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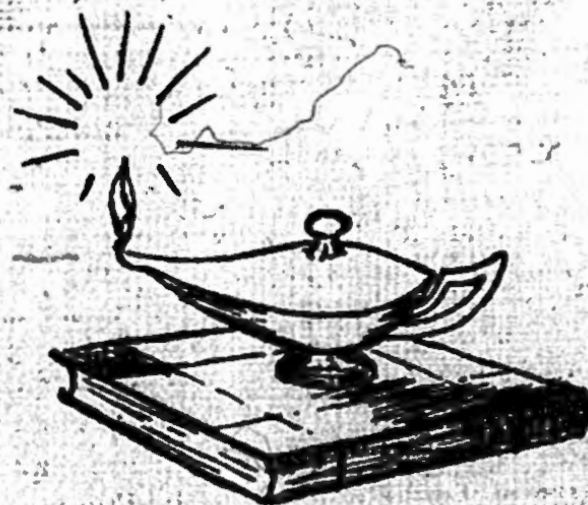
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The Limitations of Science

By Arthur B. Frizell, Ph. D. Head of Mathematics Department,
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It is almost an article of faith with those who possess only a general scientific training, that there are no limits to the progress of science. But, in fact, science has progressed so far that certain apparently impassable barriers are already within the ken of the specialist. The popular theory is doubtless due to the fact that most of us today are familiar, not with science, but only with its application to everyday affairs. People know that it is due to science that we are able to operate autos and aeroplanes, build battleships and skyscrapers, enjoy moving picture shows and receive messages by wireless telegraphy.

In all these and countless other applications, we see a scheme that works, and we are readily led to make the induction that every practical problem will be solved and every abstract question settled. But it is a false induction. Edison may express himself dogmatically about immortality and the multitude may believe him because he has made so many inventions that work. But Edison knows no more about immortality than you or I, and if Edison were a scientist instead of an inventor he would state his opinions more cautiously. For science is founded on the maxim of Socrates: "What things I do not know, those I do not even pretend to know." And Socrates said that this was the reason why the Delphic oracle declared him the wisest of the Athenians.

Now, not only does every scientist realize that there are things which he does not know, but we are even beginning to suspect

strongly that there are things which science cannot find out. For example, Isaac Newton proposed a very general theory, known as the law of gravitation, which has been verified in almost all cases hitherto tested—almost but not quite all. Certain irregularities in the motion of the planet Mercury remain unexplained. A celebrated American astronomer—the discoverer of the moons of Mars—suggested that if Newton's law were not exactly true but only very nearly so, everything could be accounted for. But it is not possible to ascertain by measurement whether the law of gravitation is absolutely accurate or not.

Again, the geometry of Euclid which everyone learns in school, depends upon a certain assumption or axiom that was accepted without question for twenty centuries. About a century ago, however, Lobatchevsky and others devised geometrical systems equally logical but based on different assumptions so that, for example, in these geometries the sum of the three angles of a triangle is not equal to two right angles. We are not able to decide which assumption is true and there seems no reason to expect that we ever can decide.

Physicists assume that all space is permeated by a substance called the ether, not perceptible to our senses, but by aid of which it is possible to explain the transmission of light and phenomena of electromagnetism. Recent discussions have raised the question whether other bodies are at rest relatively to the ether or move with it. On the authority of the best mathematicians in Europe it may be affirmed that it is impossible to settle this question by experiment.

These things all affect fundamental principles in the most infallible of all sciences. Further, among all branches of mathematics, the most certain is arithmetic. Heinrich Heine ridiculed the catechism as inconsistent with the multiplication table, but the twentieth century knows an arithmetic in which this inconsistency no longer exists, and which is as yet the most wonderful creation of the human intellect. Here we meet with problems which it

is absolutely impossible to solve, because it can be shown that no finite number of steps could possibly yield a solution. That is, in certain directions, mathematics has come in sight of essential limitations on human achievement. What lies beyond is not a matter of knowledge, but of faith, which is content to believe where it may not pretend to know. In this domain it is as true today as it was three thousand years ago, that, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do thereafter."

Shall I Take a Short Course?

By Professor E. L. Craik, A. M.

People like to do things quickly these days. It is the inevitable result of our unparalleled progress in invention that it is so. To do things the longest and hardest way would be to return to the ways of our fathers, and the man who would persist in doing things that way would use too much time to fit well into the complexity of our social life. This is the day of the "short cuts."

