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Is Education Dangerous?

Certainly, Education means power, and whenever you give a man power there is the possibility that he will use it for unworthy ends. I understand very well that true education means more than the acquisition of power; that it includes the direction of this power along right lines. But however faultless the system of education may be, there will always remain that mysterious element in the human will which no education can wholly control. The best that education can do for a pupil is to provide him with most favorable environment and the highest incentives to right thinking and right action. The final decision as to what he shall be must rest with himself. And thus it is that sometimes he will go the wrong way in spite of you. Under the tuition of the best Teacher the world ever knew, one of his class of twelve went to the bad.

Yes, there is an element of danger in education; and that must be frankly admitted. The real question is; what ought we to do about it? I wish to present two reasons for my faith that education ought to be encouraged, notwithstanding its dangers.

My first reason is: The advantages of education are so great, and so far outweigh the dangers, that the latter are as nothing by comparison. When God had made the four-footed beasts and creeping things and flying fowl he thought it good to make another order of living beings called man. Though all of God's works are good, it is universally held that man is the noblest of them all. And his chief claim to superiority lies in this, that he alone can solve great problems, enjoy the keenest delights and choose the highest ends. Now it is the function of education to develop this capacity to think and feel and choose to the highest possible degree. Education is such a discipline of the nascent powers of the individual as will give them their

highest efficiency. Since people will think and God made them to think, education proposes to train them to think deeply broadly and discerningly. Since people have feelings and some capacity for enjoyment, education proposes to admit them to the richest and most exquisite of joys. Since all of us have wills and are certain to choose something, education seeks to make possible and probable the choice of the worthiest and best. In a word; the advantages of education are that it opens the door to the greatest individual happiness and the greatest social usefulness.

Would you deny us or our children these possibilities because they do not become, in every case, a fact? Would you have done away with all the axes which have cleared our forests and cut the timbers for our houses, because an ax can be used, and sometimes is, for murderous purpose? Would you dry up all the rivers and the seas which bring blessings untold and even life itself to all vegetable, animal and human kind, because that same water can be used, and sometimes is, to drown in? What of it, then, if ten men, say, of evil heart or unbalanced head, have by education only been made the more efficient instruments of ruin, when at the same time ten thousand others of clean heart and clear head have gone forth to do mighty service for humanity and God? The picture is not overdrawn.

The blessings which have been brought to mankind by all the education agencies of our country, are so far beyond our computation that no one could think of dispensing with them. Somehow it is, in God's economy, that the very things which are of greatest use to us, have also possibilities of harm. Our duty toward all of these is, not to do without them, but doing what we can to minimize the danger, make them yield us their maximum good.

My second reason for believing in education is that, notwithstanding its dangers, it is safer than the other course. Suppose becoming frightened at the perils of education, we resolve that we will have none of it, what have we then? We have decided that these powers of the soul by which we know and feel and choose, shall be weak and small rather than strong and great. We say that the difference between us and the lower animals shall be not as much as we can make it, but as

little. Whereas God made us beings capable of education, gave us powers which by training might be developed into a higher efficiency, so that we might be of the greatest service in accomplishing his purposes for the world, we have refused the high place to which he called us, we have shirked and shunned the tasks he set for us. Fearing lest we might misuse our talent, we have hid it in the earth. Is that safer? Whereas God gave us sensibilities which might be trained to high appreciation of the beautiful, the ennobling, in the great world of literature and history and art, and in the greater world of nature all around us and beneath us and above us. We have shut our eyes against this splendid vision of truth and beauty, and have thereby made it easier for the low, the mean, the sensual, to find responses within us. Is that safer?

I read the other day of a man who unwittingly ate poison in his food, and died. Does that show that it is safer not to eat at all? Breathing is a dangerous exercise, for I have heard of those who thus inhaled deadly gases and met their death thereby. And yet I believe in breathing because the danger of not breathing is still greater. I am not blind to the perils that beset the path of education but I believe in it, because our only hope of safety lies along that path. The truth is that living, any way you take it, is a dangerous thing. The truest safety lies, not in shirking responsibility because difficulties and dangers are involved, but in going bravely forward with the tasks committed to us trusting Him who gave us these tasks for the strength we need to do them.



