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EDITORIAL.

AS we greet our readers with this, the second issue of RAYS OF LIGHT, we desire to express our gratitude for the kind reception and the expressions of approval which met our first attempt as publishers. Few, if any, really adverse criticisms have reached us.

We recognize that the success of this paper depends first upon the support of friends, but ultimately upon its own merits. Therefore, though not promising any radical changes, we wish to avail ourselves of all suggestions which may contain something of real value, believing that the true, as well as the nominal success, of a magazine, is gained rather by finding out what is acceptable to its readers, than by attempting to thrust upon them that which, from the editor's point of view alone, seems to be the best reading.

We have not entered into the publishing business merely for the sake of developing our talents nor for the sake of advertising. We do not want something for nothing. We want your support, without which we cannot continue to issue a paper, but we wish also to give in return through inspira-

tion and information that which will return in some form, principal and interest. We may not be able to do much in, as one paper has said with some sarcasm, "bringing the state into a condition worth living in," but if we shall fail to add our mite in this direction our efforts, we admit, shall have been in vain and their chief purpose defeated. That which adds a few moments of pure pleasure to our lives and provides clean and good and energetic thought material surely can claim without arrogance to have some part in making Kansas a better place to live in.

THE sarcastic criticism referred to in the preceding article justifies the making of the following statement: The purpose of this publication is, as indicated on the front cover, educational and literary and, to a more or less well defined circle of readers, also that of a news magazine. It is in no sense political any more than the purpose of McPherson College is political—that is only in making better citizens. It is not intended to give any attention to political questions except as they may have ethical bearings, and then only from the ethical and not from a partisan standpoint. In this respect, the paper will follow the general tendency of the faculty and school. Under no circumstances is party bias here re-

vealed. General principles, political and ethical, are taught and upheld, but party issues are never treated in a way to excite partisan feeling.

In the chapel talks, which offer such good opportunities for the members of the faculty to impress their convictions upon the students, it is doubtful that a partisan sentiment is ever expressed. It may be safely asserted that there are few of the students, even of those who have spent several years in the school, that can tell with any degree of certainty what party will receive the majority vote from the members of the faculty at the next election. In the debating clubs and literary societies questions are sometimes discussed which reveal the party sympathies of the students participating in the discussions, but even then the positions are not taken on party grounds. No more, then, do the publishers of this paper desire or intend to enter into partisan politics.

IS the education of the schools of to-day practical? This question may be prompted by approaching the results of a modern education from different standpoints; so also it may be answered from as many points of view. Is it not true, say some, that most of our college graduates are nervously exhausted, and thus unfit for the duties of life? Does not a higher education awaken desires which it does not provide the means of satisfying? Do not the schools attempt to fit the student to a mediæval scheme of education instead of preparing him to meet the needs of a modern life?

There is certainly a grain of truth in each of the implied answers to these questions. Unless a man's education gives him the power to meet all the exigencies of life, his education certainly is impracticable in the extreme.

Then, you say, our educational system is defective? Certainly! all our educators admit it. Reforms are continually being introduced, and it is safe to say that the most radical ones have not yet been made. Gradually our system is being modified to fit the evident needs of modern humanity. This will not be done by shortening the courses but by changing them, perhaps even lengthening many of them. For we believe the proposition true that "The mind of man can no more reach its proper development or maturity without due lapse of time than can the fruit of the field." If we interpret the present tendencies correctly we may say that the future curriculum, especially in the primary and the secondary schools, will demand less study of books and an equal increase in manual training. This is the remedy proposed for the great defects of our educational system—manual training introduced through the whole course from primary schools to the university, and no study of school books after night fall.

Our past educational system and the present, must however not be too severely censured. The rapid growth of schools, and the immense amount paid to support them, equaling or surpassing the sum of all other expenditures in our social system, show that its results are gratifying. Statistics taken of the successful men in the various

walks of life are overwhelmingly in favor of the educated man, the college graduate.

THERE are young women graduates of high schools and even young women who have "been to college" who can neither bake a loaf of bread nor sew the plainest dress for themselves. There are young women of this "educated" class who know little or nothing of the every day duties of home life. The mothers have to do alone the work which the daughters ought to share in doing. So common is this that many young women take pride in their ignorance in these daily duties, and indeed would be much abased if caught with a broom in their hands. "Just think of it, and these imagine themselves educated!" some people have been heard to exclaim.

