaniman,
Director of Gymnasium.

..... Matron.

Jennie Bush Shirk, Librarian

Others supplied as class ne-
cessities demand.

Athletics

Another season of inter-collegiate base ball, which opened so auspiciously eight weeks ago, facing the strongest series of scheduled college games ever arranged for a McPherson College athletic team, and one of the strongest college schedules in the state this year, has come and gone, and all we have left of it for memory and the future when we shall let our thoughts revert to college days occasionally, are recollections of victories we attained, defeats we met, and pleasures at the old county fair grounds we enjoyed in witnessing close plays, and emitting in the songs and yells our harbored pride and patriotism for the boys who wore the crimson and the white. All this is summed up and designated by the title, "Nineteen Eight."

By their playing in the opening contest with the local collegians from Walden College March 23rd, the M. C. representatives easily showed themselves to be on a close par with any of the leading college aggregations of the state. Following the Walden victory of 9 to 1, the wearers of the "M" drove, on April, 11th, over to Windom, and after combating for nine rounds with the salaried men of the western McPherson County town, brought home another victory, 5 to 1. Although defeat was ours in the two following contests with Ottawa and Southwestern, no one is ashamed of the way the M. C. boys played, for both games were tight and scores close, and considering the standing prestige the two winning schools have in athletics, the work of the home team was excellent. In their effort to retrieve the loss of their two games, the team put up one of the best exhibitions of college base ball ever seen in McPherson, in the game with Nickerson College, and as a result, the visitors took defeat in a shut-out, 7 to 0.

Although the results of the northern trip games were adverse to best wishes the boys had been given on leaving that Monday morning, April 27th, we have no apology to offer in view of what we term "ill luck," as the boys from McPherson endeavored hard in maintaining the name we had begun to attain in the sport, and they were "simply beaten by better teams" is our only explanation, for the treatment extended us where-

ever we played, during the games and otherwise, with one accord, that of fairness, squareness, and hospitality, and in appreciation of this, the management and team cherish only pleasant memories of the trip, and cordiality displayed.

Upon our return, several members of the team had to leave us, and for this reason, and upon advice of the president and Manager Salthouse, the southern trip was cancelled. The inability to fulfill these games is greatly regretted by the team and manager, but we trust in an opportunity to go south at some future year, and meet in pleasant contest, the schools we were compelled to disappoint.

Being advertised, the boys necessarily filled the 9th of May with Nickerson on their grounds, and the team composed of four substitutes, and the regular men altered in their positions to meet existing conditions. put up a game that was easily creditable to any playing the team had done. The M. C. nine had the game practically theirs till the last half of the ninth inning, when, with the score 4 to 1, the Nickerson troupe rallied and ran the circuit four times after one out had been made.

The closing game of the season saw the St. John's Military Cadets from Salina presenting opposition on Field Day, May 10th, for the locals at the fair grounds, and although in the game with them at Salina two weeks before, St. John's had won 7 to 5 from the regular picked team, they failed to do anything like it with the boys who played for M. C. now. The Cadets scored two runs in the first two innings and were shut out the remainder of the game. The "M" boys secured one score and came near tying it twice, but failed, and in a 2 to 1 game were defeated. The game was a most interesting one from start to finish, however.

As closing remark, the writer and former Athletic Manager wishes to extend to those of the faculty and student body who supported him in the past season's work, heartiest thanks and appreciation. Very few of you can appreciate what work it has taken and did take to "make athletics go" this year. The financial end of the athletics has been a serious one this season, and we have spent no little worry in attempting to dispose of this in a manner which would be favorable to the credit side of our ledger. This is a result of non-interest and non-support on the part of a large number of the student body. Whatever

mistakes and blunders we have made, we offer apology for, and the work we have commenced we trust will have a worthier completion at the hands of our successor, for we have at all times striven hard for the highest standard for M. O. athletics, and in the maintenance of a name for clean athletics and honorable conduct of her contestants in the games, and outside them, to the credit of McPherson College, her faculty, students and friends, has been our aim and earnest ambition. To you we are leaving the judging as to whether we have at least, partly, attained our end and desire.