The Key to Reform

By G. O. Steele

The following oration won first place in thought and composition in the local college contest.

The Prohibitionists of today, are not exclusively and ultimately Prohibitionists only. The Prohibition party is not an organization made up and fostered by a heterogeneous aggrega-

tion of fanatics, who, by some hallucination of the brain think the destruction of the liquor traffic the only object in view. Prohibitionists are true reformers and the Prohibition party is the most effective and thorough medium of present reform.

Why then are they singling out the liquor traffic and concentrating every effort to destroy it, when there are such a multitude of other forms of evil existing in our fair land, and the world today? Let us take a hasty birds eye view of the situation in order to answer this vital question.

It is not necessary to mention in detail the Physical, Moral and Ethical Aspects of the liquor problem; for they have so positively and irrevocably branded and passed judgment upon the nefarious business that every intelligent and informed man realizes the justice of the unanimous verdict. Consequently it does not behoove one to fight over the battles that have been won; but let it suffice to paint in great red letters, the frightful danger signal of the direful influence upon future generations—the awful legacy of physical degeneracy, diminution of intellectual power, moral decay, and paralysis of the will.

The Economic, Sociologic, and Political aspects of the saloon have not been studied so extensively and realized so fully by the great masses of the people. "Everyone is concerned directly or indirectly in the liquor traffic," whether he lives in prohibition territory or the worst dens of vice and crime. Every dollar spent has its influence in some way upon the wealth of the world, as certainly as the shifting of a grain of sand has its influence upon the gravitating center of the earth. Money that is spent for liquor is not only invested in an institution that cares for nothing for the home, society, the church, the state, or the nation; but it is an economic loss; it is worse than wasted.

The labor question is discussed quite extensively at the present time. But why mention it? Is it effected by the liquor business? If so, in what way? "The liquor industry pays it's employees eight percent, other industries twenty percent." A report at the state board for laboring men in Denver said, that "fifty percent of the checks paid to our employees were cashed by saloon men." Should the laboring man's wages be raised so that more checks might be cashed by saloon men? Or

would it be better to abolish the saloon and let that fifty per cent be used for better food, better clothing, better houses, better sanitation, and better cities? These questions are too absurd for consideration.

It is quite significant to note that Prof. Henderson, in his chapter on Anti-Social Institutions, devotes fifteen pages to liquor and the saloon, as against five pages to all other tendencies combined; in other words, if the length of a discussion is any index to its degree of importance, Prof. Henderson believes the saloon to be three times greater as an Anti-Social Institution, than all the other institutions combined. The individual who has not compared the slums and the foreign districts of our great cities with prohibition territory by actual, personal, investigation; cannot hope to realize fully the social significance of this monster evil.

What effect would National Prohibition and the absolute annihilation of the liquor traffic have upon the burning question of foreign immigration? The great majority of foreigners that are coming to this country, belong to the lower classes, and use liquor in some form. They go to the great cities and live in large districts apart from Americans, and these very same foreign districts will be the last to give up the saloon. Picture to yourself if you please what influence National Prohibition would have upon the ratio of the numbers of drinking, and non-drinking emigrants to this country. It would not only materially affect it but actually reverse it.

Again, the saloon is the greatest enemy to decent and legitimate politics. It cares nothing for the welfare of the country, for the standing our country maintains with the powers of the world, or for education, inventions, and commercial development, only so far as it enhances or inhibits the saloon business, but when it has a tendency to effect their business in any way, they become intensely interested. There is not a drop of patriotic blood to be found in the entire pernicious system; yet they will fight to the very finish to protect the saloon, or any individual, or enterprise connected therewith.

Talk about graft! monopolies! and machines! The liquor traffic is head and shoulders above any and all of them, and like all of them, the one supreme end in view is the money that

fills their coffers! The liquor industries are centralizing and are being controlled by a few men. They "Pledge their support to men who care for their interests irrespective of party affiliations." "Political corruption of today is the direct result of the saloon." Therefore, "the liquor traffic is the most important issue before the American people today."

