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DR. KURTZ HONORED BY STATE ORGANIZATION

TO HEAD ANTI-CIGARET LEAGUE

Rousing Lecture Delivered at Topeka Meeting

We take from a front page column of the Topeka Capital an account of a mass meeting in Topeka under the direction of the State chapter of the Anti-cigaret league of America. Lucy Page Gaston, founder of the league has spent a month in Kansas stirring sentiment and paving the way for a state organization.

Dr. Kurtz addressed a mass meeting in Topeka on Sunday, Dec. 12 called by citizens of Topeka. The burden of his address was to the effect that no nation can maintain her strength at the cost of the moral and physical well being of her citizens. He traced the history of the degenerating nations to moral corruption and physical degeneracy.

Doctor Kurtz went into the world's history to explain how the great commercial vice of the cigaret could be compared with the crimes of slavery in the ancient ages, feudalism in the medieval ages, and leading up to the modern industrial complications of today. All tear down the purity and holiness of the mind and body, he said.

"We spend three times as much for tobacco as for educational institutions in the United States. What wonder that we have so much illiteracy?" asked Dr. Kurtz. "God made the world so there is one best way of living to enjoy happiness. This ignorance is one reason the cigaret has got such a hold on the American people. The great poets, artists, or any of the big learned men have no use for the cigaret."

The State Anti-cigaret league completed its organization on Monday Dec. 13 by electing Dr. Kurtz

president. Six vice presidents were chosen to head the different departments of the work.

We feel that the visit of Miss Gaston and the forming of this anti-cigaret league is strategic at this stage of the anti-tobacco movement.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

We celebrate the birthdays of our benefactors, but seldom do we think much about the first birthday of our heroes. Jesus is an exception. The first Christmas was the most glorious until the world will be redeemed and all men appreciate the meanings of that day. The joy that was manifested by the shepherds, the angels, and all who were associated with this glorious event was the spontaneous response of a world that was in agony and travail for a saviour.

Christmas is, first of all, a day of joy. It should be a day of boundless joy, because the Saviour has come. The darkness will be turned into light, truth will dispel the ignorance and superstition, faith will triumph over fears, victory is assured over the slavery of sin, and the abundant life is a free life to all who will receive it. The oppressed will be made free, those in bondage will be released, the bruised will be healed, and all hatred and discord will be resolved in the divine harmony. A Saviour has come to release men from the guilt of sin, from the power of sin, and from the curse of sin. Christmas stands for God's greatest gift to man,—His son who is our Redeemer and our Lord. "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

The first Christmas day gave the world our Saviour. What does Christmas mean to each of us? It should mean to us the joy of living in God's world; of living in the light, the love and the liberty that is in Christ Jesus. It should mean the birthday of a new faith, and a deepened appreciation of the good things which we have as the gifts of God.

We associate Christmas with giving presents. Even unbelievers join in this universal custom. As God gave His gift to men, so we give to each other. Can we rise to the divine Spirit and give as He gave, not to receive again in kind and in equal measure, but to bless the needy? The real riches of Christmas come, not to the children who receive the presents, but to the parents and benefactors who make it possible. If Christmas is to be big with its meanings, let love be boundless and sacrifice its measure,—not to the satiate, but to the hungry and those in darkness. The richest Christmas is measured not by what you receive but by the love, and light and life you quicken in others.

Pres. D. W. Kurtz

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To the Faculty, Students, Alumni, and Friends of McPherson College:

May the Giver of Gifts give unto you
That which is good and that which is True;
The will to help and the Courage to do;
A Heart that can sing the whole day thru
Whether the skies be gray or blue.
May the Giver of Gifts give these to you.

From the Staff of the SPECTATOR.

Especially is this true at the present time when the Kansas laws is on trial before the supreme court. As a matter of good citizenship let us watch with interest the movements of the moneyed Trust and the ANTI'S.

J. H. E.

REVIVAL CLOSSES—A GREAT SUCCESS

The experience of all readily shows that the past week of meetings has been a true success. Interest has increased with each meeting while the message has become a part of everyone. Success is never measured essentially by numbers of conversions but by the great amount of lasting good which influences all. Without the renewal of our better selves from suggestions in our best Moments moral progress is never attained. Only as each one has given himself to the highest impulses, is the greatest good to our society realized.

The message each evening has been a sound and reasonable appeal to the fundamental demands of life. Bro. Miller understands men, he knows what they expect and his experience and interest gives him remarkable power with individuals of every type. His chapel address on "Persistence" shows clearly his insight into life's successes and failures. His gospel message though old is entirely modern, challenging the biggest tasks in every phase of present activity.

The singular manner in which all have helped to make the meetings a success is indeed worthy. Special music has had an important part in impressing vital suggestions and truths. The splendid interest manifested in special prayer meetings has been an inestimable power. Union of effort and purpose along with the strength of the Almighty does change things.

