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## The Cracker-jack Box

By Edith Brubaker

(Continued)

"What shall I write him, Martha? I am at my wit's end. Surely this is someone having fun at my expense. I wonder who it is, and I do wish I knew what to say. How shall I begin, Martha?"

"Don't ask me, Beth, I'm off after flowers; you must have your romance alone, I'm not considered romantic enough to advise. Pencil and paper you want? I do not believe I have any, yes, look in my hand-bag there on the seat, I believe I put some paper into it a week ago. Now write him what your fancy dictates."

After some that Beth wrote,

Mr. Unknown:—

To say the least, this is, indeed, a strange affair to me, almost too strange to be romantic, yet I like it. Am sorry to hear of your friend's death, and to think you are so sad on this pretty day makes me feel badly. I will come next Sunday.

From

Beth Baker.

P. S. I would have been more pleased if you had told me your name. I wish I knew, write it the next time, won't you? By the way, why did that little darkie run so when he gave me your note? You were'n't afraid I'd fall in love with him, were you? I don't like his color and if you are as dark you needn't be here next Sunday. Sister is coming so must close.

Sincerely, Beth.

"We must now hurry home," said Martha, after they had securely hidden the note beneath the stone. "Don't you know your would-be husband calls tonight.

"He will not be my will-be, Martha it shall be the un-

known, you just see if it doesn't turn out that way. I wish John were romantic, but he is so practical, so prosaic, just a real matter of fact fellow. I have half a notion to tell him about this affair tonight, but he would scold, and, too, it would spoil the novel secret, part of it; yes, and he wouldn't like to hear me say that I feel just a bit interested in that unknown man. To think P. H. D. imagines I'm like the ideal he described! John wouldn't think so I know. I often wonder, Martha, whether he doesn't like me just a little. It would be nice to know; almost every girl likes for a fellow to think she is the dearest, sweetest woman in the world. O, there's the bell; my prosaic man is coming, wish I knew about the unknown," said Beth as she admitted her friend.

Again Martha and Beth made their way to the willow, to find to their surprise the little darkie seated beneath the drooping boughs. "Miss, a note for you," said the boy bowing, "will wait till you write one." Poor Beth was really disappointed but said nothing. The note was very brief and read:

Dearest Beth:—

Please do not think me unkind, but I cannot see you until ten minutes after six this evening. Won't you linger here for me? It will not be dark and, too, it will not be lonely for there are quite a few people in the park. Do wait; I must see my ideal before another day. I have so many things to say. Send back word with the servant just "yes" or "no"; but you will say "yes"? If so it will not be long until I will be by your side with the tiny craft, which, I hope, will serve as means of introduction to the fairest queen of womanhood.

Yours as ever,

P. H. D.

"I am going home, Martha; this is a ridiculous joke," said Beth, indignantly. "John calls at six, and I never could stay here two hours and wait; let's go."

"You know if I were you Beth, I would stay only two hours. Let me tell you: I'll go home, get a light lunch, and wraps, and return at 6:30 with John. If the unknown should call, we will tell John that he is an old college friend; leave it to me and I shall explain, and then we can tell him the joke later, if that is what it turns out to be," planned Martha, encouragingly.

"I will stay, but woe be to the one who has fooled me like this." Calling the darkie who had strolled away, Beth said "Tell him 'yes' and don't forget." "I won't, Miss," and he was off at a rapid pace.

The two hours passed quickly. "It is just six o'clock," mused Beth. "What a beautiful evening; the sun is almost hid behind those hills; the river seems almost asleep; and the stillness, the sweetness of the air, and the little sleeping violets at my feet make me want to sleep," she thought as she nestled back into the seat resting her queenly head against the tree.

How pretty she looked in her white gown! Her hair was neatly tucked high upon her head, adorned with a cluster of violets. A large bunch lay loosely in her slender white hand. Yes she was a beautiful picture, as she dreamily thought of the prince who should arrive at any moment. Unknown was charmed as he stole softly upon her. "She is an angel," he thought as he came forward with box in hand.

"Beth, I have come," he said, as he knelt at her feet. "Beth, I am your Unknown, I love you, I worship my queen. Beth, Beth is this all unreal to you? Tell me, sweetheart, do you love your Unknown?"