The same fault is common also among young men. They get a little learning, and, in profound ignorance of their limitations, despise the very things upon which the well being and happiness of all humanity depends. To note one example only. Almost every one can give numerous instances of young men from the farms who have attended some school—a high school, a college, an academy, a business or medical college, for from six months to two or three years. They have come away from these schools without perhaps even the beginning of an adequate preparation for a special work. And yet, the monstrosity of it! by a misapprehension of the great relations of life to its surroundings, totally unfitted

for all other duties. It is not from the little learning, but from the large estimate, the great ignorance, that they suffer.

How vastly much more the callings are dishonored by incompetent and unworthy followers than the men by the occupational! Could the farmer boy only realize that he and his fellows have the power to change the false opinions that others have of their calling, and remember that "agriculture is a labyrinth of sufficient intricacy to afford a field for the brightest minds."

School training should fit, not unfit, for living. The education of our girls from the kitchen and our boys from the farm is a sign of the deterioration of the race.

SOME things are worth repeating. Here is an article of that class which we quote from Land and a Living:

Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of Chicago's public schools, has forbidden the use of Kipling's "Recessional" in the schools. Teachers may not read it (publicly), pupils may not read it. Now, why? Mr. Andrews says its character is so deeply religious that it will undoubtedly offend those tax-payers who are infidels. What do you think of that?

In every community you can find a tax-payer or two who doesn't believe the earth moves, who would insist that "plants grow in the moon," and that any eclipse may possibly foretell the end of the world. Shall teaching be modified to meet these peculiar views?

Mr. Andrews needs the prayers of the congregation that he may be vouchsafed less tender care for the feelings of this minute portion of his patrons.

It was a piteous blunder that decided against the reading of the Scriptures in our public schools. What can we call this carefulness in guarding the most indirect religious teaching?

LITERARY.

ABOUT BOOKS AND WRITERS.

There are about 20,000 Americans who live by the pen, excluding editors and employees.

Edward W. Bok, the editor of *The Ladies' Home Journal*, came to this country from Holland when a boy. He has worked his way up and with remarkable success.

There is an organized movement among American writers to have congress pass a bill that will reduce postage on authors' manuscripts. They claim that the present system is unjust.

Mrs. Mary M. Hudson, of Topeka, will contribute a series of short stories of Mormon life to Lippincott's Magazine. Mrs. Hudson is well known as the author of "Esther, the Gentile," published several years ago.

William Allen White is another Kansan who is no mean light in the literary world. His "Court of Boyville" is said to be better than Kipling's "Stalky & Co.," also a boys' tale, because White's boys are really live ones.

"Never write poetry until you are at least thirty; unless you fall in love,

when it will come to you like the measles. You had better begin with stories; that is, if you have a leading idea and can invent situations. Do not attempt a novel till you have passed your fortieth year."—From "Advice to Young Writers" by Thos. Dunn English.

SHALL WE READ THE NEW BOOKS?

"The Bookworm," a picture from a recently published volume, compelled my attention. He had mounted a step ladder to the high shelves of the library. Too deeply absorbed to descend, there he stood, reading from one book, and reaching eagerly for others; between his knees and under his arms were other precious tomes, while around were 'books, books, everywhere.'

This suggested the person who tries to read all the new books.

We often find people who think it a burning disgrace not to have read the very newest book, the one that everybody is reading, and that has reached its thousands in sale. What reason there may be back of such opinions, I know not, but of a few things I am sure.

Many of the new books are ephemeral and will go into oblivion, because there are too many to find readers for all. Each leading country has its annual output of several thousands, and it is impossible for many to reach a great sale. The few that do will be supplanted next year by a new favorite, for the "fickle, fashionable multitude of omniverous readers" will have swept on to devour fresh material.

Then, again, a large sale of its first publication does not signify that a book is worth reading; nor, because one or two books of a writer are good can we safely assume that everything he produces it commendable.

Some of our recommended much-read books are positively unfit for young people of unformed literary taste or discrimination to read. Some slangy, vulgar books may command a vast patronage because they tell of some new phase of life, some new country. But any sensible, refined reader spurns the black center of immorality, though it may have a sugar coating of fine diction and information.

Do not understand me to mean that no new book is to be read by the young. That would be a foolish claim, for many new voices ring with the purity of a matin chime, the dawn of a glorious day, and it is often the youthful ears that first hear the melody.

