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# The Cracker-jack Box

By Edith Brubaker

Beth and Martha were busily engaged at lunch, when the door-bell rang. "Just the mail-man, no doubt, I'll go and see,"

said Beth, hurrying to the door.

"Marths, it's a letter for me from P. H. D. and who is he? I must tell you about last Sunday," continued Beth, seating herself at the table. "You know John, George and his friend and I went out to Desplained River to gather violets in the afternoon. Just as we got off the car, John, for fun, bought each of us a box of crackerjack, When I had emptied my box, John took it, pulled off the outer cover, wrote my name and address upon it, threw it into the water, and as we watched it being carried hurriedly down the stream, said: There goes Beth's fate, just wait until I meet the lucky chap. 'Yes, I will wait,' I told him, as we turned from the water to gathering violets. Now listen to the letter, Martha,"

City-Office, Tuesday, May 10

Dear Miss Baker :-

It was almost dark as I stood on the banks of Desplaines River, looking far across the woodland toward the dusty city. Somehow a feeling of sadness came over me and I that, "dull life, you have nothing but dull care, O, to have something to come into one's life that would add a little color, and fill one's soul with new aspirations." Just then my attention was attracted by a little box, as it swung gracefully down the current into a bush at my feet. In bold blank letters I saw your name. With care I took it from the brambles and now have it here on my desk.

Sometime I would like to show it to you, and hope it shall be the means by which we may become fast friends. Fate brought it to me, and Fate will bring you to me; it can not and must not be otherwise. I fancy you often visit the park along the river. I know you have often seated yourself or the rustic bench under the large willow, just east of the foot-bridge, where so many violets grow. It was here at the water's edge ! espied the little craft that bore your signature, and it is here I desire to meet you next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, accompanied by your friend. I am sure I shall know you, for you are not unlike my ideal, who is tall, slender, and a very graceful maiden. Her hair is a beautiful golden brown, and her eyes so full of love, are as deep and as blue as the summer skies. Her voice is soft and full of laughter; in short, she is akin to the angels, with a soul all music, a life of harmony, and a love so pure we can but worship and adore this beautiful type of pure womanhood. You will not fail to come? I found the key of romance by the riverside, and I want to meet the fair one in nature's domicile, under the blue canopy, beside the still waters where the violets grow.

Anxiously waiting your P. M. under the willow by the

foot-bridge, I am sincerely,

Your true unknown,

P. H. D.

"Now what do you think of that? Isn't it strange, who can P. H. D. be? The postmark is this city, and he must be a business man here. O, it must be some joke for my boy friends know I love romance. Would you go, Martha?"

"Beth I don't know what to say; I don't suppose, the there would any harm come from it. We had planned to go there next Sunday afternoon and I shall accompany you, and we will find out about this strange P. H. D. So it was decided

to keep their secret and seek the unknown.

Both were very anxions for Sunday to come. When her friend John Woodfred called Wednesday evening, she could hardly refrain from telling him. When he asked her to go driving Sunday afternoon, she was just sure he noticed her blushes and confusion in forming an excuse. For some months Mr. Woodfred had been paying attention to Miss Baker, and had longed to tell her of his hopes and desires, but could not for it seemed Beth was looking for another prince to come into

her life in some strange, mysterious manner, and claim her as his own. John was not mistaken for she looked upon her uitor at hand, only as a real good friend, whom she wouldn't like to

part with until the right man offered himself.

So Beth, with unpleasant feelings in her heart because of refusing the drive with her dearest friend, dressed carefully for her afternoon adventure. Tho she felt very foolish, curiosity to know, encouraged the girl and so, Sunday afternoon, long before time, found the girls neatly dressed, watching the clock on the mantel.

"It is now five minutes of four," said Beth, as they left the car, at the park entrance near the river," we will get there at the exact time. Martha dear, I believe I am trembling. Is my face red? Where's the willow, I don't see anyone on the bench, do you? Let us walk slowly by as if unconcerned, and gather flowers. It's all a joke, or where can he be?" said Beth disappointed.

As they came round toward the tree, the rustic seat could be plainly seen, and Martha exclaimed, "Beth, look there on the bench, see that little negro? It isn't he?" Beth was so surprised, she started longer and harder than she really meant to, and in this way attracted the little darkey's attention. In a moment he was by her side and asked, "Be you Miss Baker?

"Yes," said Beth, hesitating, "What is it?"

"A note, Miss, for you," said the darkie, pulling it from his waistcoat. Without another word, he handed it to her, and was out of sight before Beth could collect her scattered thoughts.