"John, how could you, how could you do this way?" said Beth, her face covered with blushes.

"But do you love me, Beth? Will you be my wife?" Taking both her hands in his, he read his answer, as he leaned forward, and looked into her honest blue eyes; and at the same time she softly whispered "yes" fell upon his ear.

The lunch that Martha brought back was delicious. Martha had known and helped in the plan; so she greeted them with a smile, saying "Beth, I waited and waited for John, but he didn't come. Will you introduce me to your friend?"

"Martha, don't laugh, why didn't you tell me?"

"I never dreamed of John being the unknown, I am, O so happy it was he," mused Beth that night. "Dear romantic, prosaic John is the grandest man in all the world, and to think he became romantic over a cracker-jack box.

## A Solution

The drink evil is a national question. It is as old as the human race. The evil therefore originates in the individual. It burns in a flame, it spreads, it becomes a national fire. If one could analyze and explain the dim thoughts, emotions and aspirations that arise in him he could tell the story of all humanity. Humanity is only a body of human atoms. The struggle of the community, the state and the entire nation.

The renaissance born in the individual Turk, developed and spread until we see all nations doing what the individual has entirely failed to do. Martin Luther fought for religious freedom living and dying for the struggle, apparently wasting all effort. But soon the historic struggle grew and we see the German nation doing broadly and wisely what the individual has attempted in vain. John Brown, Wendell Phillips and Harriet Beecher Stowe fought the individual fight of slavery. Suddenly a million lives and thousands of millions in money were staked up on the contention that all men should be free. Christianity born in the lowly Nazarine, handed down by the humble fisherman, conquering the Roman nation, freeing the English people, has reached and elevated every nation and people from pole to pole. Finally by the united effort of the churches in the Philadelphia convention, we see the most rapid strides and farthest reaching influence in all its history. The hopeless pleading of the one becomes the fighting determination of millions. Then it is that humanity settles down to a new order of things based on a new victory.

There has been a long historic fight against strong drink and drunkenness. Both are the same and must be destroyed together. But let us continue the fight until the Stopian dream and Plato's republic becomes a fact. Legislators everywhere are joining the contest. The fight is popular and gaining daily.

If prohibition is to prohibit and if it be possible to wipe out the sorrow which has destroyed so many lives, ruined homes, broken the hearts of mothers, and calloused the fountain of love



of the fathers; no one will be so glad and as eager to thank the deliverer as the drunkard himself. No temperate man has the slightest conception of a drunkard's desperate struggles, sorrows and repeated efforts. Heroic even in failure. No sober man has once in all his life tried to do right more earnestly than has the drunkard over and over again. You may keep a man sober for a day or a week but you cannot make a sober man unless you make him happy and free from worry. The example of the drinking parents is the wrong sort of moral training. The psychic effects, the poverty, the disgrace and shame facedness of drink on growing children are the cause of general inefficiency and crime. If you can abolish the worry, heart ache and life hatred which drive men into drink then you can abolish drunkenness. But can you protect man against himself? This is not from within. It is from without. It is not of nature. It is the opposite. Nature is not against the home and the family. Alcohol is not of nature. It is the decay of nature and destroys the unit of society. Perfect liberty is liberty in accord with nature.

Are we yet to be educated concerning the evils of this monster drink? Are we waiting for another revolution of the Templars, the College movement, the W.C.T.U., the Anti-saloon League or the Southern wave? Must our nation raise up another generation like Hughes, Tricket, Jackson, Folk, Hadley, Jane Wallace, Carry Nation and a thousand more of this stripe? Every great movement had a preliminary in some educational form. But this stage of the game is past. The fight is on, the vulture at the vitals of our nation is losing its strong grip on society and civic righteousness. Turn your face to the south and feel the pure free breath of the southern movement blow over your deepest emotions and let it inspire you to a higher social, moral and educational plane of living. See all the great prohibition movements clasping hands as they sweep over the entire nation. Follow them from the individual, county, state, and district and you will see them taking on national form. Put on the garb of public opinion now ranging so high against this great evil, and get into the fight. There is no time for retreat. No problem is solved until it is solved right.

