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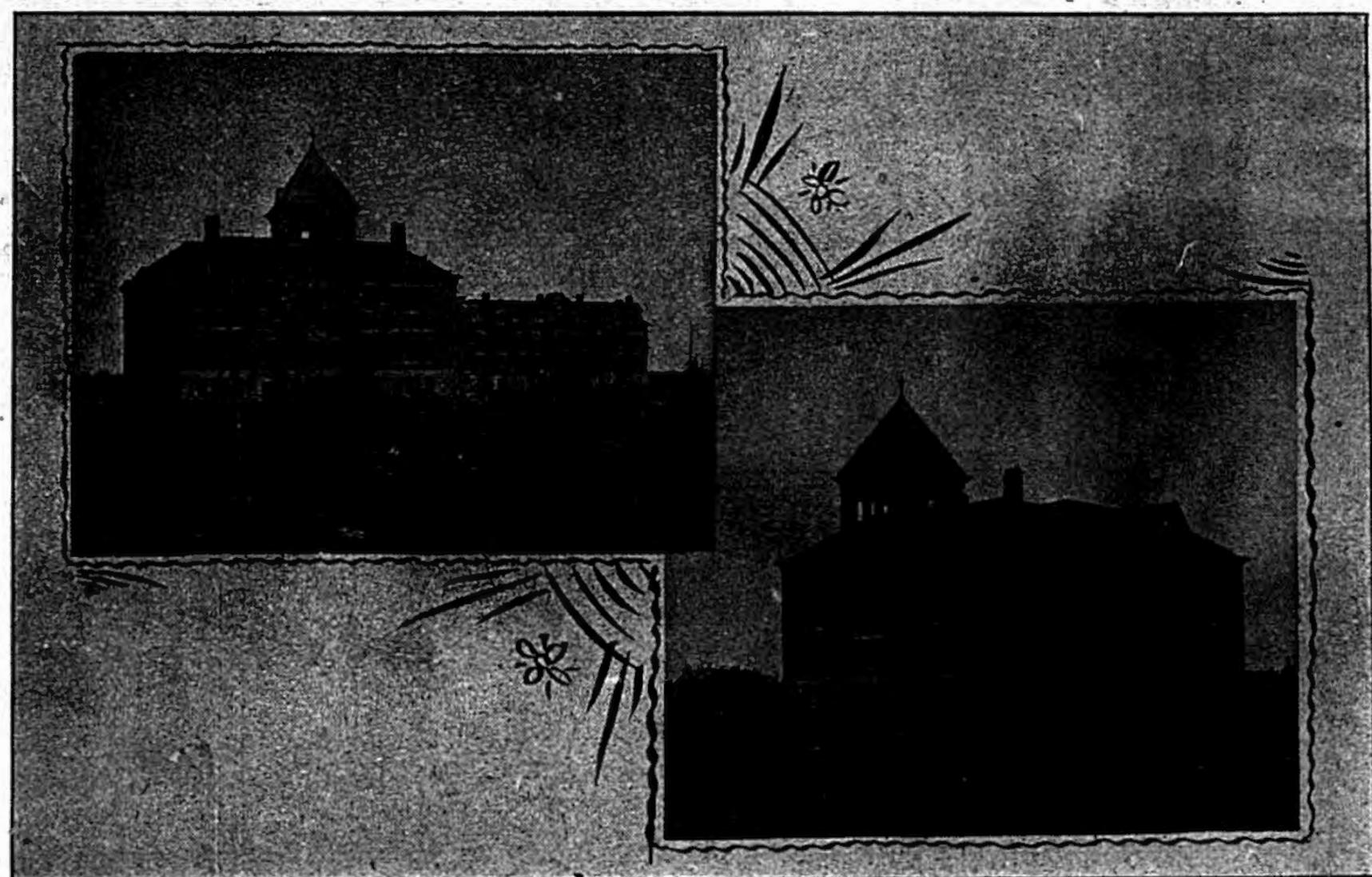
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EDITORIAL.