I think though it is a mistake to read those books of doubtful merit or uncertain life, simply because they had "the greatest sale in a certain length of time of any book published."

One need not be in ignorance of the subject and methods of these new favorites, for literary critics pass opinions very freely, and trace those points so accurately that we may almost know a book before reading it.

Certainly, the standard books should be read first, and not until this is done is one qualified to judge of the merits of the current works. They will live and wait the reader's time if worthy; and if not, he is fortunate in having escaped them.

It is far more a mark of ignorance of literature not to have read Shakespeare, Milton, Browning, Eliot, Hawthorn, Longfellow and the others, than to say, "No," when asked, "Have you read Kipling, Anthony Hope, and the others." S. S. S.

FRIENDSHIP.

There dwelt in the sunny Southland a maiden who kept a large collection of birds. She loved them all and cared for them very tenderly, and because of her love and care they grew strong and beautiful, and sang sweet songs at her bidding. Many people came to see her beautiful birds and hear them sing, for they were famous throughout all the country.

One day as the maiden walked into the woods, she saw a small white bird lying at the foot of a tree and she hastened to it to see what was wrong with it. When she came near it fluttered uneasily, but it was too weak to fly. Tenderly she picked it up and carried it to her home, but it was so frail and weak that she feared it would not live. But she had studied carefully how to care for her birds and how to feed them that they might grow strong, and so the frail white bird under her watchful, loving care gradually became stronger and stronger, so that the maiden grew to love it very much; and because of her love and care the bird became strong and began to sing. So sweet and beautiful was the song that the maiden was surprised and delighted. It was the sweetest song she had ever heard, so

soft and gentle and tender.

Soon the song of the snow-white bird became famous, and men and women came a great distance to hear it sing. The little bird was strong and happy now. "Where did you get it?" people asked of the maiden, "and what is its name? Tell us that we may get one like it."

"Its name is friendship," she said, and I found it almost dying in the woods. It you search, perhaps you can find more like it.

And many people went to search for the birds, and some found them, but when they were caught and taken home many of them died,—only a few a very few, ever lived to grow strong. But when one did live till it grew strong, it never sickened or died. Many persons came back to the maiden and said, "my bird was so strong at first that it required so little care, but suddenly it grew ill and died. What is the reason of it?"

And the maiden replied, "Perhaps you did not love it enough. The disease that most often kills these birds is neglect. If you are not very careful of their food they will never grow strong. And often those that seem very strong at first do not live long, for you must be most careful of that kind of birds."

And the people went away, and some of them tried again, and a few of them succeeded,—but many failed, for the white bird of Friendship is very difficult to keep strong and well—almost as difficult as the more beautiful bird of Love, whose song gladdens the heart of all who hear it. Yet, alas, it is often neglected 'till it grows weak and

dies. But when either of these birds once grow strong it never dies but lives on forever, flying from earth to heaven, cheering all with its song.

When the maiden died, they set her beautiful birds free, and now they are flying up and down the earth and sky and they sometimes stay with some of us. We are all looking for them, but only a few find them. And those few must guard them from the dread disease neglect and selfishness, for they are fatal to the lives of the birds. If you have one of these birds be careful of it, for you possess no greater treasure.

ANITA METZGER.

ALUMNI AND OLD ACQUAINTANCE.

"Communications from absent friends extinguish fear, unite division and draw distance near."

Alumni notes kindly solicited; information of old students as well.

Dora Sherfey is attending the Kindergarten Training School at Topeka.

Theodore Sharp of the class of '91 is now chief clerk in the Whiteriver Indian agency, Whiteriver, Arizona.

It is rumored that George Lauver and wife have forebodings to the effect that they may be in college next year.

James Z. Gilbert of the class of '94 is now financial manager of the college in Plattsburg, Mo.

Students of '98 and '94 may be interested to know that Frankie Hamilton is now starring as leading lady in a New York opera troupe. She goes to Paris in 1900.

J. D. Clear, a member of the class of '04, a graduate from the State University, is now principal of the Pigeons city schools.

H. Francis Davidson writes from her mission in South Africa that she continually grows in love and interest in her work there. She asks Prof. Fahnestock for specimens of penmanship. Her pupils there now need specimens from a more masterly hand than hers. Think of that—in South Africa.