What is the solution to the liquor traffic? Not ward, city,

county or state prohibition. Not local option by which the larger political units legalize wrong in the hands of the lesser ones. Not temperance which in Egypt, France, England and all the nations that were once temperate has developed into the use of rotten whiskey, absinth, cocaine and the worst kind of drinks. In France it carries the stain of the low birth rate and the French government is making a desperate and winning fight against it. Neither can it be solved by high license, or protective tariff, which does not pay half the expense that the foe causes. Why not license murder, theft or imprisonment for debt? Would that be right? Of course you say "No"; neither is this right which kills from sixty to a hundred thousand persons each year. License or no license, tariff or no tariff, the price is too great; our government cannot afford to mortgage its future generations by this evil. A nation's strength does not consist of its wealth, the fertility of its soil, the fragrance of its sweet scented flowers, its strong army and navy or its properly developed railroads and waterways; but it does consist in the honor of its men, the purity of its women, the education of its youth and the development of its civic righteousness which is in the flow of the true Christianity. It should not be partner in our government. It stands for the opposite of republicanism. It retards the progress for which we stand. Surely if the protection of the public health, wealth and morals is the primary function of the government this which contains them all should be second to nothing else. It is a national evil and requires a national remedy. It is the worst and farthest reaching form of slavery. The county, state and national prohibition are respectively good, better, best.

You ask—Does not state prohibition prohibit? Certainly it does as far as it goes, but it cannot reach the source. There are only two fundamentals at the bottom of this world wide evil. First—the dollar the only cause for which the saloon and drink exist. Second—the appetite for drink which causes the drunkard to sacrifice honor, home and life itself. One or both of these fundamentals exist wherever intoxicating drinks exist as a beverage. Never have these sources been reached. Never has there been a law on our statute books prohibiting the sale of intoxicating drinks to the individual. If mild drinks

must be used let them come under the pure food law. Go with me over the prohibition states and you will find on nearly every depot platform from one to a dozen cases of beer and kegs of whiskey. These go into the home, an alarming and appalling condition!

May the next step be the last one and may we say as did Abraham Lincoln on slavery, "No compromise, we will have nothing but all". This seems a social revolution. Bancroft said, "To perfect our system power is reserved to the people by amendments of the constitution to remove every imperfection." The constitution is America's revolution. It belongs to the whole people. It does not speak to the republicans as republicans, democrats as democrats, socialists as socialists but electors as electors. The purpose of the law is to make it harder to do wrong and easier to do right, or in this case harder to drink and easier to abstain.

The people adopted the principle that there should be no slavery in America and congress enacted the fundamental law which carried out their will. But is public opinion yet too weak? If so let us fill up the vacating ranks and redeem ourselves for perfecting this great evil originated in Egypt and developed in Europe. Let it be Americans for Americans, and may the time speedily come when our legislators shall dip their pen in the innocent blood which is being shed by this evil and write the Vox Populi of the nation on our statute books that there shall be no manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.

The above is the oration given by M. M. Studebaker in the Prohibition Oratorical contest, and won second prize.



## McPherson Auditorium--Gymnasium

A college auditorium gymnasium was erected on the campus during the past week. It contains a cement basement with bath room privileges for both ladies and gentlemen, and a fine outfit of lockers. The first floor is capacious enough to accom-

modate a large audience. The second floor balcony has a track. There is enough equipment to begin systematic physical culture. And this all is the work of Mr. "Constructive Imagination."

An auditorium has been needed for many years says Mr. "Creative Imagination." The present chapel room is insufficient to accommodate the audiences on special occasions; special programs, oratorical contests, lectures, commencement exercises. An auditorium would give unity and solidarity to the student body.

A gymnasium would dignify our physical culture work. It would increase the facilities for real physical education which is vitally essential to intellectual moral and religious growth. We have probably underestimated the place of physical education in the institution. Systematic physical exercise is just as important as is systematic eating, sleeping studying and thinking for an all round development. Mr. "Wide-awake Imagination" says he's been looking at Mt. Morris's building and that it shows up in fine shape. He further reports that he hopes to plan the McPherson building still more widely if the material means will justify him in doing so. We commend for consideration, to patrons, alumni and student body these plans of Mr. "Productive Imagination."