What an absurdity it is to ask why the reformers of today are centralizing their efforts against the liquor traffic! And what an inconsistent thing it would be to do anything else while the present conditions remain! Just imagine for an instant the reformers shifting their point of attack to the "Race Question" or the "Tariff Question," or any other question allowing the liquor forces to march forward without opposition. You would cry out in alarm that it would be the greatest mistake conceivable, and civilization would be on the retreat! You would be right! Unquestionably right! But it would be no less a mistake to divide the forces between the liquor question, and other questions as people are doing today, and because of that fact are making no program. A general does not seek to divide his forces in order to engage all the forces of the enemy at the same time. He concentrates them upon some strategic point the capture of which will strengthen his position the most, and weaken the enemy in the largest measure.

The same thing holds true with this mighty conflict. The American people must come to realize that fooling with so many things, although probably necessary and important in themselves, will not bring results. They must concentrate their efforts upon the strategic point. When it is eliminated, the greatest bulwork of iniquity will have vanished, and all other evils will be marvelously enfeebled, for they are intimately related and depend upon one another as it were, actually dovetailed together. Some might still contend that since they are so intimately related, it might be as well to attempt to solve some of the other social problems first, which would be as sensible a course of procedure, as that of a man attempting to set a post in the ground and dig the hole afterwards.

All respect and credit to the good intentions and efforts of any and all; who have for their ideal the betterment of humanity who have a vision of that millenium to come, when the ethics

of the Lord Jesus, as written in the New Testament shall be predominant. The Prohibitionists have the same ideal. Some however seem so optimistic as to believe that such a condition or kindred state of affairs, may be "legislated into existence at one stroke." Let us remember that the Golden Age must be likened unto the petroleum thousands of feet under ground, and that it is impossible to reach it at one bound, as to obtain the oil without penetrating the hard stratas of intemperance first and then the tobacco evil, social vice, grand crime, selfishness and others.

Although you and I may never hope to see that millenium, yet undoubtedly many of us will live to witness the destruction of this monster and many of his kindred, before we lay down the sword. Verily, it will be but a few short years; but if we are true reformers filled with courage and patriotism, we will not fold our arms and say, our work is done. We will push forward utilizing every day and hour allotted to us in this brief "Bivouac of life," and prepare much for the temple of future generations as did David of old. Let us make a complete revolution of this key to reform, not leaving an enemy to breathe the word, saloon.



Entertained.

The Senior Collegiates with Prof. Clement and wife were entertained at the home of Miss Anna Colline on the evening of April 7. The evening was spent in several contests which taxed the power of that illustrious class. Delicious refreshments were served. All expressed themselves as having spent a pleasant evening.



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Editorials

Our new editor and business manager for the Rays are thoroughly equipped to continue the paper and we venture to say there will be some improvements the coming year. Those having the success of the paper at heart may show it in a substantial way by renewing your subscriptions and getting your friends to subscribe. Every student should join in saying "Long live the Rays."

No one can afford to miss chapel. The renewed special features of the chapel exercises make it worth while and we can enjoy it most by being there every morning.

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The coming contest between Cooper's Freshman Class and the Freshman College will encourage a healthy, competitive spirit and at the same time bring the schools into closer sympathy by becoming acquainted. It will also foster the spirit of the separate colleges and unify them more. Intercollegiate contests of all kinds will accomplish this when properly conducted. Who says the Freshmen are asleep?

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Not many men who are among the first donors to McPherson College have placed any money where there is more reason to be proud of the investment. The school has faced crises since then and emerged out of them stronger and better every time. People are awakening to the fact that an educational institution has no claim to the young men of our country unless she provides the facilities for keeping the body in good healthy condition. We are trying to meet this need. The student body pledged the first money, enough to prove their sincerity and faith, for an auditorium. Let us close our eyes and look back at McPherson College fifteen or twenty years ago. Then look at it today. Not that it is ideal or what those at its head are trying to make it; but face the facts squarely and fairly. Then we can put our hands deep into our pockets take a good big smile, close our eyes, and see the college as we would have it two years from now.

The proposed building means a better school, more students, more business for McPherson,—better prices for everybody. But the highest benefits are not those measured in dollars and cents, but the increased power to develop and educate not only those students that will be here regardless of the building but the new students that will be induced to come. This is the slogan—A new twelve thousand dollar auditorium-gymnasium within two years.