Wednesday evening was made unique through the particular part taken by the Y. W. C. A. The entire center section of the chapel was reserved for the girls and each "big sister" took care of her "little sister" for the evening. On Thursday evening the men of the Y. M. C. A. went in mass, filling to overflowing the same center section. Interest has increased to the very last and everyone feels the effort has produced lasting effect. We are glad to express here the appreciation for the splen-

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Literary And Art

AT THE ART SHOP

Arba J. Heald, an M. C. graduate, at present the cashier of the American Oriental Bank in Shanghai, China, has purchased personally some fine Chinese Brasses, bowls, plates, etc.—and ropes of beautiful beads, and has imported them directly to the Smalley Art Shop. There are both the modern and rare old pieces in the hand chased brasses, and rare pieces of Cloisonne. The strands of beads are also both old and modern. Modern beaded bags were also sent.

Mr. Smalley has also a wide assortment of the exquisite Favrilé Glass from the Tiffany furnaces, Long Island, New York, each piece signed by Louis C. Tiffany. This ware is adorable in its fairy hues and delicate shapes. The fragile Ruskin ware—made in England—resembles the Tiffany glass in its dainty lines. The Rookwood, Newcomb, Van Briggie, Paul Revere, Swedish, Arnheim, French Luster, are all names familiar and significant to the pottery enthusiast.

Do you lovers—i. e., lovers of the beautiful—like to browse around amidst a maze of loveliness? Do you realize that right here in McPherson we have what is probably the best art shop in any city of this size in the United States? Just to take an hour a week to look about in this shop would afford a student a liberal education in art, of all kinds. It is a privilege to be able to come in contact with so many varieties of the finest art.

Besides the potteries, you will find—if you look about—Roycroft hand hammered copper from the Roycroft shop in East Aurora, N. Y. hand woven scarfs from the Flambeau shops of N. Y., materials woven on old hand looms in quaint designs; baskets of different sizes—American made and Chinese; conservative stationery; novelties—hand made gifts and cards, incense burners, toys, etc., original bronzes by the leading modern sculptors.

But the big thing about the art shop is the pictures. At any time a person may see a veritable Art Exhibition, or Collection. There are original oil paintings by the most prominent modern artists, including Sandzen, Henry Poor, Nordfeldt, Ann Bremmer, Albert Olson, Sheldon Parsons. An inspiration to the beholder. Thornton Oakley, who has taken several very important prizes in exhibits in the east and abroad is represented among the original water colors; Burshfield, Sandzen, and Dean Babcock may also be seen.

A really remarkable aggregate of original prints, etchings, lithographs, color blocks, wood engravings, by all the modern artists as well as the old masters, is very interesting. Are you versed on the subject of artists? These are a few of the modern Americans who are represented: Haskell, Heintzelman, Barry, Oakley, Colwell, Lindenmuth, Hassam, Bellows, Burr, Aikman, Baumann, Colewaert, Carr, Hurley, Gardiner, Pearson, Deolittle, Arms, Wolf, Pennell, Eskridge, Hoffman, Cronewett, Jacques, Mayhew, Lewis, Partridge, Hyde, Nordfeldt, etc. Did you know we have so many prominent American artists? Among the modern English we find Levy, George, Hartley, Brangwyn, Hope, Marples, Spencer-Ptyse, Jones, Besnard, etc., Zorn, from Sweden, and Carbonati from Italy, and numerous geniuses from France are there.

Are you interested in the old masters? Ah, I knew you'd be. Well, here are some you will find—Durer, Rembrandt, Millet, Corot, Haden, Roth, Whistler, Goya, Daubigny, Rodin, Appian, Palmer, Bone, Meryon, Bartolozzi, Buhot, Cameron, Tepere. All trumps!

When you sit down to rest, you will discover that there is also a miniature library present. Books, and more books; art, essays, fiction—modern and standard—poems, plays, illustrated children's books, travel, translations of standard French, Norwegian, Russian, Swedish, books. Limited editions are a specialty.

If you revel in beauty, or if you want an hour's recreation, go down to this unusual art shop and look around.

See McPherson first!

December Numbers

For "Gift Suggestions" and "Ways of wrapping Xmas parcels," see House and Garden; "Xmas gift books"—Atlantic Monthly; Brander Matthews suggests "Books for Xmas" in Arts and Decorations. Another delightful article is "Xmas Greens"—the 11th of the twelve papers in Scribner's by that inimitable author, Henry Van Dyke. Mary Lord tells us about "Xmas Carols" in Arts and Decorations.

If you are interested in drama, you will find a most remarkable and comprehensive treatise on "Development of American Drama" in Harper's by the very distinguished drama critic—William Archer. Brander Matthews, Prof. of Dramatic Literature at Columbia, gives the "Autobiographies of Actors" in Munsey's. A third eminent drama critic, Montrose J. Moses, discloses "Clyde Fitch's bric-a-brac days" in McClure's. "The plays of J. M. Barrie" and discussed by W. Lyon Phelps in North American Review. "Farm plays" by K. Schmidt

occurs in Arts and Decorations.

