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STUDENT COUNCIL ALIVE

Body Officially Representing Students Active, Freshman Issue, Gym Opening for the Season

The Student Council has come forward this year and taken the leading part in the school life that rightfully belongs to it and which it is its duty to perform. When the staff of the Spectator received their quotations from the printers they found printing had gone so high that they would not be able to put out the kind of paper that was needed here without financial assistance. They went to the Student Council, under whom the paper is put out, with their troubles. After a thorough investigation the Student Council guaranteed the finances of the paper. As a result M. C. has a weekly newspaper this year. It is due to the financial assistance of the Student Council that, not only is this a weekly but also that it is as large a paper as it is. Without the assistance of the Student Council you would be receiving a four page bi-monthly instead of an eight page weekly.

Some time ago talk started on the quadrangle in regard to an Annual. Everyone wanted one. No one knew who would or could put it out. No one felt like assuming the responsibility. The Student Council considered the matter. They found a student body of five hundred anxious for an annual. The student body was making history. An annual was really needed. There was a demand for it. The student body as a unit was capable of supporting a good annual. The Student Council decided that the call and the conditions justified an annual and they willingly undertook the task. A slate was prepared and the student body assembled in chapel elected the staff of its annual. Thanks to the Student Council you will have an annual this year.

Just recently we had the first number of the Student Activity ticket. The Student Activity Ticket is sold to the student body for a very nominal sum. The actual cost for each event being no more than a soda down town. This ticket covers all the events of the college year, lecture course, athletic games, debates, etc. Through the Student Activity Ticket the finances of the various activities are guaranteed, and the student is given entrance to all events at a nominal admission. Again we find

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TRAVELING SECRETARY VISITS M. C.

Albert D. Helser, Traveling Student Volunteer Secretary of the Church of the Brethren and also an Associate Secretary of the Inter Church World Movement, spent two busy days at McPherson College this week, conferring with the Volunteer Band, holding a number of conferences with individual students and speaking twice in chapel. His visit was especially timely because of the information he was able to give regarding the International Student Volunteer Convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, during the holidays. Through him it was learned that M. C. would be entitled to twelve student delegates instead of five to this convention.

Mr. Helser possesses an interesting and forceful personality. His friendliness, his belief in what he says, his grasp of the world's need and his outstanding Christian character won the interest and confidence of the student body from the very first. In his chapel speech Tuesday morning he took up the world's need, giving briefly but clearly the outstanding problems of each non-Christian country. In America, the problem is to make the great number of nominal Christians worthy of the name. The present per cent of those who belong to the evangelical Protestant churches is only eighteen of every hundred. Japan's need is the presence of Christian men to be an influence in its government. China needs education for its people as well as better treatment from so-called Christian governments which allow the exploitation of that country by the tobacco and liquor interests. In Africa the great Mohammedan advance is the challenge of the hour. India needs freedom from its caste system and economic help, western methods of agriculture and a larger number of missionaries to instruct the masses which are turning to Christianity. Our sister republic to the south and South America as well should be freed from the immoral and darkening influences of Roman Catholicism. Everywhere, the need of the world is the gospel of Christ and Christian education. Mr. Helser made a plea for young men and women who would give their lives willingly and unselfishly to God's work where there is the greatest need. The great end of life, should be service, not for one's self but for others.

Wednesday morning Mr. Helser spoke to a joint meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. His subject was "Salesmanship" and he showed

McPHERSON JOINS LEAGUE

College will participate in Debating Activities

On Oct. 27th representatives of the various colleges of the state met at Emporia to organize a Debating League with the purpose of promoting the interests of debate among the colleges.

The constitution which was adopted provides for two divisions of the League. McPherson belongs to the southern division along with Bethany, Bethel, Cooper, Fairmount, Friends and Southwestern. Each division will hold a series of elimination contests, the winners of each division meeting in a final contest for the state championship. These debates will begin the second Friday in February and will continue at intervals of three weeks thereafter. One question will be used throughout the series. A team will be composed of two undergraduate students.

McPherson believes in debating and will not hesitate to do its part. It has made a name for itself in the past in its major sport, basketball, and it will not fall down in this matching of brains. Its faculty is solidly behind debating activities and will give its support and interest if the student body will do likewise. Here is another opportunity for M. C. to gain more honor for itself.

DR. BLOUGH NOT TO COME

It was the plan of the committee on Bible Institute that there should be a returned missionary on the program at the Institute. Dr. J. M. Blough, a Juanita man and a close personal friend of Dr. Kurtz, was the one selected. Just lately, however, it was learned that owing to ill health Dr. Blough will be unable to come to McPherson. He is on furlough from the India field where he is regarded as one of the strongest workers. Dr. Blough was given the doctorate in divinity in 1911 along with our own President Kurtz, both of them being thus honored by their alma mater, Juanita College.

ed the application of business methods to the propagation of the gospel. One must be honest, must know his "goods," must believe in it and be loyal to it. The gospel of Christ is the greatest thing that can be offered to the world and it needs men and women who believe in it and will give their lives for it.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Dr. Kurtz' theme Sunday Morning was the message of the Prophet Amos to sinful Israel, (Amos 5:24). Amos, a shepherd of Tekoa, proclaimed his message of justice and righteousness for all men, 760 years before Christ; but it still throbs with life for the modern age because it is eternal truth.