GREETING:—The first issue of the *Rays of Light*, published by the students and faculty of McPherson College, is now in your hands. A glance at the following pages will furnish you with a fair idea of what a subscriber may expect to receive ten times a year.

The purpose of the publishers is to distribute rays of light, in the form of pleasant and profitable thoughts, to a wide circle of readers. Everyone may expect to find something of interest in these pages. To students in this school these pages will be valuable, furnishing rich food for thought outside of that obtained from class-room and chapel, and keeping him in closer contact with the general student body and school interests—broadening his conceptions of school life. Students not in this school, persons who are interested in school work for its own sake, those who are thinking of attending some school, and those who have some one in school in whose welfare they are much concerned, all will find here much that is of interest and value.

The work and the influences that sur-

round a McPherson College student are here reflected. Teachers may look to these pages for encouragement and inspiration. Alumni and others who have spent a longer or shorter time in the atmosphere of this school, may, through these pages, be kept in touch with their former associates, and with the work and progress of the school to which their sympathies are attached. Nor should this publication appeal much less strongly to the general reader. Its chief purpose is educational; and who is there that is not interested in education as that which tends to make life what it should be and prevent it from being what it should not be? These pages will contain good food for thought for every one. From them may certainly be learned lessons from the lives of those who are in the work, and from the young who are toiling up the ladder.

The *Rays of Light* is a school paper, not in the sense of only advertising this school, of awakening a strong school spirit or enthusiasm for foot-ball games, nor of exciting rivalry with other schools for honors, and boasting of any successes of students or school, but in the sense of spreading abroad, as much as may be, the good influence of the school. The College is the center, the sun, from which *Rays of Light* irradiate in every direction.

EDUCATION trains for success. But success can no more be estimated in dollars than the value of education. A man of millions who has never had time to become acquainted with the great truths of science, the past struggles of the race as recorded in history, nor enjoyed the association of noble minds in good literature, cannot be said to have tasted the fruits of success.

The first and highest aim of education is to teach us to live, and in order to live, it is not enough to know how to provide for physical comforts and the gratification of the desires. We must know our duties to ourselves: how to take the proper care of our bodies, how and where to get the best intellectual, social and spiritual enjoyment. We must know how to enjoy our work—we must also know how to enjoy our leisure. But more than this, we must know our duties to others. That education is the best, the truest education which trains us to minister and not to be ministered unto—that renders possible that large and intelligent service of our fellow men which alone makes life a success—which alone is life.

Non the evening of November 15, Rev. B. H. Moore of Arkansas City, lectured in the College chapel on the subject, "The Dominant Issue." It was his purpose to show that, not the tariff, the money, the expansion, or the trust question, but the liquor question, is the all-important issue before the American people to-day. It was indeed a rare opportunity for getting a broad

and comprehensive view of the overwhelming evils, in all parts of the social system, that have their origin in the liquor traffic. It is to be doubted that there was one individual present in that audience of over two hundred, who left without a resolve to cast his influence more strongly than ever against this enemy of civilization.

On the preceding evening, November 14, Prof. Kirkpatrick of Topeka, lecturer for the State Temperance Union, spoke at the Baptist church of the city of McPherson, on the subject, "Mend-and Amending Civilization." A more inspiring lecture one may very rarely have the opportunity of hearing.

It is a very unfortunate fact that those who could derive the greatest practical benefit from such lectures as these seldom, if ever, hear them. When persons of this class, who should attend these lectures, learn that a temperance lecturer is coming to their city, they only say, if, indeed they give the matter a second thought, "Some crank, again!" or perhaps, at best, "Oh, well, he's hired to say those things. You can't expect him to see the other side of the question, or his own side except through a magnifying glass." Wonder how many of these use the same logic when they go to hear some political speaker of their own political convictions, or perhaps better, party! What use is there in hearing him when they know beforehand almost everything he is going to say? Granted that there is some use in it, why not listen to what the other party has to say; why not hear the reasonable temperance lecturer? One is certainly broader-minded when

he knows both sides. Surely we ought to set aside bias and weigh arguments impartially. No one can be narrower than he who knows, and cares to know only one side--and perhaps, no one broader in his own conceit.