For discussion on art we turn first, of course to Arts and Decorations, where we find "American lithographs of today," "Architecture and words" by Matlock Price, and "Christ in modern art" by Herman. "American life in American art" (Weitenkamp) is in Century, while "Some American wood block engravings" is in House and Garden. Scribner's contains "F. S. Church" by Fuller.

Kinney sheds some "Light on the Japan question" in the Atlantic Monthly. The Memoirs of Count Witte, Russian diplomat, are running in the World's Work.

Galli-Curci is interviewed in the Etude. "Folk songs of America" are analyzed by D. G. Mason in Arts and Decorations.

That dangerous question "Are women intelligent?" is undertaken by Marguerite Arnold in Century. "R. L. Stevenson's contributions to life and art" are extolled by Watt in Scribner's. To be sure, the Bookman is full of literary features: "My public" is described by Mary Roberts Rhinehart; John Kendrick Bangs discourses on "My silent servants;" Hugh Walpole advises "On finishing a novel"; C. Hanson Towne writes about "Fashions in fiction"; and Rear Admiral C. T. Grayson expresses himself about "Books as a mental diversion."

INTELLIGENCE TESTS

SHOW UP STUDENTS

Have you seen the intelligence tests? If you haven't it is time to look at them and understand them for some day you'll have to take one too. Prof. Blair says the Senior Academy most nearly coincides with the probability curve—the curve by which the present grading system is now based. There is not much difference between the highest score and the lowest score of the Senior Academy and the Freshman Academy and of the Senior College. This illustrates the point that there isn't much correlation between intelligence and education. College doesn't develop native ability. If one is born short on native ability, why the is simply "out of luck" for there isn't much aid to raise mentality. College will educate but intelligence is based upon the store of native ability.

HEALTH COMMITTEE APPOINTED

At a recent faculty meeting a resolution was passed for the appointment of a committee of the faculty to look after the health conditions here at the college. President Kurtz has appointed Professor Ninainger, Miss Trostle and Miss Hollinger members of this committee.

Poet's Corner

NOTE—This corner is to be a regular feature, and original contributions from students, faculty, and friends will be appreciated.—Editors.

BROKEN FRIENDSHIP

I gathered once a pretty lily
That grew in the nook;
With slender form and graceful
swinging,
She bowed to the brook.

But as I broke her from the stem
And took her from the dell,
The brook, in memory of his kin,
Rippled a sad—"farewell."
—P. R. B.

At the very beginning of life it seems
Life is but a variety of dreams;
Dreams of romance and dreams of
fame,
Drought on the hillside or wrought
on the plain.

But some trial comes, some test of
the soul
That makes us a bit sadder but
wiser withal;
Our whole being givers, and we now
feel,
That life is not dreams but all too
real.

A world's work is before us and do it
we must,
For now, whether or no, into life's
struggle we're thrust;
All who are false and all who are
true,
For life is a struggle meant even
for you.

Although "Practice makes perfect"
was spoken of things,
'Tis true of the soul, for tempta-
tion makes kings.
Temptation I say, but temptation
resisted;
For temptation's servants are not
as men listed.
—Olivia Dickens.

Did Boone answer when Dr. Kurtz
asked him in Ethics, what he would
say if he was asked if he were en-
gaged?

The Way With Rich Philanthropists

"Why are you sobbing" my little
man?" asked the kindly man of the
little boy who was weeping bitterly.
"My—my pa's a—a millionaire phi-
lanthropist," sobbed the little child.
"Well I can't see that is anything
to cry about."
"You can't, can't you? He's promis-
ed to give me five dollars to spend
at Christmas provided I raise a simi-
lar amount."

Organizations

Y. W. C. A.

The musical program of the Y. W. C. A. was of unusual interest last Wednesday morning. Alice Burkholder read some of the stories of the famous hymns and songs. It takes imagination for a poem but devotion for a hymn and it was quite interesting to learn what gave the inspirations for the much loved hymns as "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Nearer My God To Thee," "The Ninety and Nine," "Joy to the World," and our own Association hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." In her admirable manner, Mrs. Ebel gave the beautiful little poem, "If we Knew." By special request Bertha Frantz sang the solo, "When the Cherry Blossoms Fall" or "Love is Love". The meeting was closed with the reading of Tennyson's "Lady Clair" by Jessie Carter.

COLLEGE ORCHESTRA DELIGHTS AUDIENCE WITH EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAM

The College Orchestra gave its second concert Friday evening, December 17. The orchestra has been organized only a year, but under the able direction of Prof. A. Ray Lauer has made wonderful progress.

Also the attacks were not so good, the orchestra gave splendid readings of the numbers with fine adjustment of balance. This was partly due to the assistance given by artists from Lindsborg and McPherson. Prof. Lauer, who proved himself an excellent director, was fortunate in having as concert master, Lewis Doll of Lindsborg.

Of the first group the "Pilgrims' Song of Hope" by Baptiste was by far the best. In the second group, "Breezes from the South"—a medley was interesting from the point of novelty. This contained about six well known Southern melodies. The last group opened with the "Ninety-first Psalm" by Dermid. In this one found true inspiration. This group closed with the "Battle of Guinquito" by Fleming—a number which may be classed as true "program music."