We understand from the field worker, Mr. S. J. Miller, that the following former students may be expected back in school next year: Burton Trostle, Ed. Howell, Emma Beckner, Claud and Garfield Shirk. The Messrs. Shirk are now working in New Mexico. They will return to finish the collegiate courses.

H. V. Wiebe and wife were ordained as missionaries by the Menonite church on last New Years day. They start for North Carolina the last of January to labor among the colored people of that state. They will teach in a school of one hundred and fifty colored children. Mr. Wiebe is a member of the Normal class of '90 and has been doing post graduate work this past term. Mr. C. W. Nall of '92 and '93 took a theological course at Louisville and has gone to Brazil, S. A. as a missionary from the same church.

It is desired that the photos accompany the biographies required, in order that a cut may be made and the photo of the Alumnus appear with the biography. Until these come in promptly the biographies cannot appear consecutively as desired.

ALUMNI BIOGRAPHIES.

THEODORE SHARP.

We quote the following from the autobiography, written for the Alumni register. Theodore Sharpe was a member of the first graduating class, '91.

I was born at Maryville, Eastern Tennessee some years after the close of the Civil War. I passed through the usual experiences of childhood days. The time spent at school probably did not differ much from that of the average boy.

Previous to my graduation I passed some years in employments connected with the art of printing, in study and not much practice of short hand. Since leaving school I spent some time as bank cashier and book keeper and in trying to regain my health.

My present location is at Apache, Arizona, a frontier army post and an Indian Reservation, where I have employment with "Uncle Sam," among a truly cosmopolitan population of soldiers, Mormons, Mexicans, Chinese, cowboys and Apache Indians. There are many things not taught in schools.

HARRISON WILLIAM MILLER.

Harrison William Miller was born in the Keystone State, on the twenty-fourth day of October, 1878. Of high birth, since his native town, Philipsburgh, is located on the summit of the Alleghany mountains.

Nothing occurred during his childhood days beyond the usual curriculum of most small boys. His school days began early and lasted until he was twenty-one. His classmates remember

him as one of the most ready and thorough members of the class.

Mr. Miller was one of the first students to enroll in McPherson College and was a member of the first graduating class from the academic department. After having taken one year of collegiate work here, he entered the State University in the fall of 1892, and graduated with the class of 1895.

After having received his degree from the K. S. U. he entered the Farmers and Merchants' Bank of McPherson. In the fall he accepted the principalship of the Sparta schools. After the close of that school year he returned to the bank. From January to June '98, he worked with the Citizens' State Bank. Since then he has been in the employ of the McPherson Bank where he may be found during banking hours always ready to kindly receive any who may call.

SCATTERED SUNBEAMS.

The other morning in chapel we had an interesting reminder of the passing of time. Prof. Howard Miller, who was a member of the faculty of McPherson College during the first year of its existence, '88-'89, paid us a visit. He noted an interesting fact, namely; that only three persons who were in the school that year are now connected with the institution. These are Prof. F. G. Muir, Mrs. Susan Saylor and C. F. Gustafson. Prof. Miller still styles himself "teacher," though he has, since leaving McPherson in the spring of '89, devoted his time to the management of

large railroad interests in the United States and Mexico, and to other duties of a "practical" business life.

The Bible Term promises to be of such a value that no one who desires to enlarge his conception of religion and religious work, can afford to miss it. Besides the other good things announced, there will be a very instructive and inspiring address on "How to Study the Bible," by Prof. Edw. Frantz. Remember that no tuition is charged. Board in the Dormitory for two weeks will cost \$5.00.

The Irving Memorial Society has been rendering excellent programs. The work surpasses that of other years. Some interesting debates have been given on the subjects of Cremation; The Century Question; The Grumbling man compared to the Gossiping woman; and which is the greater evil, Fashion or Tobacco. With the exception of one, these subjects were discussed by lady debaters.

McPherson College entered on a new era January 1, 1900; without a dollar of debt. A new charter granted recently says no mortgage can ever be attached to its property again. Reader, RAYS OF LIGHT is glad to thus inform you. For years this has been a menace and a hindrance, and now as never before is her way clear for greater success. A citizens' mass meeting was held a few weeks ago to wipe out the last debt of \$400. The Irving Memorial Society raised \$50; the Elites \$10; the Junior Debating Club \$5; and the balance by the faculty and citizens.