College Stand-Bys

The Easter greetings in this issue will not need an introduction to most of our readers. Professor and Mrs. Fahnestock have been with the college for twenty years. Mrs. Fahnestock taught shorthand seven years and in connection with her teaching, later graduated in the three year Bible course. She also taught Church History for three years. She organized the first Sister's Aid Society here in McPherson. To-day this organization has extended itself to all parts of the brotherhood. She has been very active in the social and religious life of the young people. The Young Women's Christian Association has retained her at its head for the past six years and at present she teaches a Bible class for this organization.

Professor Fahnestock has held many positions of distinction. He is recognized as one of the leading penmen of the Middle West. He has been President of the State Penmanship Association and the State Commercial Association. The past three years, he has been the state representative of the National Commercial Federation. He served as a city Councilman for eight years, was Chairman of the City Finance Committee and President of the City Council one year. He has always agitated the extension of the main and the contract is now let, extending the same to all the residents and college in first ward. By corresponding with senators from this district, he was instrumental in securing three additional city mail carriers. The Sunday School has always received his active support, the first seven years of his life here as superintendent and following that as teacher of the old peoples class.

Everyone acquainted with the history of the college appreciates his vital connection with it. He has been head of the Commercial department for twenty years, and Secretary and Treasurer of the college ever since he came here except one year, and is now Vice President of the Board of Directors. It was he that was able to induce Carnegie to contribute \$13,5000 for the present library, and further secured many collections for the museum, those presented by the King and Queen of Italy deserving special mention. He is recognized by eastern penmen



as being among the leading pen artists, and at present is working up a set of lessons for the Zanerian Art College of Columbus, Ohio.



Current News

Algernon Charles Swinburnes one of England's greatest poets, recently died at his home in that country of pneumonia, at the advanced age of seventy-two. His first contribution to literature was made in 1861, and his complete poetical works fill a number of volumes.



Norman E Mack has perfected plans for a democratic monthly magazine to be called the "National Monthly."



Mr. Roosevelt was most cordially received by King Victor Emanuel at Messina, Italy.



Andrew Carnegie has created a \$200,000 fund for Hamilton College at Utica, New York. It is called the Root fund in recognition of the services of Secretary Root in behalf of international peace. Mr. Root is a graduate of the college and his residence is located near the campus.



F. Marion Crawford, the great American novelist, is dead.



A great fire destroyed \$1,000,000 worth of property in Rochester, New York on April 13



Ex-Senator W. A. Harris of Kansas who is somewhat of an agriculturist has declined the presidency of the Colorado Agricultural College.



Samuel Gompers, after laying his plans before the American Federation of Labor will visit various countries of Europe including England, Germany, France; Sweden and Italy for the purpose of studying the conditions of the laboring classes in those countries.

Ethan Allen Hitchcock, a former member of McKinley's and Roosevelt's cabinets recently died in Washington at the age of seventy-four years. He was a direct decedent of Ethan Allen of Revolutionary times.

Under the direction of the marine hospital service a regular set of laws has been drawn up for the Southern cities. It is the intention to wage a systematic war on mosquitoes and flies, the great breeders of disease.

A mutiny or revolution has broken out among the Turkish soldiers in Constantinople. The facts of the disturbance have not been authoritatively reported.

Charges have been preferred against Minister Wu Ting Fang for writing threatening letters to Chinamen wanted as witnesses in court. The minister denies having had anything to do in the affair.



Geological Depository

My Dear Sir:

Referring to yours of the 21st ultimo, I will state that McPherson cannot be designated as a regular depository for the reason that Fairmount College at Wichita was designated some years ago and it is not possible to have more than one designated depository library in a Congressional district.

However, it will be possible to designate you as a Geological depository library and this will be done at once. I hope the publications will be interesting to your school.

Very truly yours,

Chester I. Long

S. B. Fahnestock, Esq., McPherson, Kansas.

Y. M. C. A. Conference at McPherson College.

The most important feature of our local association work of this year, was doubtless the entertainment of the President's Conference. It was determined at the State Convention to hold a President's Conference at Topeka for those institutions, which employ a general secretary, and another at McPherson College for associations not having a general secretary. Ever since this arrangement was accomplished by our student secretary, Mr. J. H. Dadisman, we have looked forward to these meetings with a high expectation, which has in no wise been disappointed by their realization. A committee had been duly appointed to provide for ample entertainment on and about College Hill. The people gladly opened their homes and hearts and extended a hearty welcome to their guests.