The orchestra was assisted by Miss Jessie Carter, reader; Miss Leora Robinson, violinist; Miss Eleanor Coldwell, clarinetist; and Mr. Leslie Blackman, trombonist. Miss Carter's interpretation of "The Lion and the Mouse" was especially good. Miss Carter is a reader of exceptional talent.

The audience fully appreciated the entire program, and enthusiastic applause greeted the performance of

each number. May McPherson have many more such concerts.

—L. D. (Critique.)

"GENTLEMEN, PROFESSOR MOHLER OF McPHERSON."

Was McPherson College represented at the Inter-collegiate Conference? Is McPherson on the map? Will the Bull Dogs get into the real fight? These questions are answered in the included paragraph found in the Conference notes of the Topeka Capitol. The success of athletics with reference to our standing in the state is due to the efforts of



PROF. R. E. MOHLER

Professor R. E. Mohler. His spirit of true sportsmanship and unvaried honesty stood out in the conference. His ideal of clean athletics gave McPherson College a representation that could not be duplicated. Athletic Manager Professor R. E. Mohler is the Athletic leader of McPherson College. A recognized sportsman of the state.

"Next year one should hear a great deal of McPherson college. In the past the school has played basket ball of sufficient class to worry the Kansas conference, but in recent years a combination of causes has worked against the school. The institution, however, is one of the best equipped of the smaller colleges of the state, in buildings, endowment and enrollment, which approximates 600. The entrance of McPherson into a seven game football schedule and a representative basket ball schedule is due in large part to R. E. Mohler. He is a professor in the school and has for years worked for college athletics. Now that success in attaining a genuine athletic standing is his, it is a pleasure to introduce to Kansas sportsmen another of their sort. Gentlemen, Professor Mohler, of McPherson."

Talent knows what to do; tact knows when and how to do it.

Beckner Returns From Lecture Tour

Prof. Beckner, the College Field man, was seen around the campus a day or so this week. He has been visiting most of the time the past six weeks in Northeast Kansas District. He is carrying a lantern and slides of college scenes, classes, buildings, activities, and such like and is giving an illustrated lecture on the school, winding up with the needs for the new Science Hall. With financial conditions as they are, money raising is a very difficult task, but in this way, the existing needs are brought to the attention of the field in a convincing way. He reports that the field of McPherson College was never richer in good will toward the school than at the present time.

As an added feature, Prof. Beckner has turned anti-cigarette lecturer on that subject one evening at each place he visits. This is proving an excellent feature. The churches are glad for good up-to-date teaching on this subject.

Washington, Summerfield, Rock Creek, Olathe, and Gardner are places which were visited recently. Ozawkie, McLouth, Overbrook and Appanoose are to be visited very soon.

Interesting Book Presented To Library By Dr. Kurtz

Dr. Kurtz has presented the library with a book that shows careful study and much work. The book was presented to Dr. Kurtz by Miss Howe, the head of the kindergarten at Kobe, Japan. Miss Howe translated both the text and the illustrations from the original German of Herbart's "Mother Plays." In the pictures the translator took the German ideas and transposed them into corresponding Japanese scenes, and the result is indeed interesting. Call at the library and ask to see the book. You will be well repaid for the trouble in seeing what some people are doing to educate this world of ours.

THE FIRING LINE

What is Sunday for if it is not a day to 'clean up and look pretty? How can a man take a shave, shine, shower, and shampoo in TWO kinds of COLD water? E. S.

It is easy to tell the caliber of a man when he is seen passing from the Boys' Dorm to the main building or dining room holding his hair with one or both hands. Girls do not even like to have to do that.

The Monk

The ideas that benefit a man are seldom welcomed by him on first presentation.

REVIVAL CLOSES—A GREAT SUCCESS

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did work of Bro. Miller and we feel sure that the memory and influence of his short stay will endure.

L. B.

"YE MERRIE JOKES."

There once was a "ching" named Ching Ling,
Fell off a street car—Bing! Bing!
The con turned his head,
To the passengers he said:
"The car's lost a washer"—Ding!
Ding!

"If"—A dizzy precipice at the end of every declarative sentence.

Pat's Definition

"Pat, can you tell me what steam is?" asked the foreman.
"Shure sor," replied Pat confidently. "Sthame—is, phury, er—it's water thats gone crazy wid the heat."

Price, reciting on Solomn's wisdom remarked: "Solomons understanding must have been limited, or else he would never have had more than one wife."

"A Soph saw something green one day,
And thot it was the Freshman class.
But when he nearer to it drew
He found it was a looking glass!"

Don't think you are a harrow just because you drag your subjects!

And Now Comes The Authority—!
When a woman tries to cut a chicken's head off, the legal term for such an attempt is "assault with intent to kill."

It will be a long time before another Sec'y of the Navy will so far forget himself as to dare to be a Daniel.

One Way Out.

She was condemnatory in her manner. "I refuse to take this paper cutter," she declared sternly, "because it is not ivory, and I want to use it as a Christmas gift."