What about the college park? We

hope the matter is still under consideration. If started now in ten years it will be a valuable acquisition.

Mrs. Murray and daughter Effie are spending the winter in Louisiana, with Mr. and Mrs. Sutter.

Miss Della McCumber, who has been teaching the Burk school, resigned on account of the heavy work of the school. Will J. Slifer will teach the remaining two and a half months of the term.

J. W. Dickey of Baker City, Oregon, visited his brother, Elder Dickey of College Place, recently. They had not seen each other for thirty-seven years. J. W. Dickey went to Oregon in 1862. He is now visiting relatives in Ashland, Ohio, and will return to his home in the spring.

Since the first of the month Evangelist Smith of Nebraska, has been conducting revival services in the College chapel. The meetings are largely attended, and several accessions have been made to the church.

The electric light near the Kuns residence will be moved near the south entrance of the main building.

A good program is being prepared by the Elite Society to be given soon. They are enthusiastic workers and should be greeted with a large audience.

We welcome the following students who have just enrolled: Blanche Gataka of Windom; J. A. Samuelson of Delmore; Hattie Slater of Hamlin; Leonard VanDuesen of Elyria; Mary Simonson, Mattie Andes and Gust Swanson of McPherson; Rose and Mabel Kimmel of McLouth, Kansas; O. W.

Grant, Cyrus E. Roberts and Mr. Frantz.

Miss Anna Fakes went to St. Louis to visit her brother during the holidays. She reports a pleasant trip. While there she visited the Barnes Medical College and was presented with one hundred mounted histological specimens by two of her friends who are prosecuting studies in that institution.

Mrs. Meyers of Morrill, Kansas, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Berkeybile. Mr. Berkeybile, who was in the employ of Mr. Barkley, will continue in the music business of Hill & Riley.

At a recent party held at the home of Miss Minnie Gustafson, Miss Nellie Slosson carried off the prize, a volume of Lowell's poems, in playing progressive crokinole.

B. S. Haugh instructed a class in vocal music at Holmesville, Nebraska, during vacation. E. M. Studebaker had charge of his classes during his stay there.

In the December number of the Western Pennman appears the portraits of "Three Leading Educators," one of which is Professor Fahnestock.

The Ethics class has just completed the text book and are investigating the "Sabbath Question." C. F. Gustafson has prepared a thesis, while the other members are informing themselves to be able to discuss it.

Mr. A. L. Harter, a normal graduate '90, enjoyed a week's visit with friends of his Alma Mater. He is Principal of the Academy at Carrier, Oklahoma.

Miss Julia Johnson a graduate from our musical department has worked up quite a school of music in that locality and expects to remain there. She is skillful on the piano, proficient with the violin, and is ably conducting a band of twenty-five pieces.

J. H. Tracy and wife of Sebetha, Kansas, visited relatives and friends here and at Galva. Mr. Tracy is proprietor of the only racket store in his community, and is controlling the trade in his business with marked success.

H. F. Fenwick, who is living in Elyria, drives seven miles to his school. This requires "grit" these mornings, but he acquired this when a student of this College some years ago.

Mrs. Lillie Mathews, '93, gave a Christmas entertainment where she is teaching at Scandja, to the delight of all present. She has a class in advanced branches, and is commanding a good salary.

Everybody was agreeably surprised to see Royal Eisenbise of Brown county, who came down to visit his brother Charles. Royal is a stockholder of this paper and a warm supporter of McPherson College.

Former students will be pleased to know that L. P. Plasket is a successful lumber dealer in Hilleboro.

Mrs. Mertie Netsley of Beatrice, Nebraska, came home to visit her parents and friends. Miss Nora Metcalf accompanied her, and visited in the vicinity of Canton. She expects to attend our school next year.

Miss Lena Wieand has her elocution room nicely papered, painted and varnished. Her students are enthusiastic in their work. Miss Wieand enjoyed the holidays visiting at Arkansas City.

L. W. Mayberry is teaching the Conway Springs school, at \$90 per month. He has received an instructor's certificate.

The Bible Normal will begin January 30. Everybody is invited to participate. Six illustrated lectures will be given by D. L. Miller, on his "Tour Around the World." Admission to the six, fifty cents; to students thirty cents. Miss Ryan will be here the second week. She is a returned missionary from India. No tuition is charged for the Bible work.