It seems that some things are often overlooked in studying this modern tendency. Some have thought, possibly, that increased swiftness has been accompanied by diminution of quality, and this is perhaps in many instances true, since there are many more places for such. But we are hardly so pessimistic as to think that there is on the whole any less thoroughness expected today than was formerly required. The last few years have simply raised the standard of quality and we have not to search very far to become aware of this fact. He who desires to become a master of any line of work will invariably find that the requirements are yearly growing stricter. The demand is for men and women who know something about everything and everything about some one thing. It is in the light of this statement that we want to discuss briefly the modern short course. The point of view is that of a young

person who may to a reasonable degree choose what he will.

Summer schools, business schools, agricultural schools, etc., have done untold good by offering work which applies to the present need and promises quick returns." This appeals to the "quick return" spirit of the age. It affords great assistance to those who can ill afford to take off four years for intensive preparation. To such it may be a boon. If they use it to the best of their power they are doing all that can reasonably be expected. Not so with our young man; he has the most of life before him, and is practically independent as to his line of action. The very best is none too good for him. To him it is wrong to accept either the good or the better when the best can be attained. Still, the short course, whatever its nature, may help him in one way: it may teach him its own insufficiency, and for this it is to be commended. Many a boy has started out on a nine months business course only to catch in the end a vision of a college education later to be realized. Unfortunate it is that so few have had this experience.

On the other hand the short course fails when it proposes to equip the graduate of a one year's course to cope with the man who knows other fields besides his own. The latter has more invested in both time and money. Isn't it reasonable to expect him to reap larger returns? And then, too, one must be bigger than his business, whatever that may be. Only in that way can he really be charitable towards those following other lines.

The human mind cannot learn many things thoroughly in a short time. A long course makes allowance for this fact. A person must live within an atmosphere for a long time before he can imbibe much of what is offered. This secures a more varied experience, and hence a more thoroughly grounded mastery.

Perhaps, though, the chief evil connected with the short course is the fact that it may be substituted for a long one. This involves a moral consideration. It may beget the spirit of unwillingness to pay the price for the better things of life. That is always

a tragedy. They can only be rightfully had by paying the price. Nothing really good in character or ability is given away; the desirable thing must be purchased. We must develop the doctrine of self-denial in order to effect a reform along this line. Only when the young man is actively willing to forego the good or better of today for the best of tomorrow and is willing to begin today to pay for that best, can he hope to become a master.

The greatest life in the ages was not developed in a short time. The Great Teacher spent by far the greater part of his earthly life in preparation. The size of his work required it and he entered upon his duties with zest when once prepared. May we not from that life take the lesson of long preparation for the most useful and most complete living?

The Everglades

Upon request I write my opinion based on facts of this much misunderstood "Land of Mystery."

Volumes have been written but for the most part these accounts are misleading since they give only partial statements either to knock or boom. Having devoted nearly three years studying and personally investigating the Everglades with parties from all over the United States and carefully weighing their opinions I feel certain I am qualified to judge, and that my opinion deserves credit.

The Everglades lie in a solid body extending from Lake Okechobee to the southern end of the mainland and are fifty miles in width, and contain about 4,000,000 acres. The surface is practically unbroken and level except for a general slope to the south and east. It was covered for the most part by water from a few inches to three feet deep constantly moving toward the ocean. The soil is humus or decomposed vegetation and very rich. Although rich in nitrogen it is usually deficient in lime and potash but these are cheap and easy to obtain.

The water is clear and pure. Disease cannot exist nor mosquitoes breed in it and hence this is the healthiest part of the state if not the U. S. The temperature rarely rises to 92 and the ever present sea breeze makes the summers pleasant while the winters have no equal and are enjoyed by thousands of men and women of wealth and prominence. Among the many this season were Vanderbilts, Goulds, Richard Croker, Roosevelt, Nordica, W. J. Bryan and a dozen governors and fifty congressmen.

Although the Everglades will produce almost any crop grown we predict that sugar cane will cover half the area and rice, tropical fruits and winter vegetables the remainder. Many varieties of new fruits and vegetables are being imported from Africa South America, and the Islands of the sea and in nearly every instance they seem to thrive. Hence no man can foretell the future of this new Empire.