## Modern Grafters

Grafters in the business world, have been a public nuisance for a good many years. In the last analysis, grafters are all found to use the same fundamentals in their deception. Many novel schemes have been used in deceiving people but perhaps the most disreputable and dishonorable grafter is he who comes wrapped in a religious mantle.

The open villain is really to be commended for his frankness and openness. Perhaps if carefully analyzed he would show many noble traits of character, which would really lead us to admire him. The grafter I wish to call attention to just now is

not at all akin to the open villian. It is that nice fellow, whose business is always done under the cloak of religion. I am leaving out of consideration now, of course, the man who is strictly honest, with himself and every one else. With him business and religion are one and the same thing. I am referring very definitely to the man who must tell every body that his business is strictly religious and that he is an honest man. He is always the first to decry any fallacy in his competitor and is most deft in covering his own rotten villany.

Any man who makes merchandise of his own, or another man's religion is, of all men, the most contemptable. The modern grafter has his villany carefully concealed, and is always hard to detect. He is busy reaping a good harvest, under the protection of religion.

When a man tells you how good he is, it is pretty certainly a warning of the villany within. He is the only man who needs to be watched, while making bargains.

S. C. MILLER.



## Death of Elder Mohler

Elder L. D. Mohler, well known to the students and residents of College Hill, died at the St. Frances Hospital, Wichita January 29th 1909 after an illness of but a few days. The seriousness of his illness was not generally known among the many friends on College Hill and his death came as quite a shock.

The remains were brot to McPherson over the Santa Fe Sunday evening. Funeral services were held in the College Chapel Monday afternoon, the sermon being given by President Frantz. Interment was made at McPherson cemetery beside the remains of Mrs. Mohler whose death occurred at this place about a year and a half ago.

Three children survive him, Elberts, William Henry and Marion aged fourteen, twelve and ten respectively. Elberts is making her home with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Vaughn in Kansas

City. The other two children are staying with their grandmother Mrs. W. H. Hall of Ottawa Kaus.

Mr. Mohler was a resident of McPherson for many years and closely identified with the interests of the college and the Brethern church. For some time past he has been actively and earnestly engaged in child rescue mission work, succeeding in placing many orphan children in good homes. He was traveling Secretary of the Children's Home Society of the Brethern church at this place. He was continually in the field laboring faithfully for these interests and his death will be keenly felt by all his co-laborers.

Among the relatives who were here to attend the funeral were the three children Elberta, William Henry and Marion: Mrs. W. H. Hall and Miss Mollie Hall of Ottawa, Wm. Mohler of Walton, Kaus, Jesse Mohler of Warrensburg Mo., Ezra Mohler of Plattsburg, Mo., Arthur Garvey of Leeton, Mo., and J. J. Leggett of Hutchinson.

R. C. I.



## The Oratorical Contest

A large and attentive audience filled the chapel for the Annual Oratorical Prohibition Contest held in McPherson College on Friday, January 22. The contest has become to be one of the important events of the year. There is a fine rivalry for the honor accorded to the winner as well as the prizes accorded those ranking highest in the fight. This year it afforded opportunity for nine men to make a thorough study of this important question and then write an oration that in the estimation of the three judges on Composition and Thought and three on Delivery ranked highest, second, third and so on.

The judges on Composition and Thought were Prof. J. H. Clement of Anthony, Mrs. J. H. Saylor of Raymons, and Miss Louise Jones of the State Normal, Emporia. As judges on Delivery we were fortunate in securing Rev. Latham, Mr. A. E. King and Rev. Todd all of this city. We are grateful to these friends who kindly helped us in this way. There are always marked differences in the returns of the judges, in the

minor individual cases, but the final rankings have always been satisfactory to all concerned.

A good bit of enthusiasm is exhibited by the different students to encourage the orators in their mental battle. Some years we have had "rooting" as the college people call it. This year the entire school stood back of all the fellows in their noble struggle. A contest of this nature should draw the students into a closer bond of union and be helpful in creating a wholesome college spirit.