Amos was a foreign missionary to a people whose religious formality exceeded morality; whose luxurious living hardened their hearts toward the oppressed; and whose whole economic system crushed the hopes of the poor people. The Prophet appeared at Bethel without a modern scholar's preparation, but with that same glimpse of eternal truth that we may have. He saw into the heart of their life, discerned the sore spot and ventured the remedy. The cure was in the message that Jehovah desired justice and righteousness and not formal worship; that He wanted right relations among men and holy character in individuals, not legalism, slavery, oppression and graft. But Israel scorned and chaffed. She chose to cling to her old conception of religion. To her, religion was ceremony and sacrifice, not morality. Jehovah was God to them only. He would never leave them. Their wealth and prosperity was proof that He loved them.

Against this falsity Amos continued to thunder doom. For Israel's salvation he proclaimed brotherhood relations and holy character which are the signs of a vital connection with Jehovah. Justice should roll down from above as naturally, copiously and freely to all classes of men as does the rain of those Palestinian hills! And righteousness should be as permanent, constant, and life giving as the perennial streams that nourish the Oriental plains! Neither individual or nation can long endure without these qualities.

Such virtues are only possible in the life that is hidden in God. No life and no nation can be permanent unless it is so righteous—complete, full and holy—that it is so always no matter what are the circumstances.

That was Jesus' message—the social Gospel of justice, righteousness, mercy and love from the heart of the life that is born again and is forever knit in spiritual oneness with the infinite. This is true religion. He who follows any other must also follow Israel into captivity.—G. Y.

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TRADITIONS

The west has always been free of custom and tradition. Kansas demonstrated its ability to vote without reference to its past habit when it helped elect Wilson in 1916. The spirit is that there is no necessity of repeating an act simply because it has always been the custom. A familiar slogan is, "Start something new." In other words, the idea is to be individual, original, independent.

Such an attitude is all right in many respects. Tradition is often the enemy of progress; a thread-bare custom may cause a great injustice and conservatism may result in stagnation. But we wonder if there is not a real place and a necessity for tradition in college life. Take for example the old eastern colleges. They are steeped in the customs of two hundred years. The broad lawns and leafy elms, the winding walks and ivy-covered buildings breathe the spirit of the past, the "olden, golden glory of the days gone by." And with this in an unswerving loyalty and devotion to the school ideal on the part of both alumni and undergraduates that is strangely lacking in many western schools. Is there not a connection between the two. The campaigns which are being carried on at present for the purpose of raising huge endowments for these colleges are backed entirely by the alumni. The new buildings and professorships which come from time to time are with few exceptions the gift of some former student. And when June and Commencement days come again these same grads will return to Dartmouth and Amherst and Princeton to become boys again; they will follow the customs of the years and like their fathers and their sons will gather at some old inn for a lobster supper or will in some other way zealously observe some tradition or custom of the past. They are loyal to their Alma Mater in the present

because of their remembrance of the past.

The point is this: Could not McPherson stand a little bit more of the traditional? Would not the alumni and student body be more closely united if more customs were observed from year to year? After all, don't we all have deep in our hearts a reverence for the things of the past when they have been tried and proved? Let us select a few things in our student activity and make them traditional that in future years we may have a common point of contact with those who follow after. Junior week has already become a custom. Let's have others. Anyway, we doubt if either our nerves or our ingenuity will stand this eternal strain of "starting something new."

The first quarter of the school year is almost over. This is the last issue of the quarter to be put out by the regular staff. Next week sees the end of the first quarter. Like all first quarters it has passed quickly. It is gone. We hardly thought it started when we find it a thing of the past. And so have gone all first quarters since time immemorial. We are hardly settled down to work. We had made plans. We had dreamed of all we would accomplish during this first quarter. It is past. We are only well started. Our dreams are merely dreams. Yet we need not be discouraged. We can yet make our dreams realities. It takes time to get adjusted, to settle down. So have passed all first quarters. Things are running smoothly at last. You are back in the habit of studying. Winter is at hand and beautiful weather no longer tempts you to wander when you should study. Let us this next quarter manufacture realities from our dreams.

DR. KURTZ HAS FULL CALENDAR

Dr. Kurtz is a busy man these days; in fact, there is never any exception to that rule. Besides the many duties of a college president and the teaching of three or four classes in Philosophy he has a great demand made upon him for lectures throughout the state and the calls are more numerous than he can possibly fill. Last week he lectured at Durham, giving a regular number on the Lyceum course of that town. Tonight, he speaks at Hutchinson on the lecture course of the Brethren church there. On the seventeenth he goes to Kansas City, Mo., to address the Kansas City Sunday School Association. Dr. Kurtz has also been asked to represent the McPherson Y. M. C. A. at the International Y. M. C. A. Convention which is to be held the latter part of the month.

Had you heard anyone complaining because the "barracks" are a thing of the past? Neither had we.

PEPPY PARAGRAPHS

The coal famine should not present such a problem at a school where two young people can star gaze till late at night regardless of the "heatless" weather.

All of which points to the fact that there is a whole lot in Christian Science.

It may be that in the spring a young man's shots turn to love as the poet has told us but judging from the recent phenomenal "date" crop we would surmise that Autumn is a close second when it comes to this pre-matrimonial stuff.

As one guy remarked "My favorite fruit is a date with a peach."