The clerk looked at her with a 'I-don't-doubt-your-word-madam' expression, indigenous with clerks. "That's very strange," he said. "The elephant must have had false teeth."

Doesn't Have To Talk

"Does the baby talk yet?" inquired the friend of the family of the little brother.

"Naw," said the disgusted youth. "He don't have to talk. I have to wait until Christmas to get anything, but all he has to do is yell and he gets everything in the house."

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Nineteen hundred years ago, God gave to the world as a gift of love His only son, Jesus Christ. Born in a lowly manger with loving God-fearing parents, He was destined to become the Life of the World. The wise men brought gifts of frankincense, myrrh and gold to the infant Jesus. Other friends to show their love, ate the Feast of the Nativity, a custom which has lived down through the Ages. Thus was the little Lord Jesus welcomed into the world.

In this age we commemorate His birthday on the twenty-fifth of December. Long before that time our brains are busy with thoughts pertaining to Christmas gifts. Whom shall we remember and will they in turn remember us? When Christmas comes we are so thoroughly worn out and our pockets so plucked that we have neither the zest to enjoy our Lord's birthday nor financial backing to face the New Year. Do we welcome His birthday in the spirit of the wise men who had only love, peace and reverence for Him?

It is a joy to be truly thankful, loving and reverent on that day of all days—and that we may be so, why not prepare for that day with judgment and sense to meet us with grace, poise and Christmas joy. We owe to our friends that we meet the day in this manner. We may give our gifts to those whom we love most dearly and to those less fortunate and more needy than we and send our heart-felt greetings to the host friends whose day we may gladden. We may then eat our Christmas dinner and enjoy it in the knowledge that we have given joy. Then may our day pass in a manner worthy of our Lord.

Through Him Christianity was proclaimed, democracy was born and war was denounced. Peace and good

will was brought to reign on earth in the heart of mankind. Shall we endeavor to carry a true Christmas spirit forward?
M. M.

BOOST M. C. DURING VACATION

If there ever was a full week at M. C. it will be during the Bible Institute. We are publishing this week a brief summary of the things planned, so that the students may take home with them their "Spectators" and show their parents and friends just what they will miss if they do not attend this Institute. Students should boost the Institute while at home, for this is a splendid chance for your friends to secure in a condensed form, some genuine instructions. The summary follows:

A course in Bible by Prof Deeter and Dr. Culler, Dr. Roger Winger, of Northwestern University is coming to M. C. for the Institute and will remain during the winter, giving work in Religious Education. He will give a course in Religious Education during the Institute. Winger is an exceptional man.

Miss Hollinger will give a 5 hour course in D. S. Prof. Mohler's usual course in Agriculture will draw a large crowd.

Prof. Swope will give two interesting lectures, one to the ladies, "The Interior of the House," and one to the men, "Paints and Painting." And something for which we all are waiting, Dr. Kurtz's lecture on Japan. Dr. Kurtz will give two other lectures aside from this.

Prof. Ninger is scheduled for three lectures. One is an illustrated lecture on "Science and the Simple Life." His other two, "Science and Mental Progress," and "Science and Religious Progress," promise to be most interesting.

Dr. Hoover is scheduled for three sociological lectures.

The ministers will have an hours conference each day during the six week days.

Prof. McMurray, of K. U. will be here and render his famous reading "Ben Hur."

The down town lecture by Maud Ballington Booth will come during the week.

One night will be Educational night with M. C. interests paramount.

One night will be a musical, given over to the department of music.

The Literary Societies will give a joint program on Saturday night.

The Mission Band is also planning a program, something interesting and worth attending.

We have tried to conserve space by giving in a condensed form, an outline of what is planned for institute week. Those missing this institute will miss the finest bible normal ever offered at M. C. Tell others to

come, but first set the good example yourself.

WHILE AT HOME

Be careful during vacation. When you arrive at home, folks will be watching to see what effects M. C. has had upon you. Be sober, talk common sense and stay aloof of the frivolous class. Speak well of the school and of your professors, for certainly they are deserving. Boost your school—make it tempting to those not in attendance here; and this can best be done by evidencing a change for good in your own personality and purpose. Most of all, be kind to your parents. Make them know that their hopes for you have not been in vain, but that you are developing into a valuable type of citizen. Then they will be glad to see you return next semester, and you, in turn, shall have left behind the correct impression of the spirit of your McPherson College.

The One Who Did The Best Job

A certain careless student in a small college suffered from obesity, and it appears that even college professors do not love a fat man. One day after a particularly unsuccessful recitation in mathematics, the instructor said scornfully, "Well Mr. Blank you are better fed than taught."

"That's right, Professor" said the youth. "You teach me, I feed myself."

The Quizzical Ed

The following question was asked of five students picked at random on the campus.

How are you going to spend your Xmas vacation?

Harry Bowers.—I'm going to hang around here and pursue the gentle "muse", and music. There are five books that I want to read. I plan to do more than I expect to get done.

Ethel Whitmore.—I'm not going to do anything. I'm going home and have one grand rest.