"Well," said Beth, taking a deep breath.

"I think so," said Martha, "but come let us see inside that note." Occupying the seat, deserted by the darkie, they read the note as follows:

My dear Miss Baker :-

Now isn't it a shame that I am not permitted to see your sweet, blushing face and listen to your gentle voice. It was kind of you to come out here and meet me. I am absent from your side because of the death of a very dear friend. I feel so sad today, and am sorry, indeed, to have disappointed you, but beg of you to write me a little note, leaving it under the large, flat stone at the left of the willow, and I will send the

boy after it. Tell me in your note that you will again come up the stated time next Sunday and I shall do all in my power to be present. I must meet the fair one soon for I dream of her often and have many things to tell her.

Your true unknown P. H. D.

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## Education for Moral Dealth

Scientific folks are telling us these days, that "Mind Cure" methods actually do cure real diseases of the body—and imaginary diseases too. Christian Science succeeds in 80 percent of its cases. Other forms of "Suggestion" or Think-it-hard-enough-and-it-will-be-so-methods cure seventy five percent or more. The mind is found to be a more powerful factor in human life than was formerly thought.

Now schools deal with the mind in the main, and this article is something of an inquiry into the therapeutical value of these institutions, for prevention of cure of ills, moral and spiritual.

Does going to school tend toward soundness, wholeness, holiness of heart? Is there any relation between education and righteousness? What effect would a course in school like Mc Pherson College have toward correct living after school days? Does "mind treatment" as ministered by our schools, in any degree, cure ailments of the inner man?

We are poorly fixed, just now with figures to prove or disprove our proposition. But there are some sidelights that are at least interesting.

Actually knowing has a whole lot to do with what people will do. "Had I only known," is the lamentable cry, far down the road of wrong doing. The prodigal son would hardly have made his trip had he understood what "The red light district" actually means, in terms of horrible undoing and ruin.

Of course knowledge is not all. With the boy in question, it depended some on his state of depravity at the time; his lack of

self control and the degree of abandon to his appetites. Some

people know but are slaves.

But we do not believe this boy was so bad when he started out. Lack of information, or missinformation, that he accepted, was his trouble. True he "Thought down hill." but he did not know what was along the road, away down and at the end. He found out. It would have been easier and much pleasanter, to have taken his fathers word for it. But he did not do that. He had to learn in the school of experience. He learned his lesson very well. Actual knowledge was what the boy thought he needed, and got. When he "Went broke" and "foun la job" feeding hogs, with nothing to feed himself, it all became clear to him. He understood some things his father had said, that did not appeal to him at the time. When he got it all straightened out in his mind, the balances of his troubles soon happily adjusted themselves.

Our public and other schools afford a great advantage in enabling students to "know" in early years, what it takes all of life to learn in the school of experience. When it is time to die, till one has learned to live, he does not get much good of his knowledge.

A school-trained man may be better informed, and as competent for work at 35, as "selfmade" man, one made by experience, at 60. The time saved in knowing, by getting it inschool, without having to work it out one's self, is placing the worlds heavy work of today in the hands of young men,—work, that a few years ago, was done only by the "Old and experienced" because they only knew how,

There was a time when schools were less practical. The educated man was more of a dreamer, and not of so much use in the worlds work. But education is now getting down to where people live. The worlds plain, hard, actual experience, reduced to scientific correctness, is laid before the student, so that he knows what to do and what not to do to get results. He goes out from school, informed and ready for business as it is, and succeeds from the start, because he knows, not by his own, but by the worlds experience, laid before him correctly, crowded though it was, into a few years in school.

The facts concerning the effectiveness of present day educa-

tion reduced to figures, show that a college graduate—or a person with a college education, not always true of "graduates" has 600 chances for success in life, to 1. for the person without education. And beginning at the bottom, the chances increase, as education advances up through the grades, high school and college, showing the work of the schools, to be of practical value, all the way up, as equipment for effective and successful work.

Of course the above figures mean "Success" as the world counts it now, mainly in dollars. In our inquiry we are looking for success as viewed from the moral and church standpoint. Not shown on bank books, but as God sees it, in value of ones life to other people; in worth of character, measured by will capacity to make the world happier and better; to give out things that will help now and count for hereafter. Broad, strong, good people, what do christian schools do towards producing that kind of folks?

We of course have in mind, schools where elements of morality and religion are kept constantly in the air, to work in along with Mathematics and Latin and with what else he learns after school days. What these schools do towards turning young people from the wrong way, unto success in moral and spiritual attainment, rather than in mere money making, is our inquiry.