RAYS OF LIGHT meets the approval of its readers. Many commendatory expressions from its friends are received. You should subscribe at once. Each number will be better than the preceding.

MARRIED.—January 7, 1900, Henry Unruh and Carrie P. Wedel, both of Moundridge, Kansas. Miss Wedel was in attendance here two years ago.

December 29, 1899, Otho D. Woodrow to Miss Carrie Mead, elocutionist in Mary Nash College, Sherman, Texas. They will live in Chihuahua, Mexico, where Mr. Woodrow is employed in the auditor's office of the Mexican Central railroad. He took the business course in our College a few years ago.

December 28, 1899, Frank M. Shirk and Zuletta Ryan, at Alvo, Neb. They will make their future home at Lincolnville, Kansas. All these young people have our best wishes and congratulations.

Bernhard Harder, a last year's student who is now teaching at Jansen, Neb., visited friends here during the holidays.

Mrs. Cliff and children and Miss Schrock, of Bluff City, Kansas, have been visiting J. B. Roe and family. Mrs. Cliff is a daughter of Mr. Roe.

Walter Gernert has closed his term of school southwest of Inman, and will go to Oklahoma to assist his father who is engaged in stock raising.

J. E. Studebaker of Mt. Ida, Kansas; Edward Eby of Centerview, and R. C. Smith of Kansas City, Mo., enjoyed a few days "return" in renewing friendships and associations.

The next number on the Lecture Course will be the Impersonator and Reader, given on the 31st of this month.

After a stay of several months in Colorado, Miss Carrie Snyder has returned to her home on College Place. She is giving attention to her music studies.

No class has been doing better work than the one in "History of Education," taught by President Arnold. Education in general was studied last term and the following theses were prepared and read: History of Humanism, Mr. Masterson; Changing Ideals of Discipline, Miss Ramage; Progress of Individualism, Miss Bowman;

Growth of Female Education, Miss Suffield; How Theology has Influenced Education, Mr. Slifer; Rise and Progress of Asceticism, Mrs. Metzgar; Influence of Christianity on Education, Miss Wieand. During the present term Education in the United States has been studied and productions on these themes have been written: That the State Ought to Sustain Higher Institutions by Taxation, Mr. Masterson vs. Mr. Slifer; Women in American Education, Miss Bowman; Industrial Training, Mrs. Metzgar; Culture vs. Utility, Miss Wieand; Attitude of General Government to Education, Miss Fakes; Relation of Christianity to Education in United States, Miss Ramage; Evolution of College Courses, Miss Suffield. About two were read and liberally discussed each morning.

Miss Rose Kimmel and Miss Lida Johnson have renewed their music studies and will take post-graduate work. Mr. Fred Good of Greeley, Colorado, and Miss Clare Jennings will complete the Collegiate course of music this year, while many others are progressing nicely. Miss Rena Burns recently gave a recital in the College chapel. Professor Muir is planning to give a fine public concert in March.

Emmet Kasey, our former student and teacher in this county is pursuing a course of medicine at St. Louis. McPherson College students seem to lead the classes in the various medical and dental schools.

During vacation Prof. Frantz conducted a Bible Normal at Kearney, Nebraska, and Prof. Arnold one at Oc-

tavia, Nebraska. Prof. Arnold is at present engaged in this work at Morrill, Kansas.

Prof. Frantz, Elder Vaniman, G. D. Kuns and Laura McQuoid have each recently added to their libraries the International Encyclopedia, which sells for \$45.00.

E. H. Eby's mother has been visiting friends and relatives in Reno county, and her sons, who live at this place.

The Young People's Meeting of the College has had published fifty-one subjects with notes in a neat little folder to be used for their prayer meeting work each Sabbath evening during the year 1900.

About seventy-five old and young people, residents of College Place and the students who remained, enjoyed a pleasant party gathering in the dining hall one evening during the vacation.

Prof. H. J. Harnley and C. F. Gustafson attended the State Teachers' Association at Topeka during the holidays and returned in time to attend the meeting of the Academy of Science at McPherson.

The 82nd meeting of the Kansas Academy of Science was held in the Auditorium in this city. The principal scientists of the State attended it. Prof. Harnley assisted Prof. Miller with his illustrated lecture on the "Corona of the Sun." Over thirty papers on scientific subjects were read. The Academy has over one hundred and fifty members, of whom Professors Harnley, Gustafson, Welin, and Warren Knaus

and S. G. Mead are from McPherson county. Through Prof. Harnley a number of the visitors were given entertainment at the Dormitory.