As was said in presentation of the prizes, there was nothing effeminate in the contest. Cannot McPherson College have some of her ladies enter the contest? The young men who entered, were nearly all from the college department of the school. The list will speak for itself, F. P. Joha, Ray Flory, D. C. Steele, Ira Arnold, D. Dalke, H. M. Brubaker, H. B. Hoffman, and M. M. Studebaker.

The prize of fifteen dollars was won by Mr. D. Dalke on the subject "Is License Constitutional?", second and third places were won by Messrs. Studebaker and Hoffman. The strength of the winning oration lay in its logic accompanied by the most forceful delivery. If there is one thing absolutely necessary for an oration, it is the fire and conviction that makes people listen and think. The students here in school know Mr. Dalke as a quiet, harmless junior but they now know him also as "when the lightning flashes and the thunders rive the heavens."

The representative winners from the different colleges in the state will meet in Winfield in the first week of March and compete for state honors, the winner going later to represent Kansas in the Contest in the Central States. We have complete confidence in the man who is going to represent McPherson College in the fray and will bring back laurels of which his Alma Mater will always be proud.

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## Editorials

"Hurrah for our basket ball team! We all join in saying,  
"Let the good work go on."

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\* Kansas has about six thousand students annually in her  
three state supported institutions of higher learning.

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Strange how some grown-up people continue to make excuses.  
From neighboring papers, seems as though even basket  
ball "fans" can not break the habit.





A Room of Business Department.

glowing account of the possibilities for matrimonial felicity on the Pacific coast.

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England is threatened by the presence of great numbers of starlings which have been brought across the North Sea by the strong east winds. The birds are so numerous that in some localities farmers have refrained from planting corn.

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Great floods have resulted in Germany from the melting of the snow in the highlands. The Eltz, Rhine, and Ober rivers are rising, and sections of Frankfort-on-the-Main are flooded.

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On January 28, Jose Miguel Gomez was inaugurated president of Cuba and American official connection was discontinued.

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The year 1909 is noted for its birthday anniversaries of notables. Among them are those of Poe, Holmes, Darwin, Gladstone, Felix Mendelssohn, and Lincoln.

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Representative Murdock says that the government is worsted in the carrying of the mail. For example it pays \$50,000 a year to have the mail carried across the Eads Bridge at St. Louis when the work should be done for only \$15,000.

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Mr. Willett's speech of denunciation of the President has been expunged from the records of the House.

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Sec. Root is at Hot Springs, Ark. seeking medical treatment. He is said to be aging very rapidly.

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Menelik, king of Abyssinia is said to be dying. His heir is only a boy and the natives are for this reason opposed to his succession. Civil war is threatened. Menelik claimed descent from the famous Queen of Sheba.

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Forty-six new school buildings are to be erected in Chicago within the next two or three years at a cost of \$9,000,000. Thirteen elementary schools are to be provided with gymnasiums and baths.

## Cupid Entertains

Dr. and Mrs. Heaston delightfully paid homage to Dan Cupid at a Valentine social February 9 in honor of Miss Anna Kimmel. Their pleasant home, 527 East Kansas Avenue, was artistically decorated with hearts, red and white carnations and potted plants. A merry contest for "hearts" in which the girls were exemplary guardians of their paper treasures, and a proposal contest which afforded the boys excellent practice and the girls much amusement. Maybelle Gish favored the guests with several readings, Mary Reiff with vocal solos, and Viola Vaniman with a violin solo. An elaborate three course supper was served, the mysterious disappearance of some of the cakes merely enhancing the value of the cream, which "they didn't get."

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Prof. Haruley and Mrs. Dr. Hall. The out-of-town guests were Mr. John Horner of Auburn, Ill. and Mr. Roy Horner of Ottawa, Kans.



## Athletic Notes

Basket Ball is still holding its own and our boys are still winning.

On January 27 the St. John's Military Cadets met our boys in a game that was clean throughout altho the game was an easy victory for M. C., the cadets played their best trying at all times to break up the fast and furious team work of the locals. The game resulted in a score of 15-45

The most exciting game of the season which was witnessed by the most enthusiastic audience McPherson College has ever had at basket ball game, was played here on February 2 with the "Terrible Swedes" from Bethany College, Lindsborg. The whistle of referee Lincoln started the game off at 8:15 p. m. amid the yell and cheers of the crowd. The locals took the lead right at the start and at no stage of the game were they in any extraordinary danger of losing it. The Swedes have a fast

Students of Manhattan and Lawrence have proven themselves hospitable as well as loyal. To "just go one better," why not let the one school dine the other.