SOMETIMES I read the programs of educational meetings and teachers' associations and, struck with the interesting topics for discussion, I resolve to attend. But, second thought! "I wonder how many of those teachers whose names are on the program, will be present and prepared to respond when their names are called." Frequent disappointments have taught me not to expect too much—much. Teachers! You who can say, "Oh, yes, I ought to be there and prepared with my best, because they are depending upon me. But then, I have a pretty good excuse, and it's nothing uncommon for some on a program to fail. Perhaps this time the rest will all be there." Do you realize the effect of your example? Can you imagine a cause for the too prevalent lack of interest in an educational meeting, or the difficulty of creating one? If the teacher is not prompt, how can he expect the people to be? If the teacher is not educated, how can he educate the pupil? Education does not consist in carrying about in the head a lot of facts gathered from books.

WHAT an evening's entertainment like that furnished by the first number on the High School Lecture Course, the Lyric Ladies' Concert Co., adds to one's life cannot be measured.

But it certainly adds more value to the individual than the bit of silver it cost would have added if retained in the pocket.

Fif people were to live a life of perfect frankness, would they live more peacefully and happily than they do? This question was answered not long since by three leading pastors in a city of eleven or twelve thousand inhabitants. The first said: "Yes! people live under a sort of a veneer! It would save millions of misunderstandings!" The second answered: "Yes, certainly!" The third expressed himself thus: "No! an absolute impossibility; God never intended it!" With which side is the truth? Has not everyone, at some time in his life, keenly realized the answer, as contained in these well-known lines:

"What a tangled web we weave,
When first we practice to deceive."

ASSOCIATE EDITORIAL.

THE SPECIAL BIBLE TERM.

The Special Bible Term of McPherson College, will be held during the two weeks beginning Tuesday, January 30, 1900. These Terms of special Bible study have heretofore been very successful, and it is our purpose that the standard should not be lowered in the next one. Tuition is free and the item of expense so small that no one in any way interested in the study of the Bible can afford to miss the inspiration and help of this occasion.

Besides the rich program of daily studies which will be provided, features of special interest will be the presence and help of Eld. D. L. Miller and Sister Bertha Ryan.

Eld. Miller will be present at the opening of the session and will give each evening illustrated lectures on the lands of the Bible and other countries visited in his extensive travels.

Sister Ryan, lately returned from India, will give a number of addresses which will be of great value to all those interested in the foreign mission field.

Altogether, we are assured of a feast of good things. Come and enjoy it.

LITERARY.

Some of our most widely read novels of recent production are presenting subjects of interest to men, and for which women care little.

"The Complete Poetical Works of John Keats," in the New Cambridge edition, is a recent addition to publications. This is the most satisfactory edition of poems in one volume that we have seen.

Alice Dunbar, the wife of the noted negro poet, Paul Laurence Dunbar, also writes verse. A volume of her poems, "The Goodness of St. Roque, and Other Stories," has lately been published.

"Janie Meredith," a new novel whose plot is laid in the time of the Revolutionary War, is now in its 85th thousand.

Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis' latest works are "Great Books as Life Teachers" and "Right Living as a Fine Art."

Edwin Markham is receiving several hundred dollars royalty each month for the volume entitled "The Man with the Hoe."

Three hundred forty thousand was the remarkable number reached by the novel, "David Harum" at November first. The publishers sometimes received orders for 4000 copies in one day.

Canada has contributed but little to the literary world, but lately it seems to promise considerable from a family of three brothers and one sister. They are also cousins to Bliss Carman, whose reputation is established, as is also that of one of the brothers, Charles G. D. Roberts. A little volume entitled "Northern Lyrics" has been issued by three of these.

THE DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGE.