No Ostwald, because the girls could not find any cosmetics and face dope the other night when the fellows in the beauty show wanted them does not prove that the fair ones do not know what such things are. Far different.

Dr. Harnly seems to fear that the Halloween stunt the other night was a sign of Devolution. At that we claim that it was a lot better than Devil-Lution. How about it?

Which leads us to remark that if the "hard-boiled" gang from down town had really gotten up sufficient nerve to start something the other night they would not have kept the College reception committee up so late for nothing. Hope that they have more nerve next time.

"Some of the guys at the 'doin's' in the gym the other night had it easy. All they had to do was to act natural. Oh well some people always were lucky.

We heard a fable the other day which we will pass on for what it is worth.

A dog and his tail were having an argument as to which was the most powerful of the two. As the debate waxed exceedingly warm a wasp which was near by remarked that speaking of "tails" he possessed one that would make them both wag.

We maintain that that point of this fable is obvious.

Speaking of points we have to think of the schoolmaster who, having come in contact with the business end of a tack, remarked that "they that sit on tacks shall rise again." Yea, verily, even so.

How did the Edison happen to stay into the Girls dorm? We have noticed that a bunch of the fellows seem to have the habit but when an inanimate machine gets the craze we draw the line.

Or can it be that the boys have taken it over as an excuse to go there themselves.

Exchanges

Of the Kansas publications received by our Exchange department, only the University Daily Kansan and our own Spectator print a column of Exchanges.

"The entire student body of Buenos Aires struck October 30, demanding the resignation of the director. The students seized possession of the university and tonight were holding the buildings in the face of a siege by the police."

"The Melting Pot" will be presented this month by the dramatic club at Southwestern (Winfield).

The two Kansas men to receive the Rhodes Scholarship appointment for 1918 are: McBride of Emporia Normal, and Mason of K. U.

The death of "Uncle Jimmy" Green, for more than forty years head of the School of Law at K. U., occurred Nov. 4. He will be missed widely, for he was "the valued advisor of hundreds of young lawyers in Kansas and Missouri." The students and Alumni of the entire university feel the loss keenly, for he was deeply loved and appreciated both for his beautiful character and for his sympathy and kindness to the students. Remarkable tributes to him, significant of the general esteem for him, occur in the University Daily Kansan for No. 4, 5, and 6.

By means of a system of fines, the literary societies of Southwestern (Winfield) insure the attendance of their members.

A co-ed of K. S. A. C. "has beat the H. C. L." With but \$1100 she has paid every item of her college expenses for four years, and "I have not stunted or starved myself—I have always had a good time, and have bought tickets to all college entertainments, tho I have not spent much on candy or shows," she says.

A "Meet our faculty" column is being run by the Cooper Courier, each being illustrated by a photograph of its subject.

A live "Conservatory Club", whose purpose is "to enable the College of music students to get better acquainted, to boost the College of Music, and to make Salina fairly hum with music" is found at Kansas Wesleyan. They intend to bring some famous artists there for concerts.

K. S. A. C. contributed \$245 to the Roosevelt Memorial.

Rigid rules were adopted to stringently enforce the law regarding absences by the Women's Glee Club of K. U.

To distinguish them from the upperclass-women, the freshman girls of Bethany College (Lindsborg) are required to wear a special headgear.

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Athletics

JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE

You need not be a student of history, or of literature to be aware of the fact that there are in this world of ours, battles being fought. There are battles between the nations of the world, there are struggles between the different social and religious factors of our country. Likewise between those of our state. There are struggles here on our campus—(a large number of our students are married.) Each individual student has his own battles to fight. Life itself is a great conflict.

Those of us who believe in applying our knowledge of history to practical everyday life are made to feel that there is about to begin on this campus a great struggle. Those of us who are interested in the physical development of our students, those who are interested in the athletics of McPherson College—and we are all guilty, are aware of the extreme quietness, and calmness of the combatants. The wielding of tennis rackets has become impracticable because of the rawness of our mornings and the coolness of our afternoons. That ever growing football spirit was utterly squelched by the exhibition staged in the gymnasium some time ago. However we might drop a hint here. Let us say that we are likely to hear more of our football team yet this season. However there is going to be a reaction in the near future. The men and women of McPherson College are going with a steady, determined pace up a steep incline, and soon they shall pass the summit, go over the top, and with a mad rush they shall clamor for a ride on the declining train.

To every battle that has been fought there have been many obstacles to overcome, a great deal of preparation. Likewise in this great struggle in athletics this year. As for obstacles we have had ere of them. We appeared on the scene of action only to find the girl's new dormitory occupying a conspicuous place on our athletic field. We clamored for the gym but all in vain, it was to be used for the sheltering of a number of the fairer sex. We sought a place of action on a field of hard, knocks for a little, football scrimmage. And that was, by the way, a good fight, for the men have learned a great deal about football and some fine material has come to the lamp light. At last we were admitted to the gym, but the spirit was again retarded; the floor was not in shape to begin the season. However that's preparation.

Our floor will soon be in condition for gym work, basket ball (and if it is to be waxed as they tell us) for 'everything. Watch your step fel-

lows. By way of preparation and as well by "keeping fit" some of the fellows have been rising at five bells in the morning for a brisk two mile hike. Could anything be more daring than red-blooded American youth?