There is difficulty about getting tangible evidence. Facts concerning things moral and spiritual, are tremendously real, but harder to tabulate than those that relate to bushels, acres and cattle. On the negative side of the question—the lack of education, we have the following from the Prison Evangel: Statistics of the reformatory and penal institutions of the United States, show that 70 per cent of all criminals, come from defective homes; that 15 per cent, can neither read nor write; that 55 per cent have not had schooling beyond the fourth grade and that but I in 1000, is a high school graduate. These figures are very striking.

In the above, the effect of bad homes must be reckoned with as vital and primary. But it is correct, to allow also, that defective homes, on an average, are not those that push the children through school. The training they would get there, might offset the lack of training at home, but instead, attendance at school has the irregular disjointed way of other movements of the bad home, and education fails along with other things. Such children should not fail to prepare for an honorable career.

The facts are, failures in many homes are remedied at school. Their ambitions are stirred, that lay prostrate at home; bright and inspiring views of life open to eyes that saw nothing good in existance before; things noble and good are put into minds that had little conception of such things. Indeed our army of teachers in country, town, and city are an army of missionaries, in a degree, not known or appreciated. In their efforts there is an uplift to better things that saves unumbered lives from the low levels that supply many criminals. They are raised to higher planes of life, to be valuable to themselves and others.

These facts are true of our public schools, where learning from the text books is the primary business in hand with morals and higher things to be looked after as side issues, depending on the sentiment of the community and on the personnel of the teacher. But the results they get are great in morality, nobility, and elevation of life. They are greater in schools having these higher things more definitely in purpose; where teacher and others carefully seek contact with the spiritual lives of students, to lead them to Christ, the fountain head of all that is good in morals, all that is loving, gracious, and blessed in human life. It is highly valuable for children to attend the public schools for early training. It is most valuable to attend religous schools, to finish their course amidst associations and influences that will be a blessing through all their years.

It may be by the "mind cure" process of thinking up hill; of the working of environment that compels right thinking, feeling, and action, or the poise gained by self control from enforced work habits by system or program; or the moderating and regulating effect of knowing; or the inspiration of congregated young life, with high ideals; or the working of God through consecrated teachers or all these put together. But there is prevention and cure of evil worked by our schools. Many "tough cases" are all seasoned and worked plastic and good. Incorrigibles, of gross irregularties are ironed out smooth and the good young folks are made stronger, broader and better.

L. D. Mohler, McPherson, Kans.

# State Teachers' Association

The Kansas State Teachers' Association held Dec. 29, 30, 31 at Topeka was attended by Profs. H. J. Harnly, S. C. Miller, and J. A. Clement. The usual general, and departmental meetings were held. One of the benefits of this annual gathering is the social feature, the friendly exchange of helpful ideas, of good wishes and good will. Another benefit is the inspiration which all receive from the carnestness and enthusiasm of state leaders in the cause of education.

One weakness is to be found in the too rapid changing of the personnel of this association. Under such conditions it is impossible to do much that is vital in an educative way. Another weakness is to be found in the non-publication of the proceedings. If they were published many teachers not attending might also get the benefit of the meetings. The discussions ought to be published in some such way as the National Education Association proceedings.

The time for holding this annual session has been wisely changed from the holidays to the latter part of October.

This will increase very much the attendance. School boards however, will need to take account of this in hiring next year's teachers. Some intelligible provision should be made so as to avoid misunderstandings as to the pay of teachers who attend and so as to have some sort of uniform regulation thruout the state.

This year's body of teachers accepted the report of the Education Commission appointed by the governor in 1908. This report ought to be read by every loyal teacher and citizen in the state. The work of this Education Commission will mark an important epoch in the history of education of Kansas.

J. C.



Teacher—What gender is "phonograph?"
Bright Pupil—Feminine gender.
Teacher—How do you make that out?

Bright Pupil—Well, father says a phonograph is just like a woman—it always has the last word.

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#### Editorial

By the Assistant Editor.

Who's proud of the M. C. Basket Ball boys? Everybody. Why? Because they Basket Ball,—fast, clean ball.—because they've lost to only one team this season, and that with the closest score made against that team this year,—because they are gentlemen, representatives for whom the College need make no apology. Proud of them? To be sure we are! Then let's not torget to tell the boys about it. Think your little word of

praise doesn't count? Think your presence at the game makes no difference? There's where you're mightily mistaken. The team can't do it's best without your hearty support,—your influence either hinders or helps.