The conference was opened by Pres. Frantz Friday evening, April 16th. In this short but spirited, devotional service the delegates were led to see the powers of Almighty God.

Then Mr. Dadisman introduced Rev. Laflamme, traveling secretary for the Students Vol. Movement, who pointed out the need of a consecrated life. In the course of his excellent talk he demonstrated the Y. M. C. A. work might be conducted by First, Intellectual brilliancy; Second, Genial heart power; Third, Moral power; Fourth, Athletic interests.

But as long as association work means only this and nothing more it falls far short of its purpose. The work must be propelled by the Spirit of God.

Again and again Mr. Laflamme would repeat the burning words: "Have you received the Holy Ghost?"

The meeting was further conducted by Mr. Dadisman, who by suggestions and inquiry imparted many an important suggestion to the conference.

The first session on Saturday morning was opened by Mr. W. W. Dillon, field secretary of the Chicago Y. M. C. A. Training School, who pointed out the importance of being leaders.

Mr. R. W. Dettler then took charge of the meeting, and

discussed in a very able manner "The Fall Campaign." The conference was suspended during the chapel period at which Rev. Laflamme addressed the student body. After chapel the conference met in session and Mr. Branden of Emporia discussed the work of the Financial committee, and gave the delegates some important points on methods of raising the necessary money for the budget.

The afternoon meeting was conducted by Rev. Laflamme, who gave the conference some vital suggestions on the mission department; and by Prof. S. C. Miller, who discussed the problems of the Social Committee. Saturday evening Mr. Baker of Winfield addressed the meeting on the subject of "Devotional Meetings." Then Mr. Dadisman conducted the cascade rally, and after a short recess Mr. Dillon presented the work of the Bible Committee to the conference.

Mr. Dillon led the devotional meetings Sunday morning, which was followed by a well prepared missionary sermon delivered by Rev. Laflamme.

The Sunday afternoon meeting was addressed by Mr. Dillon in the city Y. M. C. A. rooms.

The conference terminated in a sermon delivered by Rev. Laflamme in the college chapel.

The delegates took a vital interest in all of the meetings during the entire conference and many helpful suggestions were rendered by the able leaders.

Eureka Sociey

There is nothing the matter with the Eurekas, only their "Scribe" was perhaps interested too much in the base ball games, hence failed to note the "stunts".

The last election of officers for our society resulted in the following: Miss Lula Ullom, Pres; Mr. G. M. John, Vice Pres; Miss Della Flickinger, Sec; Mr. Levi Stump, Treas; Mr. P. S. Goertz, Atty; Miss Daggett, Seargent.

We are sorry to say that our society work has closed for this year, as these newly elected officers would undoubtedly

like to use some of their overflowing ability by revolutionizing the "West".

We are glad to say that the work done by our society this year has been excellent, and from present indications the standard will be raised next year.

Two rival societies next year.

Quite a number of our members have gone home to help with the spring work on the farm.

A number of our members have been indulging in "Egg roasts" and "Lawn parties" (in the pasture) since we have no society. They certainly believe in doing things.

"Don't knock, but boost!" is the motto of every loyal Eureka.

Miss Elva Miller, a last years student and one of our members spent a few days with us last week.



Freshman Class

One of the most pleasing and enjoyable events of the season took place on St. Patrick's eve at the Irving Hall McPherson College, when Messers Gilbert Barnhill and Roy Carlson entertained the Freshmen Collegiates. One of the special features of the evening was a guessing contest which consisted of a "Floral Love Tale." Telegrams formed from the letters of "Saint Patrick" proved exceedingly interesting and entertaining as was also the game of "Who's It", which followed. At a late hour the guests found their respective places at the table which was artistically decorated in honor of the Saint. Four-leaf clovers served as place cards and the color scheme was carried throughout the bounteous five course supper. Punch was served during the evening and toasts and jolly Irish stories furnished ample amusement. The outside guests were Misses Neff, Price and Buchanan. Flashlights were taken of the crowd and they departed at an "early" hour, thanking the boys for a most delightful evening.