First the overcoming of obstacles, second the preparation, then the battle itself. It promises to be most interesting and entertaining. The competition is going to be keener than for several years previous. Men have come from all parts of the country bringing their experience and knowledge of the game, but most of all with the determination to give McPherson College a winning basket ball team.

The first scrimmage shall be a game between the girls that are outside the fold and those that are dorm fed. This promises to be interesting and it is expected that some good material shall be brought to light. Let us hope that this shall mark the beginning of a girls basketball team for old M. C. The next number on the program shall be the class tournament. This is always a warming up time and may be warmed this year as never before.

Our basket ball men are many.

Their wills and physiques are mighty.

Our knowledge of the game is unlimited;

Woe to the teams that shall schedule games with us.

LIBRARY MAKES ADDITION

The library announces the addition of a new magazine to its files. It comes from England and is the Manchester Weekly Guardian. This paper should be of great interest to college students for two reasons: It supplies the English and European viewpoint of the conditions throughout the world as well as a reliable discussion of English Political and Economic question. Then it is of interest because it so well represents the English journalistic ideal. Papers in Europe are more likely to be conservative in form and appearance than American papers and they carry more personal articles and editorial notes also. It is hoped that this English paper will be much read and will be of value in giving an understanding of English conditions today.

Studies in Doctrine and Devotion has recently been placed on the shelves. It is written jointly by Dr. Kurtz, S. S. Blough and C. C. Ellis.

"Are you Hungary?" "Yes Slam."
"Well come along I'll Figi."

Hoover to Dayton Yoder during football game when Dayton got his eye badly hurt,—

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"No I don't, but I believe he tried to put it further in."

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STUDENT COUNCIL ALIVE

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the Student Council carrying the load. The Student Activity Ticket is put out by the Student Council. They guarantee the finances. This year they have added several good lecture course numbers to the usual events on the ticket. The first lecture number came recently.

The Student Council through its staff publishes the Spectator and guarantees the finances of the same. Through its staff it will publish the annual, and guarantees the finances of the same. It puts out the Student Activity Ticket and handles the same. Truly may it be said that the Student Council is a faithful hard working public servant. These by the way are only a few of the tasks of the Student Council.

FRESHMAN ISSUE

The last issue of the Spectator was green. No! the printers had not run out of black ink. It was the Freshman issue. A week ago today you were all in a hurry to get your copy of the Spectator. You were wondering if the Freshs had the ability to put out a copy of the college newspaper. Well you found out all right. Admit it. You found their wisdom and wit far exceeded your expectations. We admit the same. That freshman class—watch them. They are green this year. You were when you were a frosh. Wait until next year when they have hit their stride. They are large in numbers. They have talent, ability, initiative, and are gormants for work. They are a fine bunch to work with. We expect big things from the freshmen when they have hit their stride.

GYM OPENS FOR THE SEASON

The basket ball season opened in the college gym with the inter floor games. There is an exceptionally large amount of good basket-ball material in school this year. M. C. should have and will have a team that will raise you out of your seats when the whistle blows and the ball comes down. And now that the boys are beginning to limber up over in the gym it is time two more were limbering up their voices and arms. Who ever is responsible for the election of the yell leaders should get busy.

ARMISTICE DAY

Last Tuesday was the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice. The Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines Club of McPherson College celebrated the day by a stag line party to the Tourney and followed with an oyster stew. The fellows had a fine time.

As we go to press we note that the tennis challenge of the Senior class is still unaccepted. It may be that they will have to include the faculty in the proposition. How about it Seniors?

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EXCHANGES

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"Was Rome founded by Romeo?" inquired a pupil of the teacher.

"No, my boy," replied the wise man, "It was Juliet who was found dead by Romeo."—Cooper Courier.

Mrs. Murphy—shopping—"I want to see some mirrors."

Shopwalker—"Hand mirrors, Madame?"

Mrs. Murphy—"No; some that ye can see yer face in."—American Boy.

"I had a fall last night which rendered me unconscious for six hours."

"Really! Where did you fall?"

"I fell asleep."—American Boy.

Farmer—"Do you want a job digging potatoes?"

Tired Tim—"Yes, provided it's diggin' 'em out of gravy."—American Boy.

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OUTLINE OF LECTURE.

BY DR. KURTZ

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is no God, no morals, no authority save power, the survival of the fittest. Ultimately each arrives at the status of class war, the masses extinguish the few, the economic concentration which has been developed is wiped out, material wealth is divided, and immediately there sets in again the repetition of the progress of the survival of the strong, and son on, the ultimate and only fate of human kind according to these extreme philosophies. One extreme believes only in rights for the masses, the other only in duties for the masses. Democracy believes in both rights and duties for all:

Our constitution asserts that all men are born free and equal, and that means equal in opportunity. Men are not born equal in capacity. Statistics were quoted to show that some school children have actually 25 times as much capacity for accomplishing results as other children. The bright minds ought to be leaders—leaders, not bosses. Democracy must be created. Each new born generation must be taught democracy. Each immigrant must be taught democracy. There is no inherent democracy, no perfect democracy, not even in your homes.

On this foundation, the lecturer briefly brought the points of the discourse together. First there was the reform of religious freedom. Then through various revolutions came the realization of political freedom, and now comes the problems of economic freedom, and that is the industrial problems which faces the world.