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The Rays of Light extends greetings to one and all,—to the readers that are, to the readers to be, and to the rest, who ought to be. We want to thank you for your support in 1908, and hope it will be still stronger in 1909. Remember, the paper does not belong to the editorial staff, it belongs to You. This is the College paper, you as students, are the College, therefore this is part of you. Make it your business to see that every student of your acquaintance, Freshie, Prep. Senior or Alumnus, subscribes regularly to the Rays of Light.

The subject of chapel attendance may seem somewhat trite, but its value can never be over emphasized. It is the only time the student body meets as a unit—the only time the student comes in contact with the Prof. of other departments than that in which he is enrolled. The moral influence may seem almost imperceptible, but it is real, and for us a potent factor in the moulding of true character. You can't afford to cut chapel.

"Breathes there a student with a soul so dead" that the very thought of a really good M. C. Gymnasium does not arouse in him a thrill of enthusiasm? We need it. We want it. We're going to have it. Prof. Fanny's "If you want anything get after it" has become the motto of the college.

Mix a little fun with your studies, the cultivation of a sunny disposition is part of your education. Feeling blue? Homesick? Everything going wrong? Smile! Make yourself do it. Keep it up for five minutes, if necessary, and watch your troubles evaporate.

Don't be a knocker. If you can't be loyal to your college, get out of it. It will be better for the institution.

Did you ever tell a Prof. how much he had helped you! Try it.

## Current News

Andrew Carnegie recently appeared before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives to tell something about the tariff. The newspapers had reported that Mr. Carnegie had declared himself in favor of a tariff revision, saying that the industries of this country no longer need protection. His testimony before the committee corroborated the report in every particular.

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It is definitely announced that Senator P. C. Knox of Pennsylvania is to be Mr. Taft's Secretary of State. A cabinet position is no new thing to Mr. Knox however, since he was once Attorney-General of the United States.

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Governors Hoch, Stubbs, and Haskell are billed for a consultation to appoint a committee to investigate certain charges preferred against the prison officials of Kansas who have the custody of Oklahoma's prisoners. Miss Kate Barnard of the Oklahoma Charities commission has filed the complaint.

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The race for the Ohio senstorship will probably result in the withdrawal of C. P. Taft and Senator Foraker and the election of Theodore E. Burton

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The government has just recently finished removing over \$200,000,000 in gold from the San Francisco vaults to the better equipped and more modern ones at Denver. The removal was made without the loss of a dollar. The report that it was removed through fear of an invasion on the Pacific coast is denied.

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The United States government has responded liberally towards the relief of the stricken Italians. On Jan. 2, the press reported that two government relief ships were on the way carrying \$3000,000 in supplies. It was further asserted that an additional appropriation would be recommended to Congress by the president. During the fiscal year ending June 30, there were 1,006,-053 persons on the pension roll, 50,676 have been removed from the number on account of death 34,333 of these were soldiers and sailors of the Civil War.

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The average result of the first year's field cultivation of Burbank's thorneless cactus has been reported successful. It is that there is now no danger of it returning to its former habits. This plant is quite useful as food for cattle.

The contract for Kansas keeping Oklahoma's prisoners expires January 31. The investigating committee of the Lausing prison recommend that the contract be not renewed.

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Nearly one half million dollars has been contributed thru the Red Cross Society for suffering humanity in Sicily and Italy. The loss of life is now estimated at 200,000. This is the greatest catastrophe that has happened to the civilized world.

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The flour milling business for Kansas City during the year of 1908 was the largest in its history. It turned out 2,650,000 barrels. The amount of wheat required was 12,000,000 bushels.

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The Kansas City, Mexico a d Orient railroad has just been completed. The first train over it left Kansas City, Saturday night January 2, and reached Sweetwater Tex. Sunday night. This road means the opening of a large tract of valuable land and also gives Kansas City a direct route to the foreign world.

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Wilbur Wright, the American aeronaut, has established a new record for heavier—than—the air machines in France. He succeeded in remaining in the air for one hour, fifty—three minutes, and fifty—nine seconds.

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Attorney John Marshall of Winfield will become the assistant to Attorney General Jackson. Mr. Marshall has hitherto served as attorney for the State Temperance Union where his influence was conspicuous in enforcing the prohibitory law.

The city of Anthony, Kapsas, has taken active measures to appeal to "Uncle Andy" Carnegie for aid in erecting a library.

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Senator Bourne has introduced a salary bill in Congress, it provides for the salary of the president to be raised to \$100, 000 and that of the vice president to \$50,000. Several strong reasons are advanced favoring the raise.