Preparations are being made and the judges have been

chosen for the contest, which is to take place between the
Freshmen College classes of McPherson and Cooper Colleges
at Sterling May 14th

Of all the students at M. C.
Who walk in wisdom's way,
The Freshman class has proved to be
The leader of the day.
In 1912 we'll wear the crown
Of victory on our brow.
We'll batter every barrier down
For we are victors now.

Chorus

The Freshmen now are we.
The pride of our M. C.
In every land our name shall stand,
The boast of old M. C.
Then join our Freshman song,
And swell the chorus strong.
From pole to pole let echoes roll
The mighty strains along.

We are the hope of our M. C.
Nor let her hope in vain,
Our Freshman class will prove to be
The record of the plums.
In every trial we are true
As metal from the fire.
We'll ever strive the right to do
And raise our standard higher.

Before us lies the path of truth
And then a shining goal
Oh Freshman! courage in thy youth
Thy worthy cause extoll.
Now let us up, with steps of grace
March on to victory.
M. C. be thou our resting place
Till we have honored thee.

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Director of Chapel Music.

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Jennie Bush Shirk, Librarian

Others supplied as class necessities demand.

On the Campus

Everything goes.

Greetings to the Freshies and their caps.

Jimmy says he can't play tennis when the wind blows.

There was but one Easter festival on the campus. All others were "blowed out".

"How do you like my new hat"? - The girls.

Russel says his roommate is in debt. Why, a "Dettler"?

James Rothrock made a flying trip to the State Reformatory recently. It was in the interest of the sociology class however.

Mr. Mobler is hereby appointed College Photographer vice W. O. Beckner, assigned to the duties.

Who's writing an oration on "dust".

Miss Lettie Kimmel, formerly a student, recently visited M. C. friends.

Hello, Carlson and the smile "that stays"!

The view agents are studying their little speech with GREAT delight. How thrilling is expectation!

Vacation? Yes, sure!

That final thesis is the Senior's problem.

Miss Gemma Hollinger is visiting relatives in Chapman.

Mrs. Lantzenhauser's work is highly complimented by all dormitory students. They appreciate good meals, and her work this year as well as her kindness to the students has won a lasting place in the hearts of the students.

Grace Vanniman has been elected the editor-in-chief for the Itaya the coming school year. Marion Studebaker will be the business manager. They are both well along in their college work, and we predict a good paper.

Mrs. Trostle has returned from the hospital and is regaining her health rapidly.

Bert and Eva Trostle spent a couple days visiting their mother while in St. Joseph.

The Y. M. C. A. conference brought a clean set of men here. We will join in saying, "come again".

We are for McPherson. Are you?

Spring is here again, happiest time of all the year. Only a few more weeks of school! We nail vacation with joy.

W. D. Beckner has left us. He expects to spend a week with his sister in Colorado before going on to the coast, where he will sail about May 1.

Our dormitory family has lately increased since the convention boys are here.

Lucy Boone is slowly improving. She has had a very serious illness.

Prof. Clement is spending a few days at Anthony, Kansas with his brother.

Messrs. Berry, Thompson and Buckman spent Sunday at home.

Caris and Alice Ford visited their brother at Hutchinson last Sunday.

The Missionary program given in the chapel Sunday evening, April 11, was a splendid one. Those who appeared deserve credit for their work. The audience appreciated and enjoyed the program.

We enjoyed many jokes on April 1. Our professors found time to engage in some slight merriment.

Class spirit is being aroused. "Something going to be doing" now soon.

The Sophs. have organized with Mr. Russel as president. With such an enthusiastic booster we expect to keep alive, at least, and we want you to hear from us.

Everyone was pleased at the appearance of the orchestra in chapel recently. Their music was appreciated and we hope they will come again.

Roy Carlson recently visited at Sabetha, Kans.

Each human life is a whole orchestra in itself. Is yours

in tune? Does it always produce sweet music?

If you would be happy think of those around you; think of their pleasure and their pain, it will not be in vain. Perhaps you can help them.

Miss Oraik from Oklahoma visited her brother here last week.

Miss Elva Miller now at Kansas City recently spent a few days visiting friends at the college.

"Faith drives thru every storm and plants its feet at last on the heights above."

Many of the students enjoyed the "Messiah at Lindeborg last week.

A miss may mean life so be thankful for what you have missed in life.