Co-operation offers the only solution. There must be co-operation in producing wealth. Labor, capital, management and public. All must co-operate. As a matter of fact they do, as was illustrated in the production of certain manufactured things. It is the distribution of the profits from production that constitutes the problem. Therefore co-operation must be conscious. Men must know that they are co-operating with each other, and must do it willingly and cheerfully, and without fear but with faith.

What about the cure? Business and industry must be conducted for man, and not man educated and trained to make industry subservient to the principle of survival of the strong. Men must get the vision of a common interest. Industry is a fact. It is here to bless the world and must be made for the common good. Men must be wise and unselfish enough to see it. It must be a means to an end—the happiness of mankind.

Dr. Kurtz stated that he is very optimistic and has faith that the problem will be solved by the sound reasoning of the people.

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Local Notes

Miss Hazel Miller's father, mother and two sisters of Carlton, Nebr., spent the week-end here.

Lavera Lingle's father of Varsalles, Mo., came Friday. She went with him to visit her brother at Monticor over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagner of Red Cloud, Nebr., visited their brother Mr. Wagner of the dormitory.

Among the recent visitors of M. C. were J. B. Brunk, A. B. '15, of Quinter; Paul Harnly, A. B. '15, of Chanute; Faye Sisler, A. B. '17, of Richmond; Earl Watkins, A. B. '18, of Garnett; Clara Neher Vaniman, Normal '08, of Wichita; and G. Arthur Price, Music '16, of New York City.

Many have been wondering what became of Ray Frantz. He has been traveling some. He went from here to El Reno, Oklahoma, then to Wichita, Kansas, where he met his father. They together went to Memphis, Tennessee, then to Washington, D. C. He will return about next Monday.

The following M. C. instructors attended the Teachers Conference in Salina. Dr. Kurtz, Harnly, Prof. Hershey, Blair.

Miss Walter's mother and sister came last Saturday to spend the winter with her.

Rev. Clyde Forney spent a few hours here last Saturday.

Dr. Saylor of Ramona spent Saturday at M. C. with his son Lowell.

Mr. A. D. Helser of Chicago, Traveling Secretary of Student Volunteer of Church of the Brethren, Associate Representative of the Methodist Volunteer Board, and Associate Secretary of World Volunteer movement spent Tuesday and Wednesday at our college.

Mrs. Kreitzer of Sabetha, Kan., spent Saturday with Wave Davis.

Sunday in the Barracks was a pleasant day with all its rain. The boys very thoughtfully let the girls entertain themselves with the Edison.

Roy Frantz visited at his home in Conway Springs, Kan., over the week-end. He brought his car back with him Tuesday.

Society Notes

Miss Olive Boone pleasantly entertained a number of friends with a surprise party for Mr. Elmer Rupp Saturday evening. The guests enjoyed the games played throughout the evening as well as the delicious refreshments of cake and ice-cream. The guests were Misses Anderson, Miller, Turcott and King; Messrs. Moore, Jones, Frank Boone, George Boone; Mr. and Mrs. Holsopple, the honor guests and the hostess.

Dr. and Mrs. Harnly gave a delightful dinner party Saturday evening in honor of their son, Mr. Paul Harnly of Chanute, Kansas. The guests were Misses Frantz, Stevens, Heaston and Messrs. Harnly and Maxcy.

Miss Gladys Heaston was hostess to a dinner party Sunday. Covers were laid for Misses Burkholder, Stevens, Quinn and Messrs. Charley Heaston, Price, Maxcy and Harnly.

PRICE SINGS FOR FRIENDS

Thursday evening, November 6th, Arthur G. Price was at home to a number of his friends. Mr. Price entered the Navy in the fall of 1917. He was for some time at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. From there he was sent to Harvard where he received a special training and was eventually commissioned as an ensign in the navy. He then went to sea on a convoy ship as Pay Master and made seven trips across. Mr. Price has just recently been released from the navy. Sometime previous to the war he graduated from the department of Music at McPherson College. He then took lessons at Lindsborg and following this studied under Oscar Seagle at Scroon Lake. His friends had not had the opportunity of hearing him sing for over two years. Mr. Price entertained his guests in recital. Miss Pauline Vaniman accompanied him. He sang first two Handel numbers, then a group of short impressionistic songs followed by a group of French songs. Miss Vaniman played a Polonaise of MacDowell's. Then Mr. Price sang a group of Irish songs and concluded his program with a number of Negro Spirituals. Then upon request sang several special numbers.

Mrs. Frank Price, the hostess, served her guests with light refreshments. There followed a social half hour after which Mr. Price bid his friends goodnight in song.

Those present were Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Studebaker, Mrs. Strickler, and Mrs. Austin; Misses Hoffman, Reber, Williams, Stutzman, Marie and Nellie Cullen, Brown, and Heaston; Messrs. Chancy Vaniman, Studebaker, Maxcy, Rowland, Strickler, Harnly, Pair, Austin, Cullen.

SWIM, GIRLS?

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The women and girls of McPherson have the privilege of using the Y. M. C. A. pool on Wednesday afternoon of each week, provided that at least 25 sign for it. An instructor will probably be provided. A small fee will be charged to cover the expense of changing and heating the water, etc. Regular bathing suits are not necessary. The girls from the college especially are invited.

For information see Alice Burkholder this week.