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The Pennsylvania Capital Graft case which has hung fire so long has ended, resulting in the conviction of four men. each of whom is sentenced for two years with a fine of \$500.

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There are prospects for the beginning of a new industry in Oklahoma. It is claimed that the cottonwood trees which are found in such abundance lining the streams of the new state are of value for pulp for making print paper.



# Intercollegiate

Salina will soon have a new High School building. The cost will be \$75,000, and is supposed to meet the demands of the city for the next twenty years.

Mrs. Russel Sage of New York has given \$25,000 toward the establishment of a college for colored youth in Kentucky. It will be modeled after the Tuskegee Institute.

The December number of the "Daleville Leader" contained a good essay and also a clever story, and the Exchange Editor is to be complimented on his cute way of calling attention to them.

The University of Kansas will ask the present legislature for \$300,000 for the construction of four new buildings, one of them to be a hospital building at Rosedale. Among the other buildings asked for are an electrical engineering building and girls dormitory. One hundred and twenty-five thousand of this appropriation is to be used in the construction of a liberal art and a sciences building. This structure if completed according to the desire of Chancellor Strong will cost \$500,000 and be

completed in eight years, on the semi-centennial of the University.

The farmers of Missouri are to enjoy an educational feast at Columbia. The largest gathering of farmers ever known in Missouri. There will be eight state organizations in session.

Such events as this are pointing to a more scientific method of farming,



# Alumni Notes

B. B. Baker '01 is President of the State Normal School at Daphne, Alabama.

. C. J. Shirk A. M. '02 is attending school at Chicago Uni-

versity.

C. E. Kemp class of '96 is booked for one hundred engagements for Kansas alone and one hundred for other states for this year.

Dr. R. C. Smith '99 is making a decided success in Marion

Kansas as a physician.

G. M. Lauver '96 is now connected with the Bethany Bible School in Chicago.

C. E. Wallace '92 has the chair of History in the Yankton

University in S. Dakota.

P. C. Hiebert A. B. '06 is engaged as an instructor in the Tabor College at Hillsboro, Kans.

J. F. Studebaker 1900 is now a full fledged physician and is

doing good work at Ft. Dodge, Is.

J. H. Clement A. B. '02 is serving his fifth term as Principal of the schools at Anthony, Kansas.

J. H. B. Williams A. B. '06 is editor of the Inglenook at

Elgin, 111,

F. G. Kauffman A. B. '03 is working in the bank at Mc Louth, Kansas.

Laura Hershberger Haugh class of '99 is serving her sec-

ond year as instructor in the Elocution department of the Bethany Bible School in Chicago.

Corda Clement A. B. '08 is spending the winter with her folks at home in Canton, Ohio.

Bertha Delp '06 is enrolled in the intercollegiate department and is enjoying her work at her Alma Materagain.

H. W. Lohrenz A. B. '08 is President of the Tabor College at Hillsboro Kausas.

Margaret Bishop '02 and her mother have gone to Los Angeles, Cal. to make that their future home.

Theodore Aschman '08 spent a few days with the students on the hill before taking up his work at Arlington, Kans.

Guy Hudson '07 is manager of his father's hardware store in Wiley Colo.

Olive Snyder '06 is pursuing her musical studies in Wichita.

Theodore Sharp, '91 has a good government position on an Indian reservation in Idaho.

Theodore Sharp '91 and wife are living in Sapway, Idaho where he is doing service for the government.

- J. W. Suderman '08 is principal of a school in a sod house in western Kansas.
- W. O. Beckner '04 has departed to worlds unknown for the past week. It has been such a surprise to the whole school for him to leave when we have visitors from Wichita, Kansas.

The Normal Class of '08 were on the hill Saturday visiting their Alma Mater. They spent the day in class meetings, visiting classes, calling on dormitory students, and inspiring each other to go back to their pedagogical duties. All members were present except three.

Misses Alice and Lucetta Johnson A. B. graduates of '03 and '04 were visiting their many friends in the city and on the hill Thanksgiving week. They are both teaching in the city schools of Wichita, Kansas.

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Do you know the College song? Get busy if you don't.

# Faculty and Instructors of McPHERSON COLLEGE 1908-1909,

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Marion Studebaker. Kansas History and Descriptive Geography. ALAAAAAAAA TTYTTYTYTYTAAAA

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Lillian Hope, Shorthand and Typewriting. Lulu Hildebrand, B. S. D., Grammar. Bertha Colline United States History.

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## On the Campus

W. J. Slifer is getting out some fancy flourished capitals. They are the finest any student of McPherson College has ever produced. If you would like a set let us know. We will send them to you.