Silva Miller spent Sunday at her home.



Working for His Ph. D. in Kansas University

Mr. R. W. Baldwin, A. B. '06 McPherson College secured his A. M. degree from Kansas University last spring and is now working for his Ph. D. degree.

Ray has the energy and perseverance that is destined to secure him a prominent place in life's activity. His original work conducted during the past summer, consisting of a study of rural conditions in Barton Co. Kansas, has secured much favorable comment.

Recently he was elected president of the Kansas University graduate club, which consists of about 100 members all having their A. B. or A. M. degrees.

Commercial Notes

This year there will be an unusually large and strong stenography class in the short hand department.

Quite a number have completed the commercial course and a few will finish next month. A number are planning to return next year to complete the course.

Many of our graduates are filling lucrative positions in various parts of the country.

Mr. Cameron a former student, of the commercial department is now filling a position with the Hong Kong Banking Co., of Shanghai, China.

Charles Ulrey formerly a student of McPherson College is receiving a salary of one hundred dollars per month in South America.

J. F. Bowers seems to have made a hit with the commercial department at La Junta, Colo., and will remain with the same school next year.



The Unknown Dead

(Decoration Day)

Sleeping by streamlet in shadowy dell
Neath the green turf each in his low cell,
Lie the dear brothers our fathers have known,
Mouldering there far away and alone;
Nameless to us who now walk overhead,—
Unbreathed by the living are these honored dead;
Lost to their friends who yet linger 'round,
Lost to us all are these the uncrowned;
Dear to the memory of patriot and son,
Dear to the nation with such valor won:
Laud them this May day;—these heroes so dear,
Give to the unknown a wreath and a tear.

Once they went forth in the springtime of life,
Leaving their all to engage in the strife;
In these young bosoms there welled up a pride,
Hopeful, uplifting perennial tide:
Then came the ebbing as life passed away,
Fatal to hopes they had cherished alway,
Joys of home coming a dream of the past,
Thoughts of the hearthstone remained to the last.
Theirs not to live for their country and God,
Theirs but to slumber and waste 'neath the sod.
Long years have fled since they faded away here,
Give to the unknown a wreath and a tear.

Over the graves of these heroes that rest
Peacefully sleeping unknown, uncared,
Strangers may linger and murmur a name,
Mindful of one falling a stranger to fame.
Tombstone or tablet no token present:
Vain to the eye is the cold monument,
This is God's acre, the nation's own shrine,
At which our fables we fain would resign,
Homage here offer with loving accord;
Garlands and chaplets we well can afford;
Lovingly deck them who lie far and near,
Give to the unknown a wreath and a tear.

Seek not the one under well carved stone,
Honored by thousands, but seek the unknown;
Strew on these graves without pomp or display,
Choicest of garlands from flowery May:
Feelings of tenderness seek not to restrain;
National glory and prestige maintain.
These are our heroes, yez, these the unknown.
Quietly sleeping with wild grass o'ergrown.
Their's was the sacrifice, ours is the gain,
Theirs be the honor so let it remain,
Ours be the duty when springtime is here;
Kindly to give them a wreath and a tear.

E. L. CRAIG

Real Athletes Say Prayers

The college athlete of to-day is a clean man, who lives an upright life, and his shining example is what makes others follow him. That's what Coach H. L. Biglow says, and he tells an interesting tale of what the college man today is.

"The big man at college to-day," said Coach Biglow. "is not the one who can drink everybody else under the table. The truest and strongest man is not necessarily the one who follows the crowd and does what every other man thinks is the best thing to do. Nowadays college morals are on a higher plane. Some of the best men of the colleges are those who go in for sports, and the fellow who does must be a clean man. One old time follower of athletic sports, who has followed every football game for the last twenty years, recently told me that he had discovered it to be a fact that no man who was good on the field was ever anything but good when he got off the field and entered his life work. We who have watched football and the other branches of college sports have reason to learn that the man on the eleven or on the track who has a good religious backing is the man in whom everyone has confidence. You would be surprised to find how many athletes there are who at night say their prayers before they go to bed. Fully three quarters of the athletes I know whose work amounts to something and in whom their team-mates have implicit confidence say their prayers whether they be alone or in training quarters with other men."—Kansas City Star.



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