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Organizations

ANNUAL MAKING PROGRESS

Word comes from the Staff Headquarters that work on the new 1920 annual has begun and thru the mist ahead they see a complete book that will be a credit to the school. A contract has been signed with a responsible Chicago firm for the engravings and plates. The printing has not been contracted yet but will be in a short time. The various classes have elected their contributors and have selected wisely. They are as follows: College Seniors, Gladys Heaston; Juniors, Grace Quinn; Sophomores, S. J. Neher; Freshmen, Everett Brammel. Academy, Senior, Ua McCoy; Juniors, Haven Hutchinson; Sophomores, Wm. Riddlebarger; Freshmen, Leonard Birkin. Mr. Cullen has chosen Milo Stutzman as his business assistant.

Since the student body seemed not one iota anxious to contribute of their time and talent in search of a worthy name for said annual; the staff hereby claims the reward which was offered two weeks ago. Therefore in the light of the above facts, be it known to all men, and others, that from henceforth and forevermore (so far as the present staff is concerned), let it be known as "Life and Light," which is the interpretation of the Greek letters on the College Pin and Seal which was so enthusiastically adopted last year.

There is no doubt that there will be a very few who will be unable to adjust the concatenations of their cerebral processes with those of the majority, but it may be that some of these same objectors can not intelligently discriminate between a Beethoven symphony and the Cornet School Squawkestra. —Anon.

DEBATING CLUBS WILL

BE ORGANIZED

Necessity is the mother of invention. The excessive number of members in the various literary societies has caused the faculty to authorize the organization of two debating clubs, one in the college and the other in the academy. Further details regarding this plan will be given in the near future.

FACULTY TO HAVE A FORUM

At a recent meeting the faculty voted to hold on Friday evening every two weeks an open Forum for members of the faculty. Prof. Blair was elected chairman. The purpose of this Forum will be to study and discuss current world problems. The faculty do not propose to be asleep with regard to world conditions. In other words, this organization is simply further evidence that M. C. has no old "fog" on its faculty.

OUTLINE OF LECTURE

BY DR. KURTZ

Newton Kansan—Oct. 28th.—

The lecture of Dr. Kurtz, president of McPherson College, delivered at the Congregational church last evening to the Newton Rotary club and guests was a masterpiece of philosophy and construction, and it is hoped that the suggestion made after the meeting that an effort be made to induce Dr. Kurtz to reduce the lecture to printed form will be carried out.

The lecture was an analysis of democracy, as an exposition of underlying principles of the industrial problem. The club had invited as guests about 40 representatives of the various union labor bodies of Newton, a few other local guests and the Rotarians of McPherson.

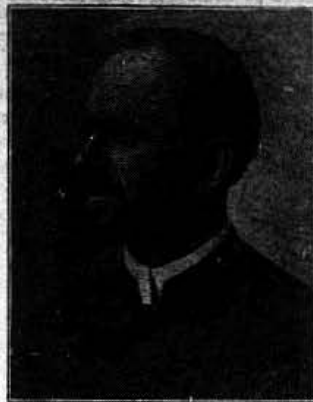
Dr. Kurtz used a black board with which he drew brief outlines of his line of philosophical reasoning—the laying down of principles which govern human existence.

First, there was the law of the survival of the fit as first promulgated by Darwin as an explanation of the present status of the human race, and finally by the German philosopher and leader, Nietzsche, whose doctrine has controlled the trend of the German empire. This philosophy substitutes the word, "strong," for the word "fit", and using that philosophy as an illustration, the doctrine was outlined under five heads. First, force. There is nothing in the world of value except force or power. No God, no soul, no mind, nothing but force. Second, anti-Christ. Third anti-morality; to be moral is to be weak. Fourth, anti-democracy. Fifth, the superman. By the application of these startling steps in the affairs of men, the 92 percent of peasants in the German empire were subservient to the will and power of the remaining 8 percent, 98 percent were atheists, believed in the non-existence of the soul. All this was explained and explained by quotation of authority and by illustration.

Then there is the law of co-operation or harmony of the organism. If the organs of a man's body were continually fighting, the body of course would speedily die. Humanity is a social organism.

Dr. Kurtz declared himself a thorough believer in democracy or self-government, and explained that as a teacher and student of philosophy for twenty years, he becomes more and more convinced of the correctness of the principle as his wisdom grows. From democracy there extends two extremes, autocracy and bolshevism, and strange as it may seem, the two extremes proceed in circles to a point very close together, both resting on the principle that there

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PROF. STUDEBAKER

IS WORKING ON THESIS

It will be of interest to many to know of the special field of study which Prof. Ellis M. Studebaker of the Theological Department is using as the basis of his graduate work with the University of Chicago. The general subject which he will use both for his Master's degree and later for his doctrine is "The Social Psychology of the Christian Sect." The special problem to which he is confining his thesis for his Master's degree is "The social Psychology of the Corinthian Group."

Those who have taken work under Prof. Studebaker are aware of his ability and of the thoroughness and clarity with which he presents his work in Greek and the New Testament. His scholarship indicates that the result of his present study will be a valuable contribution to the field of Constructive Biblical Criticism.