Condensed from a paper read by President C. E. Arnold at the Central Kansas Teachers' Association.

Let us introduce our study of this subject by quoting from the resolutions adopted at the last National Educational Association: "This association has long insisted and continues to insist upon the full recognition of all the educational agencies as essential undertakings in the public interest, whether they are supported by public taxation or other means. All alike are and should be in heartiest co-operation, and any attempt to array one institution, or one form of educational effort against another is little short of treason to the nation's highest interest." With these

sentiments I am in full accord, and it is in no spirit of controversy that I enter upon an investigation of the denominational college as an educational factor.

The general state of unrest that has come to all things American has not passed by the doors of the denominational college, and with all things else, it is called to account. We enter no protest. Only that which is tried and true can continue to exist.

The institution demands at least some respect for its history. The denominational college was the pioneer in the educational field. It seems safe to infer that the whole present public school system, from the district schools up to the universities, is the outgrowth of that Christian educational philanthropy whose first fruits in America were Harvard, Yale, William and Mary, Princeton, and the public school systems of Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York.

Perhaps, notwithstanding its respected history, the denominational college may now have served its day, and must give way to something else. Ian MacLaren asks, "Shall the old minister be shot?" Shall the denominational college be shot? A corporation has no soul and needs no sympathy. If it can actually be shown that the denominational college has served its purpose, and that present educational conditions offer it no place, then it must step down and out. It may be asked, "Will not the decline of denominationalism in Christianity be accompanied by the decline of the denominational college in education?" What shall be the relation of the college to the uniform sys-

tem of education under state control? Has it the facility of adaptation to present conditions?

These schools are no longer denominational in the strict sense of the term. The days of denominational acrimony and religious polemics are passed. Christianity is coming to mean less of creed and more of life. Surely, our denominational colleges are parochial schools; they are rather Christian than denominational. This does not imply that other colleges lack the Christian element and influences; but they are certainly found in a larger measure in this class of colleges.

There are over 5000 students in attendance at the local denominational schools in this state. Without these schools, probably 4,000 now attending them would never go any farther than the district schools. This does not affect the attendance of state institutions. Their catalogues show approximately that as many students come from counties containing denominational colleges as the average counties having no such schools.

We find these schools, through the approved Normal department leading to state certificates, doubling the professional teaching force of the State without additional cost to the State. That is, the State realizes the advantage of two State Normal schools with the expense of only the one.

So apparent is the advantage to the State of this system that it is safe to say that the present plan of approved colleges under the State supervision will be permanent.

I call attention to an incidental advantage of the denominational and other small schools over the large State schools, viz: the smaller classes, with closer personal touch with the teacher. The ideal teaching calls for this, but it can not be realized in a large class. Great libraries, learned lecturer professors, and elaborate apparatus can scarcely atone for this loss.

I have yet one argument based on the essential character of the denominational schools. We have contracted a great moral disease in the form of doctrine that we have no right to teach Christian sentiment in our public schools since some tax-payers are non-christian.

Since many Christians pay taxes, why not, with equal consistency, prohibit the teaching of atheistic materialism which reduces man to a will-less, soulless automaton, and which Doctor Harper of Chicago University, styles the arch foe of Christianity? I plead for that consistency which would also tolerate the teaching of Christianity in the public schools of a nation whose dominant religion is the Christian religion.

In any case the course of the denominational or Christian college is clear. It should stand for the ideals of Christianity.

My allusions have been chiefly to our State schools, because some have supposed that the interests of our State schools and the denominational college are antagonistic. This we find to be an error. They are mutually helpful. I wish to record my high regard for the work of our State institutions, but I

will not be charged with narrowness if I find room in the State for still other forms of educational activity.

GROWING WHERE PLANTED.

E. H. EBY.

The frosts had turned the leaves of the forest yellow and crimson. The meadows that were so richly green in the Spring now looked dry and shaggy. The corn-fields were bare and leafless, but each stalk bore a weight of hidden gold. The summer birds had flown to their milder coverts in the South, but the crows sent echoes of their hoarse cries through the forest and over the resounding hillsides. The lark still chirped from fence-posts and hedges. Fleecy clouds flitted through the sky, and the half-hidden sun lent beauteous charm to the scenes of Autumn.