Lewis Naylor.—I expect to work and brush up on studies. I have a paper to write and a lot of reading to do. I am going to spend Xmas at Oil Hill, Kansas.

Victor Vaniman.—Going home. I expect to do some hunting and trapping. I'll probably get a lot of bears and wolves and maybe lions. No studying for mine; I'm going to fill up on home grub so I can stand Dorm feed when I get back.

Lewis Florman.—I can't tell what I'm going to do until the spirit moves me. I expect to rebuild my radio station during vacation.

Local Notes

Cecil Durst was a guest of Miss Brown and her mother the past week-end.

Veda and Elva Shirk were entertained by Nellie Harnly in the Harnly home last Saturday evening.

Ida and Stella Bowman, Golda Zook, Golda Ebbert, Bertha Frantz, Howard Engle and Foster Hoover spent Sunday in the Miles Blickenstaff home. They report a splendid time.

Bertha Mugler and Della Day visited Minnie Mugler and friends at Arnold Hall this week.

Miss Latha Daniels attended a pipe organ recital by Powell Weaver at Lipsborg Tuesday evening.

Reverend Sargent, traveling secretary for Bethany Bible School spent several days at the College last week.

W. O. Beckner was in Colorado part of last week, giving lectures in several of the Brethren churches.

Nellie Cullen and Paul Pair are spending their Christmas vacation in Oberlin, Ohio. Paul expects to see the sights at Niagra Falls, Chicago, and Toronto, Canada before he returns.

Elsie Klinkerman was the guest of Grace Miller Saturday.

Martha Mugler arrived from Emporia Friday evening to spend the holidays at home. She is attending the State Normal at Emporia.

Anna Mae Strickler and Ida Fike were at M. C. over the week-end.

William Mudra is spending the holidays at his home in Chicago.

Ruth and Victor Ullom left Saturday for Colorado to spend Christmas vacation at home.

Jessie Carter is visiting her sister at Halstead.

Miss Evelyn Trostle paid a visit to her friends at the College and on the Hill last week. She is at home at Nickerson at present.

It is hoped that classes will be better attended now that the murder trial at the court house is over.

Lyle Shirk and Sydney Sundguard from Ramona were the guests of Glen and Dale Strickler last Sunday.

"Willie" said the doting aunt, holding him close to her, "tell me whom you like best—your mother, your father or me?"

"Willie squirmed to get away. "I don't want to tell. It's too near Christmas."

During the first two weeks of the season at the Metropolitan Opera House, N. Y., fourteen operas were sung.

ANNABIL-ALMEN
 Allegratti Candy
 Parker Fountain Pens

THE ECONOMY GROCERY
 O. J. Green & Sons
CHRISTMAS
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Society Notes

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Oxley in Gordon Avenue was the scene of a jolly party last Monday night, when about twenty five students met after church to celebrate the birthdays of Golda Ebbert and Louis Bowman. After a short time spent in playing games, a good old-fashioned taffy-pull was enjoyed by all. When the taffy was pulled and most of it had disappeared all were served with cocoa and real home made cookies.

At the last moment any dorm student (girl) would have dared to stay out, but the crowd dispersed after thanking their hostess for a most pleasant evening and wishing those for whom the surprise was given many more happy birthdays.

The Annual Staff, at the invitation of their Editor-in-Chief, Alice Burkholder, spent a very enjoyable evening at the Burkholder home last week. They threw aside their worries and cares, made fudge, had music and just a good sociable time. Miss Burkholder is such a delightful hostess that it is useless to say the Staff enjoyed themselves.

All of us are wondering what sort of little verses we are going to put on our Christmas gifts, what to say to mother, to father, friend, etc. Here are a few suggestions which might be helpful.

To Dad— Dear Old Dad! I am thinking of you
 Of all you've done and all you do
 And every day it makes me glad
 To know I have such a dear Old Dad.
 And Xmas Day above all days
 I think of you and the many ways
 You've helped me along, and made me glad;
 Here's a wonderful Christmas to a wonderful Dad!

To Mother—
 God sent the birds and sunshine
 To gladden all the world
 He sent the foliage and flowers
 In radiance unfurled
 He sent the June, the stars, the moon
 The pearly dew drops sweet
 And then He sent you, Mother, dear
 To make it all complete.
 So Mother, I'm wishing it with all my heart, that this will be your Happiest Xmas yet.

To a Friend;—
 This gift of Christmas love
 Has come from me to you
 To wish you joy and happiness
 In everything you do.

To a Friend;—
 A simple gift in greeting sent
 A thought by it much is meant
 And much is spoken
 Though silent: It can still convey
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How and Where Faculty Members Will Spend Vacation

D. W. Kurtz—Institute at Sabetha, Lecture at Morrill. No rest for the Dr.

A. J. Culler—at McPherson—Reading, hunting, checkers, (if he can find any competition). Dr. Culler's serious work will be on a book which is to be published and used by all pastors in the Church of the Brethren.

Mrs. Fahnestock—At home on the hill. A good rest, and thinking kind thoughts—her speciality.