A CALL FROM AFAR

It is a high compliment to President Kurtz as a thinker and speaker that he annually receives many calls for addresses. Just recently the President of Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, a Mennonite college, wrote asking that Dr. Kurtz promise to come next February to give a series of lectures in his institution. The annual Bible Institute of Bluffton is an occurrence of no small consequence, as is evidenced by the caliber of the men who have appeared in the years past. Among the leaders who have spoken are such men as Dr. Charles R. Erdman of Princeton, Dr. Charles L. Robinson of McCormick, Rev. John Timothy Stone, Dr. Charles L. Goodell of New York, Dr. E. M. Potteat and others. It is rather indefinite as to whether Dr. Kurtz can accept the invitation, as our own Bible Institute and college trustee meeting will occur at the dates indicated.

In Physiology—Question, "Define the spinal column."

Answer, "The spinal column is a row of bones running up and down my back; my head sits on one end and I sit on the other."

Alumni

M. C. GRADUATE MARRIED

IN FRATERNITY HOUSE

Friends of Miss Ruth Shirk, A. B. '18, will be interested in the following clipping from the Wichita Beacon of Nov. 8th.:

Baldwin Kansas, Nov. 8.—What is thought to be the first wedding ever to take place in a college fraternity house in Kansas occurred here last evening, when Miss Ruth Shirk of this city became the bride of W. Fred Newcomb of Chanute. The ceremony took place in the Zeta Tau Alpha house, of which sorority Mrs. Newcomb is a member. More than a hundred guests were present.

The new Mrs. Newcomb was a student here in Baker University for three years. She graduated, however, from McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas, in the spring of 1918. Mr. Newcomb graduated from Baker in 1917, then enlisted in the service. He is this year professor of history and economics in the Chanute High School. Both Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb were very popular here during their student days.

Iva Curtis, Academy '18, is employed at Smalley's Art Shop in McPherson.

O. C. Frantz, Commercial '05, is interested in a bank at Rockford, Nebraska.

Galen Jones, A. B. '18, is teaching mathematics in the Nampa, Idaho, High School.

Grace Entriken, Academy '18, is teaching a rural school near Gypsum, Kansas.

Earl Watkins, A. B. '18, is principal of the high school at Garnett, Kansas. Mr. Watkins has eleven teachers under him.

M. C. is well represented in the School of Religion at Yale University: Carl N. Rexroad, A. B. '18; Joseph L. Bowman, A. B. '18; J. D. Schmidt, A. B. '18; Mrs. J. D. Schmidt, A. B. '18; Abraham Harms, A. B. '17; M. H. Schlichting, A. B. '16; and Prof. Frantz on M. C. Faculty in '17-'18 all of whom are taking work there.

Miss Lillian Bolinger, Academy '19, is teaching at Rayado, New Mexico. Miss Bolinger is a member of the congregation of which Rev. Ira Lapp, who is in college here this year, is pastor.

WHY STUDY GRAMMAR

(A Freshman.)

Oh have him went and are he gone,
Can him have left I all alone,
It cannot was, so be, it are.

King Winter is upon us. We are sure of this because of the number of georgette "Creations" that are floating about the campus.

Literary

COLD LIGHT Clarence Carlson

One of the wonders of the modern age is cold light. Producing light without heat seems almost like a contradiction, but it is a scientific fact. For many centuries scientists have been studying the lights of the firefly and Aurora Borealis. They have seen cold light in nature, but have never been able to produce it. Today the key to the situation seems to be that light can be produced without heat by electrical ionization. The astonishing production of light without heat gives us a new view of the origin of light and its relation to electricity. It is also now known that heat is not the only factor that effects light. This can be proven by two different experiments. First, if salts of sodium, potassium, and lithium are thrown into a flame at the same temperature each one gives off a light of different color and intensity. Second, a light can be produced in a Giessler tube by an electric current. This light gives off little or no heat. Therefore in both of these cases there must be a breaking up of molecules into electrically charged ions.

It is only thru the experiments with lights that we are able to obtain a conception as to what cold light is. Several lamps have already been made which produce very little heat. The Moore's vacuum tube light which is filled with carbon dioxide gives a fine light, without producing any heat to speak of. This is done by ionizing the molecule of the gas. However the mercury vapor lamp is the best, for it produces a true cold light.

The actual source of light waves is giving the scientists something to think about. The discoveries of Maxwell and Hertz, that light is an electro-magnetic vibration, has caused the science world to look for an explanation in electrical charges. The discovery of the electron almost solves the problem, except for one drawback. This drawback is the old theory, which says that as the electrons revolve around the axis of the atom it produces a continuous light. This is ridiculous, for if that is true everything would have the same dazzling brightness as the sun.

A new theory, known as the Quantum theory is now given out by two physicists, Planck and Bohr. Planck says that the electrons do not produce light continuously, but that it produces a definite amount at intervals. Bohr says that the electron produces light whenever it changes its course by jumping from one orbit to another within the atom. Professor Millikan of the University of Chicago indorses this theory. An interesting

thing about it is that heat and light waves can be produced independently of each other. Heat waves are produced by the vibration of the entire atom and light waves by the vibration of the electrons alone.

The use of cold light for illumination will, mean a higher efficiency in our lighting systems. At the present time ninety-six per cent of the energy used to light fifty million incandescent lamps in the United States is wasted in heat.

A COUNTRY IDOL Inez Heaston

It was Thursday morning. Everything in the large square kitchen was bright and shining. Mrs. Lawton, in a clean gingham dress and crisp white apron was just removing two perfectly browned lemon pies from the oven. There was a delightful odor of fresh doughnuts in the air; they lay like so many life preservers on the kitchen table. Aunt Kate, in a comfortable chair by the pantry door was stringing beans.