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We are glad to hear from our debating societies. Much of our best literary effort is put forth in that work this year. The recent contest is the kind—only they come too seldom.

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Our oratorical contest brought a new orator out of the woods. He gives us the kind that people cannot hear without becoming enthused and if Winfield will just turn her telescope up this way, she will see a certain one, Dalke, headed that way with the goods right under his arm. He's coming, and we are not ashamed of the line he carries. Better stake down that prize money securely, Winfield.

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We so often hear that the standard of success in this country is the dollar. Our colleges and universities are not teaching it. A good many do seem to be after it and one must move along rather lively to keep up with the rush for it in the business world. But the recent words of the retiring president of Harvard College alleviate the anxiety of those who have higher ideals. In his speech before the Harvard Club of New York he said, "We are developing in this country a new religion,—the religion of serviceableness." It comes from the east, but it sounds like the Kansas language.

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An auditorium-gymnasium for our college is not a mere fanciful dream. The friends of the school have long felt the need of such a building. Last year people crowded into the chapel so closely that it was uncomfortable for them during commencement exercises. Some could not find standing room. The school is growing. A good auditorium would make it possible to get lecturers and meetings like the National Prohibitional Oratorical contest which are otherwise beyond our reach because we have no adequate place for such meetings. Our college departments have grown until it is only a question of a few years until we must vacate our present gymnasium and use it for other purposes. We are glad such is the case. That

does not mean that we do not need a place to take regular systematic exercise. It means we need a better place. Some colleges make the physical exercise compulsory and require every student to take it regularly. We have students in school now who are low chested and pallid for want of exercise. Some come in from the home where that was never a question and their health is undermined before they think of the cause. We could dig a good basement for the new auditorium and put in an excellent bath system. We need it. The alumni and other friends of the school will build it. At present, over two thousand dollars is pledged if an organization can be completed and definite plans presented and there has practically been little effort put forth. All we need to do is to look around and see what other schools are doing with their auditoriums and a great field of usefulness lays open. We have instructors we want to hold and who will enlarge the school so let us give them an equipment that will add dignity and force to their efforts.



## Current News

The Senate and the House of Representatives have passed a bill for the establishment of a highway from the capital to Gettysburg, Pa., in honor of President Lincoln. They have also set apart Feb. 12, his birthday, as a national holiday.



Konocti Mountain near San Francisco has been rumbling for some time and a volcanic eruption is feared.



It is rumored that Geo. J. Gould will quit the railroad business.



Four hundred German girls from Wurtemberg recently landed in New York enroute to Oregon where they go to seek husbands. They were probably incited to this move by the experience of a German maiden who married a rich husband in that state some years ago and brought back to her old home a

team and have the reputation of being a little inclined toward roughness. But the game here was clean cut with no intentional fouling or roughness. Our lads all played a star game. H. Kasey was playing in his usual form at goal, Roy Kasey right there with his fast and effective team work. Barnhill played a wonderful game at center during the first half, at the end of which he was relieved by R. Kasey, with Schroeder taking the latter's place at forward. Schroeder showed up at the last in a way that surprised many. Our guards Reyer and Lichtenwalter were in fine trim and several times when it looked as tho the Swedes could not help but make the goals, the way they were covered and prevented from making a successful play, made the crowd sit up and take notice. Throughout the whole game cheers after cheers would peal forth in response to the locals effective team work which showed that our team had been coached till they had this close to perfection. When the timekeepers whistle blew the score board showed Bethany 24, McPherson College 42

The last home game of the season was played Saturday afternoon February 6 with the five from the College of Emporia offering the opposition. This game was very one-sided but the brilliant plays that were made all thru the game held the onlookers spellbound. The game resulted in a score of 18 to 64 in M. C. favor.

On February 12 a practice game was played with Walden College the score of which was 14 to 67. McPherson College again carrying the heavy end of the tally.