E. L. Craik—"Without a free pass on the R. R., I'll stay at home." Prof. Craik is also preparing a book for publication.

R. E. Mohler—His specialty during holidays—refereeing B. B. games. Twelve calls in two days is Prof. Mohler's record thus far.

E. M. Studebaker—At McPherson, preparatory to Chicago. With his son he hopes to, if not shoot, surprise a few jack rabbits.

A. Swope—In the M. T. shop, designing and building a walnut book-case after an oriental pattern. We'll be anxious to see this, Professor.

C. S. Morris—Overalls, boots, shotgun, and game bag. Prof. Morris need not worry about his game bag becoming any considerable burden. However, good luck to you.

J. A. Blair—"Home" and "Jack rabbits"—that's all Prof. Blair will report. But if he expects to capture any jack rabbits, it will be, not by his gun, but by other "Methods."

J. W. Hershey—At McPherson Research work. A quiet time with "her" in the new home—the best kind of Xmas.

J. W. Deeter—Prof. Deeter quoted the old elder: "The Lord only knows," Institute work will consume a good share of his time, but Prof. Deeter will do his share of merry making.

H. H. Nininger—Preparing lectures for Bible Institute. Probably a few days at Hutchinson with parents. Prof. Nininger is going hunting, and if he fails to bag any game he proposes to call his trip a "bird excursion."

B. E. Ebel—With wife will visit friends at Hillsboro. To address the "Kans. Association of German Teachers," at Moundridge. This address will be given in the German language. Students are invited to attend.

D. H. Hoover—With old classmates at Urbana, Ill. Renew old acquaintances and forget, for a time, the prefix.—Dr.

Edith McGaffey—At Abilene, Kan. "Let's live up to the word—vacation."

M. E. Hollinger—With friends at Clayton, N. M. Miss Hollinger is a

rifle expert—who would have thought it? Have mercy on the game Miss Hollinger.

J. H. Fries—In the Office!!! However, Prof. Fries suggests that he will enjoy his two weeks very much if you will call and settle up before you leave.

Ruth Frantz—At McPherson, and with E. Trostle at Nickerson. Miss Frantz's big word is—"eat."

M. A. Ness—With friends in eastern Kans. Out for a real vacation—reciting Cicero to the rabbits and Virgil to the squirrels. Death by "shock" not by "shot."

Alma A. Anderson—At home on the hill. Ready for any thing to make the season rememberable.

Jessie Brown—In her own words, "Just be lazy," at home for a good rest.

G. S. Miller—Another statement—"work a little, sleep a little, eat a little." We doubt if Miss Miller will live up to the last one third.

Mrs. J. W. Deeter—with "Him" "He" said, "The Lord only knows," The Lord only knows what Mrs. Deeter will do.

Prof. Tilberg—At home, Dwight, Kansas. Singing to the town "beauties."

A. Ray Lauer—We have had no chance at Prof. Lauer, however, we have no fears for his "high-time."

L. M. Daniels—At Emporia. "Eat and Sleep." Miss Daniels wants an extra trunk to carry the music which she wishes to take along. It's troublesome to be a genius.

Matron—"With my girls on the hill". In the dormitory, but don't forget folks, matron will remember that it's "vacation."

"Coach"—At M. C. with the B. B. team. How's that for, loyalty? Rabbit hunt and probably a few days at Hutchinson.

Mrs. "Coach"—"Beside o'him."

HINTS FOR HEALTH DURING AND AFTER VACATION

Everyone is bound for a glorious vacation and in order that no one is disappointed there are a few rules to observe, for if you know what is good and do it then January fourth will find you keen, alert and ready for another five months work.

One of the greatest sins of any vacation is that of overeating. Why be miserable for a few hours or even a day or two for ten minutes overeating. When you have finished do not eat any more, for if you do you will overload an already busy (due to richness and variety of the vacation food) digestive system. There is great pleasure from eating just enough and then enjoying the time afterward as is intended that you normally should.

A real vacation is one where a student does not study nor try to

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Indulge in every sort of social activity. Every student needs a sane amount of happy, carefree social life. It makes you young and able to take up duties in a whole hearted manner. Take plenty of outdoor recreation as hunting, skating, sleighing and the like. Do take a real rest from study, for that is the objective of vacation.

Students who will travel will come into contact with many people. Therefore it is wise to take precautions against grippe, colds and pneumonia besides the many other contagious diseases among which are small-pox and scarlet fever.

It is very noticeable that after every vacation there is a great number of colds due to overeating, changing of location, rubbing against new people, change of habits. These all disrupt the daily routine in general and demand greater adjustment of the system under pressure of rich food, late hours etc. Will we prove ourselves capable of managing ourselves this vacation and be the better physically and mentally or shall we succumb to intemperance and lose a lot of fun and real enjoyment in the settling of our account with Dame Nature.