Suddenly there was a tremendous thud and Jimmy stood on the threshold.

"Gee, mother, what's up?" he exclaimed, taking in the situation, "Is the president coming?"

"No, but the minister is. And, Jimmy dear, do be a little more quiet."

"Gosh, what luck,—I'm going fishin'."

"Why, James, you know your mother always wants you home when the minister comes", said Aunt Kate.

"Aw, but, folks, I promised Nell I'd go fishin' day 'fore yesterday and we're goin' haffers on the eats. Here's where I shine. Watch me!" And snatching a basket from the pantry shelf, he proceeded at once to fill it.

Aunt Kate gave her sister a meaningful glance. It was quite evident that if Jimmy were her son he would remain at home.

Mrs. Lawton, gathering courage, began, "Jimmy dear, couldn't you possibly plan to go some other day? Rev. Brown will be so disappointed."

"Yes, but, mother, he'll get more chicken."

"Does Nell's mother approve of her going," asked Aunt Kate.

"I don't know. How many of these doughnuts can I have, mother?"

"O, there're plenty more but, Jimmy, if only—"

A long high trill came from the region of the orchard. Jimmy grabbed his basket and fishing rod, gave his mother a rebounding kiss, and vanished thru the back gate.

In the old kitchen the atmosphere was tense with emotions of an overly indulgent mother and overly precise aunt, but down on the little country lane Jimmy and Nell wondered, care-free and happy, munching doughnuts.

"A NEW EARTH"

We have been so busy thinking about the new heaven, that we have not had much interest in the new earth. However, we are now becoming more interested in the new earth, rather than in the new heaven. Nobody knows how old the earth is. Science has been calculating from different points of view, but does not have the question settled. Along comes a prophet who is a student neither of the sea nor the rock, but a watcher of the footprints of God in human history and he makes this answer. "The earth is old enough to demand a new kind of human life." His answer does not concern the physical age of the earth, but rather the mental, moral and spiritual age of the earth.

There is a new attitude toward class distinctions, or a new appreciation of humanity. The war is responsible in a large degree for this. It has given the democracy of Jesus a chance to at least break loose in places where it had not been known. In England, for example, society ladies have done all sorts of dirty work in hospitals and have realized a new meaning in life, the same is true of all other countries. There is a power that can strip off surface distinctions, such as color, accent of tongue riches and poverty.

There is a new emphasis on justice. All thru history, Justice has been having a hard struggle for life. Autocracy, Imperialism and Graft are not 20th Century inventions. In the time of the prophets Amos, Micah, Isaiah and Jeremiah the people were being oppressed because of the lack of justice. Isaiah referred the people to God as the ultimate source of prosperity and justice. Man has not been having justice in this old earth, in the new earth all will receive justice.

There is a new theory of the state. Lord Acton has said that modern democratic government came out of the Lutheran Reformation by way of the French Revolution, and the Reformation came out of Luther, and Luther came out of Paul, and Paul came out of Jesus Christ, and if Christ could once show the world a Christian State, he would see the travail of his soul and be satisfied. The supreme need of the 20th century is a Christianized Christendom.

There is a new conception of giving. To be sure one of the characteristics of this new earth is a new conception of giving. This war has been a great benefactor toward the education of the world along this line. Many of the boys have given the gift of the supreme sacrifice—can we do less to make this a Christian State, if need be? This war has not only unlocked the money chests of rich men, but it has smashed the locks and hinges as well as making

Christians out of some Church Members.

Some one has said, "Those who wish to live in this new earth must take a hand and help bring it about. It will not drop down from the skies like a readymade paradise. It will be manufactured out of the toil of human hands, and the sacrifices and sympathy of human hearts."

LAF-A-LOT COLM.

(A physician recommends the removal of the larger intestine as a means of prolonging life.)

Fare thee well! and if forever,
Large intestine, fare thee well!
A physician says that I can
Do without thee just as well.
Furthermore he says without thee,
I shall live a longer life.
Hurry with the anesthetic!
Hasten with the carving knife!
Soon, oh useless large intestine
When the germ of age doth grow
You may meet with the appendix
That I lost some time ago.
In the wondrous realm of science
Such astounding things befall
Soon it may become the fashion
To have no inside at all.

—Cartoons Magazine.

Prof. Morris in College Physics, "Viscosity is the internal friction of a fluid, it is this property that accounts for the different behavior of light and heavier fluids such as water and syrup."

Skimpy suddenly becoming interested, "Did you say dorm syrup causes internal friction?"

Freshman who had just learned that the earth is round, "What keeps us from falling off the earth, when we are upside down?"

Prof., "Why the law of gravitation, of course."

"Well how did folks stay on before the law was passed?"

Listen you who sneeze; you who have hay fever or one catching the flu. Scientists say we are never nearer death than when we sneeze, as the act causes momentary convulsions of the brain.

If our throats could be read our faces would often be redder.

Irate customer in cafe, "See here waiter, I simply cannot stand the smell of fresh paint. I shall not be able to finish my dinner."

Waiter, "If you will wait a moment sir, these ladies at the table to your left will be leaving."

A dame has reached
A sorry pass
Who walks right by
A looking glass.

Two hearis may beat as one but
two months can never eat as one.