Miss Edna Cleveland of Wetteaburg College, has enrolled

in the Commercial Department for Special work.

The students in the Type writer department are doing most excellent work. They are now ready to form genuine business letters.

Earl R. Stump who was in the commercial department, has gone to Rochester, N. Y. to purchase shoes for his father's store located at Nevada, Missouri.

Christian Hope and wife of California spent holiday's with friend's and relatives on College Hill.

- G. H. Hirst of Minnesota left a position paying \$80 per month to complete his commercial training at McPherson College. He is a graduate of two leading business colleges of the North, and is fully qualified in the U. S. civil service. He is studying bookkeeping, banking and penmanship. He is doing very excellent work.
- C. H. Slifer, superintendent of the Lebanon, Kans., schools spent the hoidays with friends at the College.

The Misses Hildebrand and Ullom gave a very enjoyable party New Years' night.

Anna Garber spent part of her vacation in Salina.

Some of the boys will doubtless make first class bachelors, at any rate they seemed well accomplished in the art of house-keeping by the time vacation was over.

Lyda Helstab is rapidly improving and hopes soon to be in school.

Mr. Deeter (in the library) "Please give me Mechanics American Prose"—[Studying a moment] "Pardon me, I meant Carpenter's"

Mrs. Shirk is spending her vacation with Prof. Shirk in Chicago.

Roscoe Ingalls visited with Frank Kraybill during the holidays.

Lucy and Cosa Boone expect to be on the hill the remainder of the year.

Maynard Stauffer who went to California is enjoying the beauties of the flower state. We will join in wishing him a pleasant winter.

Ella Burger did not return to McPherson after the holidays however we hope to see her in College by the next term,

Prof. S. J. Miller has been at the Sanitarium at Pueblo Colo. taking treatment. We are all glad to know that he is improving. He spent Xmas at home with his family.

Christian Hope and wife from San Francisco, Cal. have been here visiting Mr. Hope's mother.

Miss Ebel recently visited her brother here.

The revival at Monitor closed Sunday evening Dec. 13 with seven conversions. Baptism was administered in the Chapel. Baptistry on Monday.

Just before vacation students were so happy that they went whistling thru the halls, until they happened to meet a Prof., when they realized, for some reason, where they were.

B. A. Miller, because of some invisible attraction, hurried off, a few days before vacation, to—well to Michigan.

Prof. James Clement, superintendent of schools at Authony, Kans., was here visiting his twin brother, our Professor. His fine chapel address was much appreciated by everyone. Such talks on education give us inspiration and fill us with a desire to do our very best so that we too may sometimes help in this nest work.

Men do not always agree, when recently asked concerning the most beautiful woman. One man's reply was: "My wife's mother"

Cold weather has turned the minds of our tenuis "bugs" into other channels. Skating is the popular sport now. Have you tried the "Circle?

E. L. Craik's sideburns are worthy of favorable comment.

He should be encouraged in the display of such meagre possibilities to an admiring public.

Bruce has a smile since holidays that will not bear comparison with Taft. Is there a reason? He has returned from that northern trip.

Several girl's rooms are minature grocery stores since holidays. "Spreads" are numerous, yet there are those whose hunger remains unsatisfied.

Yes, noises no rumble forth upon the campus and they are of that kind which dieth not readily out. Fear not! It is only the Orators preparing for that Prohibition contest.

Mr. James Rothrock spent his vacation at home with his parents in Illinois

Mr. Replogle an uncle of Mr. F. A. Vaniman has been visiting the college.

It has been said that good looks and laughter go together. We wonder if it be true. If it be, why are not more of us laughing?

Emma Thompson spent vacation on the Hill. She says she has had a good time.

Lyda Helstab has been very sick, but is reported better at this writing.

An ounce of accomplishment is worth a ton of theories.

When asked to become a member of the "Mission Band" a student replied, "Why I cannot play a horn."

P. V. Wiebe is a great home boy. He goes there almost every Saturday. Maybe he gets sick to see—mamma.

Fortune is sometimes fickle, but Miss Fortune is always sincere.

Martha Mason who was with us last year has been quite sick.

How often have you laughed merely to please the other fellow?

Barnhill extended the limit of his Xmas vacation. Explaining, he says: "Couldn't get away." wonder why?

Ben Wohlgemuth has one of those "afterholiday" smiles

which is significant various possibilities lie therein.

Why don't you "root"? Our basket ball team is a hummer.

"Ignorance is often a virtue but sham knowledge is an intellectual crime."