A squirrel, hopping from branch to branch among the gorgeous monarchs of the forest, shook an acorn from its place where it had grown through all the bright summer days with its companions. It fell upon a soft bed of leaves and half covered was by those frosted relics of the summer.

A gust of wind passing that way completed its btrial. Many a dark day passed over it; bleak December winds froze its damp covering, and often did it give up hope of seeing the warm sunlight again. But Nature protected it, and when the warm winds and gentle showers of Spring called the earth to send forth its hidden life, the acorn, too, felt the warm impulse and began to look about for a good place in which to grow. It was so crowded and shady

where it lay that it thought it could not grow there. But when it found itself unable to change its location, it became sad and discouraged for a moment, but then it thought of its power and the possibility of raising its head above its neighbors and of breathing the sweet air that whistled through their boughs. True, though it was in an unfavorable place, where the soil was full of rocks, and the tall trees shaded it and robbed the earth of its moisture, it sent its penetrating roots through the crevices of the rocks and gradually grew tall and strong, year by year making its way through the branches of the forest that shaded it.

A boy was once cast upon the world with no friends to cheer and help him, no one to advise and direct him. He was mistreated and oppressed, and often did he despair of success, though there was within him that which, if allowed to germinate and grow, must be felt and recognized. He had a firm will and power to resist temptation. He was unable to change his environment, so he saw that his only hope of success lay in the faithful discharge of his present duty and making the most of his circumstances. It was a long and hard struggle, with many discouragements, though not without its bright spots and surely not without a good influence upon his character.

He rose step by step, planting firmly in the soil of adversity the roots of integrity and virtue, until he breathed the refreshing atmosphere of independence and freedom of thought and action.

The acorn grew up where it fell; the young man lived where God placed him

--examples of the power of life and integrity to overcome difficulties. It makes not so much difference WHERE we are as WHAT we are. Any place is good enough to sprout in if not to grow. We can rise above our surroundings to the light. By continually imbibing more of truth, penetrating our native soil with the roots of fidelity, and bearing the leaves of good deeds and the fruits of a true character, we shall be numbered with the victors on the battle-field of life.

LONGFELLOW.

FROM CLASS ESSAYS.

We see in Longfellow a truly cultured life. He is our most loved poet because he goes far beyond our conception of the beautiful, grand and true, and has given us the thoughts of his great mind in the most simple and attractive manner.—J. F. Studebaker.

He shows a deep insight into human nature and makes his characters so noble that no action of theirs could seem ignoble.—Sue Boone.

The thoughts and words of his works make them both interesting and impressive.—Nannie Wampler.

He portrays humor and wit; again he can portray great sorrow and trials. A person wishes to read on even after it becomes necessary to quit.—C. E. Law.

He has the rare ability of arousing the sympathy of the reader without betraying his emotion.—Anna Bowman.

He is strictly American though he has related many foreign stories.—W. B. Boone.

His poems are full of courage, faith, and hope. His humor is pure and wholesome.—Bertha Kring.

He sustains attention as he glides over the lapses of time so smoothly that they are scarcely noticed.—H. J. Vaniman.

His style is simple and clear.—H. M. Stutzman.

His stories and descriptions are from everyday life. He is much given to subjective descriptions, making Nature assume the different feelings of the characters.—Retta Glick.

He gives to us thoughts unwritten. There is harmony noticeable in every line.—Chas. W. Eisenbise.

The story is carried to a certain point, then the scene is shifted, and we are held in suspense.—I. D. Yoder.

He does not describe the intensity of a feeling, but shows the effect by the bodily expression produced by that emotion.—Ethel Bixby.

He has entered far into the life of woman, portraying, with accuracy, her emotions and affections. He has a fond love for the home circle.—E. H. Eby.