EXCHANGES.

We are glad to add to our exchange list the *Washburn Review* and the *Student's Herald*.

Low living and high thinking will produce better men than high living and low thinking.

Manchester College Standard has a good article entitled "Common Sense about Classical Culture."

Nothing is really worth while unless achieved through the hardest labor and most prolonged industry. Don't be satisfied with anything you do or can do. Keep your eyes far ahead.—Ex.

Men say time is money. That is a wretched burlesque. It would be as truthful to say that light is money, that air is money, that sleep is money. Time is thought, time is knowledge, time is the threshold of eternity.—Ex.

There is plenty of room at the top, because the ordinary man, who has climbed up half way or one quarter way, becomes so pleased with himself, that he sits down to admire his marvelous climbing and never gets any higher.—Ex.

The *Juniata Echo* contains an excellent article on the "Collegian and His Religion." It insists upon religion and right living as indispensable to the best aim of a student. The student's motto should be, "be a man wherever you are, take your religion wherever you go."

THE OLD CHAPEL CLOCK.

(Prepared for, and read before the Irving Memorial Literary Society.)

O, thou friend of all good people who convene in this fair place!

Thou, who seest all our actions, but dost never ope thy face,

To express thy pain or pleasure at the things thou dost perceive:

Thou dost never frown upon us, nor thy smiles do we receive.

Oh! thou inexpressive creature: can't you sympathize with men.

And when all is mirth and pleasure can't you laugh some now and then?

And show signs of thy displeasure, when things don't go as they should?

Canst thou offer commendation when you see that all is good?

O, my friends, that time-piece yonder, as it hangs there day and night.

Sees more sights, and learns more lessons than I ever could recite.

Every speech from off this rostrum, every song that here is sung.

Every sermon here expounded, every word from every tongue.

All the good old chapel speeches, given by our teachers dear.

All the prayers and exhortations,—that old clock does surely hear.

It hangs there a silent critic, noting every essay read.

It well knows when they're too lengthy, when too common, and too dead.

It condemns the lifeless speaker, who comes here from time to time.

And no less does he feel sorry for this poor attempt in rhyme.

Yes, its heart is touched and wounded by some things it sees and hears.

And it grieves with sobs unnoticed, as it weeps with unseen tears.

Yet, the pranks of all the students it enjoys as much as they.

And its happiness is heightened by some mischief every day.

All in all, its days are peaceful, free from all tumultuous strife.

Save when some extreme occurrence mars the rhythm of its life.

You don't know what awful moments, that clock passes here at night.

When not a soul but souls departed, ever dare to come in sight.

Not a sound but its own tick-tock echoes through the midnight gloom.

Such a darkness, such a stillness, as you'd find within a tomb!

Then's when "spooks" come here to worship, learn their lessons, and recite.

And they're frightful looking creatures as they're nearly always white.

And their movements are so creepy, as they wander to and fro.

That no wonder that our old friend, there, stops sometimes, and then won't go.

O, thou friend, tick on unnoticed, as you have done year by year!

Though your service is not valued, though your cross is hard to bear,

Though you do have tribulations, which you surely must endure.

By surmounting all these trials, you'll be made complete and pure.

Though, at last, old age shall crown you, as you nearer reach the end.

Yet, the future college students will regard you as their friend:

And if you continue faithful, and "beat time" as beat you know.

When your life down here is ended, you'll go where the good clocks go.

F. K.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

(Called forth by the scene at the city undertaker's on January 11, 1900.)

Oh, see that mother lying there

So cold in death's embrace,

And see those babies with faces fair

Within that burial case.

The features of that mother tell

Of better days gone by;

E'er trouble o'er that household fell

And caused them all to die.

And what has been the cause of this

That fills this casket small;

That stills those lips where mother's kiss

Had oft been wont to fall?

Who will at Heaven's golden gate

For this sad crime give pay?

And when they see our father great

What will they have to say?

Will this poor man that drink has made

To wander from the right,

Have to his guilty conscience laid

The blood flow of that night?

Or is it you, who read these lines

Will you for this debt pay,

Who let these soul-destroying wines

Be sold from day to day?

Then is it not high time that you,

Should this great curse erase?

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