The prospect of having a good team to wear the crimson in baseball this year is fine. A good many of the old men are back, while a goodly number of the new students have good baseball records behind them and will furnish splendid material to push from.

The management is working out a good schedule.

## On the Campus

Mr. Robert Russel visited us over Sunday. He is teaching school this winter; says he still finds that we must work hard for all we get.

Miss Nellie Green took dinner at her old table in the "Dorm", Sunday.

A number of the boys attended the Y. M. C. A. State Convention held at Lawrence. Prof. Harnley also was along.

College spirit has been properly shown lately. Much enthusiasm has been created among the students. We are all proud of our Basket Ball Team. Hurrah for them!

Prof. Ebel is a lecturer on Roman mythology. We all enjoy his talks very much.

A number of visitors have recently greeted us at Chapel Exercises. We are glad for their visits. "Variety is the spice of life." We think this applies well in Chapel.

Prof. Frantz will be absent for a fortnight; he expects to visit colleges in the East. He left work outlined for us so we will still have no time to play.

The greatest calamity of the school year occurred when the smoke-stack blew off the engine-house. A new stack has been purchased and we are again having good steam service.

Mr. Hedine is now teaching chemistry. He has lately come to us from the Prohibition field; he is an enthusiastic worker and brings much encouragement to the local league.

The Senior Collegiates were royally entertained by Prof and Mrs. Clement. Likewise the Senior Normals on the following evening. Every one declared they had a splendid evening.

Our young orators are becoming quite popular. They gave their orations at the Presbyterian churches, Sunday evening February, 7. This helps the boys as well those who listen.

A number of students have left the Dormitory, have sought either boarding or "batching" elsewhere. Perhaps they will return, they cannot afford to miss the social atmosphere here enjoyed.

We greatly enjoy the three good meals per day that we receive, but did you ever tell our faithful cook so? Let us make known to her our appreciation of her kindnesses.

Mr. Thomas and Miss Dessie Throne of Red Cloud, Nebr. have been visiting friends and relatives on the hill.

We are thankful for our matron, Miss Rothrock. She has admirably won her way into the heart of every girl. Her daily life and personality gain the respect and admiration of the Faculty as well as of the students.

Mission social spirit is here. Four of the teachers entertained their classes in Irving Hall, last Wednesday evening. Games were played, refreshments served and all declared they had a good social time. After a song and prayer they departed.

Mr. C. D. Raep's father and brother recently spent a few days visiting here.

Miss Helen Mohler enjoyed a pleasant visit from her father last week.

The Misses Hildebrand have been entertaining company, their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Bond from Missouri.

Our long hoped for gymnasium is no longer a dream. We're sure going to have one!

The Challenge Debate between the two debating societies the T. C. T. and the M. C. D. L. was held Friday evening February 12, in the chapel. A program was arranged in connection with the debate. The question was that of immigration.

Very appropriate exercises were given Friday morning in commemoration of Pres. Lincoln. Rev. Latham gave us a splendid talk on Lincoln. Prof. Clement gave a summary of his life. These were very inspiring and helpful.

E. E. Hoffman was among the guests of College Hill recently, calling on his son in school.

We understand that Kasey became quite proficient in the "epistle-story" art during the basket-ball trip.

Those students who applauded in the chapel when the basket ball score between our boys and the Missouri State Normal was read, showed the real social spirit, but how about that Rah! Rah! Missouri bunch!



Prof. Frantz has returned from his trip, visiting the Brethren Colleges as a member of the New Educational Board. He reports a pleasant and profitable trip.

Our basket ball team just returned and every student is as proud of them as ever. Their scores show up well.

Student: Schroeder, how soon are you going on your next trip?

Schroeder: Just as soon as they will let us.



## State Y. M. C. A. Convention

The twenty-seventh annual state convention of the Y. M. C. A. which convened at Lawrence February 4-8, 1909 was the greatest in the history of the organization in our state. One of the leading men of the convention declared that it was one of the greatest he had ever attended. He spoke moderately, too, for it is his life work to address men along lines of Y. M. C. A. work and conventions are no new thing to him.