ALUMNI AND OLD ACQUAINTANCE.

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to min'?"

This department, known as the "Alumni and Old Acquaintance," is designed to be of interest, more particularly to those who have, at some time in their career, been students in McPherson College.

After students have left school it is a

common experience of all to feel an interest in the welfare and whereabouts of the friends and associates they learned to know while in school. This is especially true of the Alumni, of members of classes; of those who sat in the same recitations from three to five years.

We are now scattered to the four corners of the earth, as it were; from the most remote north-west portion of our United States to India's coral strand; from the seat of contention in Southern Africa to the Pampas of Brazil; from the pine-clad hills of New England to the Golden Gateway of the West.

We are represented in all the honorable avenues and walks of life: From the "man with the hoe" to the Presidency of educational institution; from the happy housewife to the consecrated missionary in foreign fields; from the humble sewing girl to the artist in dramatic work in New York City. Who will not be interested in keeping in touch with these? It will be a source of interest and inspiration.

The success and interest of this department will depend largely upon the readiness with which the members of the Alumni and old acquaintances respond with bits of news and information required of them.

With the second issue of RAYS OF LIGHT, will begin a series of biographical sketches of the members of the Alumni: beginning with the first members of the first graduating class and taking them consecutively, in the order of their classes—beginning with the class of 1891. News is solicited from

all old students other than members of the Alumni. We hope that all such will be prompt to contribute any thing they may have that would be of interest in these columns. As the biographies are called for, much unnecessary trouble and delay may be averted if they are sent in very promptly.

By thus keeping in sympathy with the school and with one another, we hope to have more of the Alumni present at our next meeting than we are accustomed to having.

The officers elected for the Alumni of the present year are:

President, Flo Ramage;
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Historian, Sue S. Saylor;
Poet, Will Slifer;
Executive Committee, George Kuns,
Laura Harshbarger.

The historian and secretary will soon collect the biographies, dues and photos, for the Alumni meeting during Commencement week. We should bear in mind that our promptness, with regard to our sending in these aforesaid requisites, determines our standing and membership in the Association. An early response is advantageous to the executive committee, as they arrange the program.

OLD ACQUAINTANCE.

N. N. Neher, a student of the early '90s, is now cashier in the First National Bank at Stockton, Kansas.

E. E. Vaniman visited College and friends at College Place a few weeks

since while in Kansas looking after his real estate.

Stella Hennessy, who has been teaching since she was in school several years ago, is now attending college at Great Bend.

Many of the students move with the migratory birds:—Nora Murry Buchanan, Lizzie Murry Sutter, Lillian Abbott, and Joe Firestone bask in the tropical sunshine of Louisiana.

FROM INDIA'S MISSION FIELD.

The subject of this sketch needs no introduction to our readers. Those who have not had the privilege of knowing her personally have read of her work in the mission field.

After Miss Ryan's years in McPherson College, she spent one year in the Chicago Children's Mission and in the slums, preparatory to her greater work abroad.

During her five year's work near Bombay, India, it was her privilege to save from hunger and starvation many babes and children among the natives.

She is now home again on a year's leave of absence, and will devote a goodly portion of this time among the churches working up missionary sentiment.

Every one is interested to know that she contemplates being with us in McPherson during the coming Bible Normal.

C. K. T. A.

The Fourteenth Annual Session of the Central Kansas Teachers' Association was held in Hutchinson, Kansas, November 30th and December 1st, 1899.

The attendance from each of the twelve counties comprising the district was good.

The enrollment, during the session was four hundred; exceeding that of any previous session.

The program was liberal, comprehensive and up-to-date, and with two exceptions was carried out as printed. This thorough preparation and ready response contributed much to the enthusiasm, attentiveness and general good-will so characteristic of the meeting. The excellent music furnished by the orchestra and the High School Girls' Quartette was a pleasing feature. The papers were all good; the discussions were all animated and interesting. It will be worth any student's time to read those that appear in the local educational journals. No one who is interested in education, whether he is teacher, student, parent or only a citizen should fail to attend the next meeting, which is to be held at Newton Thanksgiving day, 1900.