Will the Everglades be drained? Is the one great question. YES without a doubt for water runs down hill in Florida. The State is digging five main canals from the lake to the ocean and one is completed to the Gulf. Another one is just completed and nine huge dredges are working day and night (except Sunday's) and they must be completed by July 1st, 1913. These canals are from 40 to 60 feet wide and 8 to 14 feet in depth. The fall is greater than the Mississippi river. One of these canals discharges 2,000 cubic feet of water per second. From two to four locks are necessary in each canal. Three secondary canals are being dug midway between these and the state will dig many small laterals for perfect control of the water at all times.

Fellow students I repeat "Education is the best investment you can make and Everglades is next best." So stay in college and finish your course.—C. H. SLIFER, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Synopsis of the programme for Home Coming Week.

May 20 Monday Evening, Musical Recital.

May 21 Tuesday, Evening, Expression Recital.

May 22 Wednesday, Field Day.

May 22, Wednesday, Evening, Faculty Reception.

May 23, Thursday, Class Day.

May 23, Thursday Evening, Alumni Reunion.

May 24, Friday Morning, Commencement.

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Editorials

Pay your subscription fee for the Rays of Light.--We need the money.

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Many people who are great peace advocates nationally and internationally are eternally stirring up petty wars at home. This applies to some of the inhabitants of McPherson College.

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Some of the authorities in charge of our dormitory act as if they were running a reformatory, rather than a dormitory. The girls are not serving a term in prison but a term or two in school.

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If the selfishness were subtracted from most of the religion in the world, many people who now boast of and gloat over the thought of the "sack full" would surprisingly find that they have a minus quantity and that their supposed "full sacks" are worse than empty bags turned wrong side out.

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Justice demands that a person in trouble be considered innocent until found guilty.--People are tried, to find whether they are guilty; not whether they are innocent.--In actual practice

however, even among the supposedly most righteous this principle often fails of application—Upon the slightest suspicion people are considered and treated as if guilty until they prove their innocence, and even then they are looked down upon because of their success in clearing themselves.

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And Teddy will accept? How about an apology for giving us Taft? Or is this to be considered as an apology to the American people for unloading him on us? Surely he cannot accept this the highest gift at the hands of the American nation without first in some manner making recompense and seeking atonement for having handed us such a "package." If taking the Presidency is the only apology he can make for the deal, what in the world will be expected from the American people for his apology the next time he tires of the Presidency and blunders in, thus dictating and appointing such a successor? A jeweled Monarch's crown? Can this nation produce only one man in a decade fit and capable for the Presidency? Such ideas and affairs make all thinking citizens tired.

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We wish to thank Mr. Edinburgh, editor of the Bethany Messenger for his complimentary remarks concerning our basket-ball team. We are a member of that team and we, with the other members of the team surely deem it a noble deed of his to so kindly inform us of our moral uncouthness through the columns of his illustrious weekly, by stating that we are unconscientious. Now, not doubting his word we would like to state that we have never failed to keep our word, nor refused to play stipulated return games. Neither have we boasted of being "terrible" and then at the time of show down, taken cold feet. But, however, I am sure Mr. Edinburgh, that we as a fellow editor, and a member of our basket-ball team along with the other members SHALL hereafter in order that we may repay you in some measure at least for the uncalled for gratefulness you have shown us by informing us of our ethical deficiency, try henceforth to have a conscience of which

you discovered we were devoid and with it be conscientious; also that we may in so doing, be able to command the respect of you and the many other Bethany students whom we personally know and whose ethical standards we believe to be above reproach.

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The McPherson College "Bulletin" recently published and circulated is deserving of notice. It is a worthy undertaking and will no doubt be successful in accomplishing its purpose. The articles therein are worthy of being read, several being taken from the Rays of Light; hence of good conservative, substantial material. The Rays is glad for the uncredited and unrecognized assistance which it rendered in the work, even though it did fall of recognition in the Bulletin as one of the College enterprises.

Our only criticism would be, more of an official stamp back of and on its contents and more recognition of deservant major enterprises and organizations with less on the minor and where credit is less deserving.

Local Rays

Owing to the fact that no basket ball game has been staged recently, enthusiasm has to a large degree died out. This will be revived with interest however when the Terrible Swedes come up to meet their fate.