The attendance was as large as accommodations would permit. The delegates were 619 strong, representing the railroad army, colored, city, and student associations. McPherson College was represented by fourteen delegates. The sessions usually held in sections was held for the most part in the First Methodist Church and were addressed by some of the foremost speakers in the United States. Several are travellers of wide experience. Sunday afternoon Fred B. Smith addressed 2500 men in Robinson Gymnasium and the way he swayed the throng was simply marvellous. Other leading speakers were: Dr. Howard A. Johnson, Dr. Frank K. Sanders, Hon. H. M. Beardley, Gov. W. R. Stubbs, W. D. Weatherford, C. S. Bishop, F. H. Burt, J. W. Banks, Cecil L. Gates and Chancellor Strong.

Friday evening the banquet was held in Robinson Gymnasium. Hon. H. M. Beardley acted as toastmaster. Gov. Stubbs coming in late tried to enter the room unobserved, and when Chancellor Strong announced: "Gentlemen, the Governor of the state has just entered the room." The vast assembly arose

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Others supplied as class necessities demand.

and cheered the chief executive. The toasts given by Mr. Burt, Mr. Smith and Gov. Stubbs were excellent.

State Secretary Shumaker's report indicated a marked growth in the Association during the past year. Several commodious buildings have been erected or are in process of erection and only one town had to report a discontinuance of activities. Mr. Dadisman gave a very encouraging report of his work among the schools. Large pledges were made to keep up the financial end for the current year. Money was also raised for the support of missionary Harry O. Hill in Latin America.

The spirituality of the convention was remarkable. The keynote was struck by Dr. Howard Agnew Johnston in his opening address, "The Call to Young Men to be Witnessing Christians." All together about 250 men arose and expressed a desire for prayer, the larger number doing so at Mr. Smith's Sunday afternoon meeting.



## Y. W. C. A. Notes

The Bible Study committee planned a Bible Rally which was held Sunday January 24. We hope all the girls will take systematic Bible Study. While you are in school you have an excellent opportunity to work under competent leaders.

The regular business meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held January 25th. The chairman of each committee presented her report. There was no special business to transact.

Sunday afternoon, January 17 the girls were favored by a talk on "Purity" given by Mrs. Rothrock.

Several of the Mission Study teachers gave a social to their classes on last Wednesday evening, which was enjoyed very much by all.



## The Elite Society

This cold weather we have just had made the Elites feel fine it only adds to their strength and vigor.

The Eurekaes are mistaken in their claiming members from British Columbia. We, the Elites, have them.

Of all sad words the heart bereft,  
The saddest are these "By Gum I'm Left."

A Comp.—You have the material to make your Society the best in school.—an Irving

Some of our members are joining the Eurekaes. A boost for who the Eurekaes or Elites.

Many of our members are retiring from society does not make us lose hope, but makes us feel better to think they finished their work in our society and did not take a full year to do it.

Why did you leave our Society?

[Hicks] Oh, I didn't want to but the Eurekaes needed me and you didn't.



## Eureka Society

The joint debating program, the Irving vs Eurekaes, will be given soon. No one can afford to miss this as it will be the greatest thing of the season.

We are pleased to note that the last election for president proved to be a victory for Lulu Ullom. Miss Ullom has been doing excellent work in our society, and there is no doubt but what she will make good in the president's chair. Success to her.

Pat—Say Mike, where were you last evening?

Mike—I was to society.

Pat—What society?

Mike—The Eurekaes.

Pat—Shucks; their society is no good.

Mike—Pat you are daffy; you don't know what you are talking about.

Pat—Think so.

Mike—Yes, I know so. It was the best I ever attended.

Pat—Sure, I guess I'll have to go next time.

Mike—You bet, come and go with me for I know the Eurekaes.

Pat—After the society—Well Mike I am astonished. 'I didn' know you had anything like this here. It beats any opera I ever attended. I'll come again next Saturday evening.

Mike—Alright, come and bring your best friend.

Prof. Miller visited our society some time ago, and was asked to act as critic for the evening. The most important feature of his criticism was, that most of the young ladies and men came by themselves. He said they should "mix" and the young men bring their best friends which was all our society lacked. Some of the boys seem to have taken the professor's advice.



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