F. R.

SCATTERED SUNBEAMS.

The publication of the "Teacher and Student" has been discontinued. Those having unexpired subscriptions to that paper will receive the RAYS OF LIGHT until their paid in subscription will have been satisfied.

President Arnold's address on "The Denominational College, which appears in part in this paper, is published in full in the December number of the School and Fireside, Hutchinson, Kan.

At the recent Association held at Hutchinson, Prof. T. S. Johnson of our city schools, was elected a member of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Those interested in science should not fail to attend the 82nd annual meeting of the Kansas Academy of Science which convenes in the auditorium, this city, 28th, 29th and 30th of this month.

Prof. Muir has a very enthusiastic class of music students at Inman. A recital by them was given at the home of mayor Weisthaner.

Announcements are made for an elocutionary entertainment by Miss Wieden's pupils, to be given in the College chapel, December 20. This department is doing excellent work. Their recital of the 5th inst., was of a high character. The interest shown in Physical Culture attests to the benefits and pleasure of the drill. A class will be drilled in Indian club exercises next term by Prof. Gustafson.

At the opening of the last term, a pleasant social was held in Chapel, for the purpose of acquainting new students with College ways and friends. Mrs. Saylor nicely planned the evenings entertainment.

New acetylene gas lights will soon be placed in the College dining hall. Thanks to Mr. Hanson and those who contributed to the fund.

"Needs of Higher Education" was the subject of an address to which Prof. Gustafson responded at an educational meeting at Inman.

The College Mission Band has just completed their study of Japan, and will now begin on Missionary Biography. Their reading course is good.

The series of meetings by Elder C. B. Smith, will begin January 1.

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The Mission Sunday School, conducted by a corps of students with E. H. Eby as superintendent, is exceedingly interesting and beneficial to the young people who come in increasing numbers.

The Home Department of the Mission S. S., is a new feature of the work, and is helpful to the mothers who cannot come to S. S.

The Christian Workers' Band is a class of young and earnest workers studying all phases of Christian activity.

The young men of the College have organized two debating clubs and are doing some excellent work. The Websters have already settled several perplexing political questions.

MARRIED:—Mr. Clyde Ballantyne and Miss Maude Bowker, on Nov. 22, at the home of the bride on South Maple Street.

Mr. Ballantyne, a former student, is stenographer in the law office of F. O. Johnson of this city. Our best wishes attending.

The following attended the Central Kansas Teachers' Association at Hutchinson: Pres. Arnold, Prof Duerksen, E. K. Masterson, J. M. Stutzman, and Misses Flora Ramage and Anna Fakes. They all report a delightful time.

Business is improving. Several blocks of brick sidewalk has recently been laid for Grandpa Reber on Euclid Street. Nine cars of coal and lumber were on College switches at one time.

Pres. Arnold will conduct a Bible class at Morril, Kansas, from January 12th to 22nd, 1900.

Four hundred botanical specimens of Prof. Harnley's and about six hundred insects of zoology class, were exhibited in the commercial hall on Wednesday of last week. It was a magnificent collection.

The S. S. Teachers' Meeting is a good place to get the best methods of teaching.

State Supt. Frank Nelson, Pres. A. R. Taylor of the State Normal School and Pres. E. R. Nichols of the State Agricultural College, paid their official visit to our College on the sixth of this month. Each gave a short address to the students assembled in the chapel. The high ideals of education which they presented were at once a source of inspiration and encouragement. With such ends in view we cannot falter. We will always gladly welcome such visitors, even though the motive of the visit is "inspection."

Prof. Harnley has been very successful in Normal Institute work. He has received a letter requesting him to act as conductor of the Jewell County Institute, held at Mankato, in June.

Mr. Masterson, who is teaching orthography, held an old-time spelling match on Tuesday afternoon, in the chapel. It proved highly beneficial to the participants.