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CHAPEL

In a message to the students last week, Prof. Nininger emphasized the need for students to remain in school the coming semester. The financial problem is a matter of grave concern for many many students, yet Prof. insisted that if in any way possible, this matter of finance could be satisfactorily adjusted, the students should not leave school to engage in work. Now is the most favorable time to be in college.

Rev. A. B. Miller, pastor of Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va., visited the college last Friday. Rev. Miller has been engaged during the past two weeks in evangelistic efforts here, and he is indeed an inspiration and help to any community or school. He gave us a very interesting talk on Persistence and its accomplishments. Messages of this type are an incentive to faithful work and a determination to remain at the task until successfully accomplished.

Only one more opportunity of the chapel hour in 1920. You'll be interested in being there, sure.

STILL "MISSING THE BEST."

Were you at Chapel last Tuesday morning? Well you should have been there. Miss Frantz led the Devotionals and very cleverly wave in two poems dealing with "Opportunity" and then compared them with biblical stories.

Why was it so interesting? Because she made her talk entirely literary, calling from various literary sources for her material. Then also did you notice that there was not one unnecessary gesture or word? There was no hesitancy, (she knew what she wanted to say), no repetition, and above all she did not use any trite, threadbare expressions.

May we add this little poem which we found in an obscure small town paper some time past:

"Opportunity knocks day and night,"
We're told by some wise old rooster;

He's wrong, for she isn't built that way.

Opportunity's always a booster.
Let's hope for more of Miss Frantz's talks and others like them. The same morning Prof. Nininger spoke on the subject of whether or not a student should quit school now and go to work. People are missing something if they don't go to chapel.

And after all, you know it isn't what you say that counts so much as the way you say it. Yea, and in the words of Hamlet, "Yea, there's the rub."
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Athletics

Greetings

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BULL DOGS ASTIR:

McPherson College's basket ball squad has been chosen. The following are the favored men:

Captain Foster Hoover, Vilas Betts, Roy and Ira Brammell, Leonard and Sanger Crumpacker, Lee Fox, Roland Jones, William Mudra, John Price, August Rump, Lloyd Saylor, Art Staatz, Oliver Trapp.

These are the men who have two and a half months of hard work ahead of them. These are the fellows who will boost Old M. C. another step in her realms of glories. The game of the season is a great game, intensely fascinating and every one of the forty minutes, ACTION. The Bull Dogs will step in faster company than ever before. On our schedule appears Southwestern, Washburn, and Bethel, who last year won first, second, and third places respectively in the conference. Also there are our ancient rivals the "Swedes," "Coyotes" and the "Fighters" from Hayes Normal, which are considered strong teams.

Men of M. C., Gentlemen of the Basket Ball Squad, we congratulate you. We will back you to the last ditch.

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You'll keep M. C.'s record bright
Fight, Bull Dogs, Fight.
Signed The STUDENT BODY
(By H. S.)

Wanted

Your announcements of athletics handed in for publication. Let every body know your wants in time. Give the other fellow a chance to get an even start.

Yours for what you want
Athletic Reporter.

Owing to a misunderstanding the games for January 12, 13, 14, 15 was left out of the schedule in print last week. The Bull Dogs will travel to Hays, Washburn, Ottawa and Baker on a famous mission to bring back a "little wool" for their new record.

The greater the difficulty the greater glory in surmounting it.

Did You Know?

There are several of the McPherson graduates teaching in the city schools of McPherson. They are:

J. Estel Jones, A. B. '17, who is principle of the high school.

Grace Brubaker A. '16, who is teaching English, History and Geography at the Park School on the east side.

Mable Brubaker, A. '16 who is teaching the 5th grade in the east ward.

Eunice Cripe N. '12 A. B. '20, who is teaching physical training and physiology.

Rhea Berg Mu '09 who is teaching history.

Wilber Vaniman A. B. '19 who is teaching manual training and printing.

Those who know Faye Sisler will be interested to know that on Monday, December the sixth, she was united in wedlock to Mr. Calvin Scott Powelson. Mr. and Mrs. Powelson are at home at Richmond, Kansas.

A wedding of interest to M. C. students took place at Tokyo, Japan, when Miss Edna Neher and Mr. W. B. Charles were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Charles will be at home after December 25th at Cadiz, Occidental Negroes, Philippine Islands. (Mrs.) Edna Neher (Charles) received her A. B. in '19.

Academy Stars !!!

Academy stars will not loose out of basket ball. Professor Tilberg is working out a real team. He will be their director and coach. This new addition to the athletic department allows a greater number to get mixed up in the real fight. Several games are already scheduled so this means quick action if any one wants to make the team.

Come "CADS"! Push the Bull Dogs hard for first honors!

Class Tournament Closes

Interest drops in inter-class basket ball when the Academy Junior Girls and Sophomore Boys counted their scalps. College Freshmen Girls fought hard but with no effect. Academy Senior Boys made the "first team" stars of the victorious Sophs earn their money. Mere luck seemed to place honors to the victors.

How He Would Improve It

"What do you think of our scheme for Christmas decorations?" she asked. "It's holly over laurel leaves."

"Very good" he replied. "but personally I should prefer mistletoe over yew."

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