Alumni Notes

We were pleased to have Dr. Saylor among us commencement week.

Mrs. J. C. Kleppinger and son of Herington, are spending several days on College Hill.

The Oline and Weisthauser reunion was well attended.

Mrs. Coppedge, after spending several weeks with her parents, will study in the Art Institute of Chicago during the summer.

It was an inspiration to the friends of Miss Margaret Bishop to see her face among us for a few days.

Ed. Baldwin of Kansas City, was a welcome guest on College Hill commencement week.

Edna Garst, who has been teaching in Hinton, Oklahoma, completed her work in time to attend commencement.

We are in doubt as to whether Miss Hiebert will pursue her Latin course farther than Sieze-her.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Kauffman are visiting their aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Fahnestock. It seems good to see them in our halls again.

The '05 class enjoyed a pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Kline.

Recital of the Expression Department

On Tuesday night, May 19, occurred the commencement programme of the expression department. It was given by the two graduates Misses Elva Miller and Katie Hiebert, assisted by several members of the Junior class, all of whom have taken part in public performances before during the past year and hence need no introduction. Two musical numbers were rendered, one by Miss Rhea Berg and the other by a quartette composed of Misses Reiff and Clement and Messrs. Muir and Berkeybile.

The programme throughout was of that pleasing kind that we have learned to expect from Miss Johnson, and her skill in art was surely attested by the excellent work of the graduates. We especially admired in Miss Hiebert the rendering of the dramatic and the serious, when, as Hamlet, she debated about the future life in that well-known passage: "To be or not to be, that is the question." It was certainly Shakespearæan. Miss Miller, we think, excels in the portrayal of deep feeling or spiritual struggles. She acted excellently the part of the fair Ophelia and later that of the guilty queen. She reached the climax of pathos in showing us the innate goodness and compassion of England's great Protector in saving a poor condemned colonel's life for the sake of the love of a little girl.

The Juniors deserve the highest of praise, though we cannot speak of individual merit. Suffice it to say, that judging from their progress this year we may expect a strong class of Seniors next spring. The talent they have displayed is of no mean order and under such efficient training as has been received this year we expect yet greater things in the future.



The Baccalaureate Sermon

Rev. George Kuns delivered the baccalaureate sermon May 17. He emphasized the importance of the unity of faith and reason, of self-sacrifice and service.


The address was both scholarly and practical and was highly appreciated by the graduates.

A School for The Mennonite Brethren

A new movement, however, is on foot now, which promises to be successful in its attempt to organize the German Mennonites who are specially interested in education. An association has been effected under the corporate name of "Tabor College" which makes itself responsible for the erection of the necessary buildings and the maintenance of the school. They have, by this time, solicited donations for the support of this work, which amount to nearly two thousand dollars annually for a period of five years. Nearly all of this is subscribed by citizens of Kansas, but the work will be taken up in other states as soon as the proper officers find time for it. The establishment of a permanent endowment fund is also to be taken up in due season.

In locating the school, the aim was not to go to a large city and ask for a large donation. It was rather their purpose to locate among their own people, where the school can be in direct touch with the ones it is to educate. Hillsboro, Kans., met this requirement best, and the school will, therefore, be built at this place. Hillsboro is but a little town, yet it does an immense business in farm produce. It has raised more than eight thousand dollars for the erection of the main building and shows good prospects for valuable support in years to come.

It will take some time before the main building is erected and equipped, but the school is, nevertheless, to begin next September, for which purpose a smaller building is to be built this summer. There are to be three instructors the first year. Rev. P. P. Rempel, a student of a Bible school in Switzerland, will be at the head of the theological department. The other two instructors are P. C. Heibert, now of Portland, Oregon and H. W. Lorenz, both of whom are well known to McPherson College friends. Mr. H. W. Lorenz and P. C. Heibert are graduate students of McPherson College. They have many friends who wish them the best success in their undertaking.



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