The faculty and students last week arranged themselves at the west entrance of the dormitory and had their pictures taken.

Prof. Fahnestock attended the State Penmanship Association, held at Emporia last week. He reports a good meeting and was re-elected president.

D. P. Hutchinson and wife of McFarland, Kansas, are visiting their many friends. Mr. Hutchinson has been promoted and is now mail clerk on a run from McFarland to Fairbury, Nebraska.

The annual county Sunday school convention was held last week in this city. Pres. Arnold who has been president for several years, presided. Prof. Frantz read a very able paper on "Methods of Bible Study." Secretary Engle assured those present that this paper was to be read at the State Convention. W. E. Chisholm was elected president and H. C. Slifer, secretary and treasurer, for the ensuing year.

A Joint Piano Recital will be given sometime in the near future by Miss Ethel Nash and Miss Grace Vaniman. The program will be varied by Readings from Miss Carrie Ball, Gladys Muir, Ruth Arnold and Ollie Snyder. This will be a public recital and free to all.

Prof. Muir will dismiss his class in the city during January and February.

Mr. Fred Good from Greely, Colorado, will return to pursue a musical course after January 1st.

Mr. H. V. Wiebe and wife spent Thanksgiving at Lehigh and Marion.

Miss Frances Haney, a Shorthand graduate, visited the College recently.

Mrs. Metsgar is assisting in the Free-man office.

Elder Hutchison has gone to California to spend the Winter.

Miss Ramage's mother of Little River, paid her daughter a visit at the College.

M. J. Miller is teaching his very successful second term of school at Schley, Kansas. Mr. Miller is vice president of our County Teachers' Association.

G. C. Miller of Lyons, Kansas, is taking collegiate work.

Everyone is pleased to see Mr. L. O. Congor again in school.

Mr. D. H. Arnold expects to re-enter school after his school closes at St. Francis, Kansas.

Miss Phyllis Wolfe sang at the recent Thanksgiving exercises at Canton.

J. K. Duerksen, a brother of Prof. Duerksen, and a former student, has opened a music store at Hillsboro.

Mrs. Anna Strickler of Ramona, is visiting her parents and College friends.

Chas. H. Slifer teaches this year at Bird City schools--nine months at fifty dollars.

President Arnold has received an Institute-Conductor's Certificate from the State Board.

Miss Kinnison, a friend of Miss Fakes, from Missouri, has enrolled. She

will take work in Normal Department.

J. G. Sargent is in school forenoons, and works for Maxwell Bros. the remainder of the day.

Miss Effa Kuns, teaching near Canton, is secretary of our County Teachers' Association.

Miss Covell of Wellington, at one time teacher in Art Department of our College, was a very pleasant visitor recently.

Elmer Vaniman, our former music instructor, of Virden, Illinois, visited relatives and old friends.

I. A. Toebs, last years graduate, is one of the one hundred and fifty law students at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Ed. Schmalzried also, is at the same school.

E. K. Masterson preaches regularly at Bridgeport.

G. D. Kuns conducted a four weeks revival meeting at the East McPherson church.

EXCHANGES.

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.—Franklin.

This is the first appearance of RAYS OF LIGHT. Many exchanges have been coming to us, and we are glad to add others to our list.

We are glad to receive the Manchester College Standard. It contains many things of interest to students.

"The College Life" has just made its

appearance, and we are glad to welcome it to our exchange list.

An editorial in the "Industrialist" has this concerning the worth of small institutions: "Sixty per cent. of the men who have become eminent were graduated at small colleges; the names of which were scarcely known outside of their respective states."

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In the "Ladies' Home Journal," the editorial, "Complicating Christmas," is very truthful. Christmas day in many places has lost that christ-like simplicity, and is, instead, a day of show; a day of bustle and hurry, requiring great labor and means for its preparation, and resulting in a siege of misery for a few days afterwards, instead of a day of peace, joy and goodwill. "The best place for Christmas is in our hearts."

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