Why that smile which continually overspreads the countenance of Prof. Newton?

Echoes from various parts of the Campus "Would that Leap Year were here again."

Misses Detter and Trostle, with a sigh of resignation "We will remain faithful to the vows of the Bachelor Girls, "tho all the world forsake us." We were five, but now we are two. How long, Oh how long shall it thus remain?

A 10:30 lunch is fine. That's what we all that one Saturday morning, when immediately after chapel sandwiches were served in the hall by the Y W. C. A. girls. Prof. Harnly that so too, when he saw his Advanced Physiology class march into the room each eating a sandwich. But it was pardonable since our lesson was on "Foods". The Experimental method.

You'll do the right thing if you will stop knocking about an imaginary wrong.

Please remember to close the doors this cold weather, they

were made to be closed-

Anna Garber's parents visited her during the holidays
Little Willie Jarboe has recovered from his recent sickness.
We are glad to have the cheerful, happy little fellow among us
again.

Vacation has come and gone.

Students are returning all seem glad to get back to work again, and as we again face our daily tasks, it is with renewed effort and higher ambitions and greater resolves to make 1909 the best, happiest, and most useful year of our lives.

\*Eller Berger could not come back to school on account of

her eyes. She will be greatly missed.

Question for the Freshman: Why is it that "knowledge suffeth up"?

Royer Dotzom has made at least one New Year's resolution. He has again taken unto himself that which he was in danger of losing. This is an era of prosperity. "Prices" are ever on the wing.

Mr. Russel-What are your opinions on the subject-Significance and interpretation of Dreams?

Rev. Detter now includes "auto-ology in his course of study.

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# Commercial Notes

A class of twenty six in commercial law, made a very creditable passing grade last term.

There is one hundred in the penmanship class at present.

W. W. Bowman a former shorthand graduate, is now receiving one thousand dollars per year.

Samuel Ebbert of the Class '07, attended the Bible Normal.

He will be with us next year and will complete the advanced commercial course.

Carl Swanson won the prize offered to the pupil making the greatest improvement in penmanship.

- C. C. Hanan has a good position with the U.S. Navy Training Station at San Francisco, at a salary of \$1500 per year.
- P. V. Wiebe is a member of the faculty of the Kleinsasser College of Winthrop, S. D. His salary is \$1200 per year.

Henry H. Garst a graduate of the advanced commercial course, is now located with the Union Pacific railroad at a good salary. He has clerical employment at Omaha, Nebarska.

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# Fruing Notes

With the new president a new age has dawned for the Irvings, an age of reformation. Resolutions have been adopted
to do better work in all respects. Open door programs, and ten
numbers on the program. Keep your eye on us.

What's the matter with the Eureks? Just look over the list of orators for the contest, and see the ratio. Who does the things?—The Irvings.

Our president spent his vacation in the dormitory. He intended to study history, ask him if he did.

R. Flory has been employing vacation time to write his oration for the contest.

Harvey Brubaker preached at Monitor Sunday, Dec. 27.

J. P. Schroeder is keeping his new typewriter busy by copying the boy's orations. He does good work.

A school-marm has been telling some of the girls here that Mr. Toews will not teach German next year. We presume she that the reason why to be understood for she did not state it.

Prof. Ebel and wife spent vacation in Oklahoma visiting relatives.

Messrs Detter and Ingalls and Misses Detter, Vaniman and Brubaker, enjoyed a trip to Nickerson in Mr. Detter's new "auto" one day during vacation.

Earnest Vaniman and R. Flory can frequently be seen out walking together. We wonder why they are such good friends? Perhaps it is because they have both their interests centered at the same place, and are both so hoplessly near (Neher) sighted.

Ira Arnold spent his vacation at his home in Missouri.

My how quiet the campus seemed during the absence of Roy Carlson!

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### Eureka Items

The members of our society spent the holidays at their respective homes, save a few, who found it necessary to look after interests here during that period. Everybody seems to have had a good time during the vacation and all are back with the determination of doing better work than ever.

H. E. Myers, who has been one of our number, will not be with us any longer. His folks moved on a farm near Peabody where H. E. will farm for a change.

We are sorry to learn that the holidays changed the plans of one of our number, who went home with the expectation of returning. Is it possible that the mischievous little Cupid is accountable for this? The party concerned will be greatly missed in our ranks as he has been one of our faithful members. Success to her.

Anyone wishing to know his fate should not fail to see Mr. Deeter at once as he has been pronounced the Elijah of our society. Any prophecy that he may make will come true as forefold.

The Eurekas are proud of having a number of their members in the Prohibition Oratorical Contest. They undoubtedly will do such work that will be an honor to our society. If any of the Eurekas are asked to "root" they should not forget to be loyal; and help those of their society.

Our society can boast of having members from "13" different states and also the province of British Columbia. That is a "dandy" assortment, isn't it? Do you still wonder why we have such a good society? There is a reason.

The latest way to bound our glorious Sunflower State, with reference to our society, is as follows: On the North by Henry and Hoffart, on the East by Weary William and Mohler, on the South by Hartman and Nickles, and on the West by Burger and Ullom.

Are we it? Well I should smile. We've been it, for quite a while.

# The Clite Society

Amidst the mist and coldest frosts
We have resolved whate'er it costs
To do our part whate'er it be
To help the Elite Society.

Our members have all returned from their holiday vacation with a smiling countenance. Let us begin the new year with renewed effort and form better resolutions for the future than we have had in the past.

The election of new officers will take place Jan. 26th all Elites should make it a point to be present.

Our worthy president, Arthur Anderson whose favorite flowers are "Lillys" regrets that the weather has been too cold

for her to make her usual appearance—except at the window.

Our programs are improving with each number. We are being favored with special music which is a great help to the society.

# Athletic Notes

Tennis is a "dead one" these cold days, but our courts and players are anxiously awaiting spring. Every student can find room in this game and it has some advantages over other games.

Let us have some "winners" in this sport this spring.

Basketball has the lead now. Our boys won the first four games by the handsome margin of over thirty points even game. The first setback they received was from the Athletis from Newton, the score being 51-24 and 36-24. That was the highest and closest score against Newton when the games were played and they had a long list of scalps already. The Lawrence-Y. M. C. A. had a "hard luck" spell and lost to our boysheavily. Wesleyan of Salina were easier yet. They came here jubilant, but left crying to the good old tune of 42-17. The chorus of the song may be found in their college paper. Our boys lost the game at Salina, 33 to 25, and say that the Wesleyans acted a little unladylike. They lost the game at Lindsborg, but are pleased with the reception by the student body and players,except one "turribel Swede 'Boots' Anderson" who sometimes mistakes the basketball floor for a pugilistic ring. We play Bethany here Feb. 22.

We have a good schedule and our manager, Mr. Bixby is working the boys hard, and the following schedule speaks for

itself and the efforts he is putting forth.

State Agricultural College at Manhattan and McPherson.

Haskell Indians at Lawrence. Ottawa University at Ottawa.

State Normal at Emporia.

Emporia College at Emporia and McPherson.

Southwestern College at Winfield.

Fairmount College at Wichita.

Friends University at Wichita and McPherson.

Nebraska Wesleyans at McPherson.

# y. w. C. A. Notes

Our association was well represented at the State Convention at Wichita. There were twelve of our girls attended. They gave a good report of the meeting.

The Y. W C. A. met jointly with the Y. M. C. A. and listened to an inspiring address given py Rev. Richards, Chaplain of the State Reformatory.

Our Finance Committee are quite active of late. The amount made from the sale of pies was \$7.67.

The joint social of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. was well attended and all reported a good time.

The girls who have the care of the Reading and Rest room are doing nicely keeping it in order.

The Bible and Mission Study classes are doing good work but there is opportunity for others to take us the work. All are urged to enroll in these classes at the beginning of the New Year.

On Sunday Dec., 13, Prof. Frantz gave a very helpful address on 'Ideal Womanhood," showing the need of physical, mental and spiritual development to obtain the ideal character.

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# y. M. C. A. Notes

The association elected John Deeter as a delegate to the Bible Study Convention, which was held in Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 22-25. Mr. Deeter gave us a good report of the meeting Sunday afternoon Nov. 29. All who have attended any of these conventions know that it is hard to tell all of the good one gets from them. The best one can do is to touch the high places in a report, then live and apply the rest or in otherwords pass it along through better service to mankind. The following are some of the thoughts that Mr. Deeter gave and they will bear meditation: "The college student that leaves school without a christian character is not a benefit, but a menace to the nation." "How get Christendom to accept the Christ of the New Testiment?" "The Y. M. C. A. fills a place that has been neglected

in many homes; teaching the habit of daily bible study and devotion to men." The life of a nation makes its history. The life of the Greeks and Americans history. The life of the Jewish nation gave material and made the Old Testament, so Christ's life is the main spring of the Christian Religion and made it a factor in the world more than is sometimes believed.

It is encouraging to see some of the Bible Study men come and accept Jesus as their master, during the revival conducted by Rev. Howe.



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