After listening to the anecdote told by S. C. Miller in regard to woodpeckers being hatched from eggs laid by hens fed upon a saw-dust diet, we are led to wonder if eating sawdust pudding doesn't produce blockheads.

Leon Moomaw, Central Interstate Prohibition Secretary, visited M. C. recently. He had intended to address the Y. M. C. A. but on account of his train being delayed at Hutchinson, he was unable to arrive in time to render his address.

Our friend and fellow student, Jonathan Schmidt, has been getting "Foxy" lately.

The members of the Senior College department are practicing diligently for their commencement play. Mrs. Haugh is instructing them and as the class numbers several Expression students, there should be no flaws in the rendition.

The Physics Laboratory room has been converted, during the lunch hours, into a dining room for the Stag Eating Club. The down-town girls spend an enjoyable hour in luncheon and gossip in the expression room.

It was reported, however unofficially, that on February 15th, Prof. Miller came to his German III class on time.

Prof. Thompson attended a family reunion at Lindsborg recently. Thompson says that when it comes to the eats, there is nothing like a Swedish feast.

It has been observed that another case of affinity has recently terminated in a separation at M. C. Moral: "She has paid the Price."

Mr. Earl Shupe of Lost Springs, a former Commercial graduate here, visited M. C. and on account of the snow blockade was detained here several days. Mr. Fred Newton, principal of Medora, was also snowbound in McPherson for a few days.

Bess Bennel in Sixth year Latin, reading "Si quis me quaeret rufus,"—"If any one should call me red headed—?!!

Rev. J. J. Yoder has just returned from Waterloo, Iowa, where he has been engaged in evangelistic work.

The Y. M. C. A. State Convention at Hutchinson was well attended by M. C. students. About fifty of the College students attended as delegates.

The first issue of the McPherson College Bulletin has been published. This bulletin is a neat little pamphlet and contains some very interesting reading.

Dr. W. C. Heaston delivered a splendid address to the Y. W. C. A.

Mr. Stump introducing a speaker at Y. M. meeting: "Mr. Nin-

inger hasn't been informed that he is to speak, and so his talk will be purely spontaneous."

C. H. Slifer, a former graduate of this school, gave a recent address to the student body concerning "Teaching and the Everglades."

Many of the students are taking advantage of the splendid evenings and the snow filled roads, by taking sleigh rides.

The first few days of the week succeeding the heavy snow-storm, the attendance was noticeably diminished as many of the students who had gone home over Sunday were snowbound and could not arrive until the end of the week.

Miss Ruth Berggren of Caldwell, Kansas, has been visiting several days with her sister Helen.

Don't forget the Country Circus at the Y. M. C. A. the first week in April.

On account of a severe cold, Mrs. Haugh was unable to teach her expression classes for a few days.

Bennie Bixby's got the dumps; the doctor says he has the mumps.

Prof. and Mrs. Wright and Mr. Wright, Junior, have taken up their abode in the College Dormitory.

Prof. Frizell gave an interesting Y. M. address recently.

The Knights of the Golden Garter, together with their lady friends, recently enjoyed a pleasant evening at the home of Knight Templar Galle.

The Senior Expression class will render a recital the first week of the new term.

The Commercial Basket Ball team recently handed out a defeat to the Canton H. S. team.

An effort is being put forth by Prof. B. S. Haugh and others to reorganize the Choral Club and to arouse a keener interest in this phase of College life.

Do not cause Glen Kuns to laugh. He has a beautiful boll up on his proboscis.

Mr. Carl Swanson has dropped his studies for a time and is now working at Smalley's Seed Store.

Some of the College girls recently gave a Leap Year party, and invited all out of town guests. We wonder if the girls paid the railroad expenses of the young men and their board bill while they were snowbound in this burg.

Social Notes

A very jolly and informal party was held at the home of Mr. John Berkeybile Saturday evening, Feb. 10th, in honor of his nephew, Glenn Shemp, who with his mother, spent a short time visiting here in the city.

Games and music furnished entertainment for the crowd and during the evening "naugat," Mr. Shemp's favorite, and other candies were served and enjoyed by all.

Friday night February 9th., the Y. W. and Y. M., gave a very enjoyable "Backwards" Social. The guests on arrival were given names belonging to various families and asked to reach their destination by backing in. Refreshments were served immediately beginning with tooth picks and apples and though the waiters served in a very backward manner the guests did not hesitate in eating in a very forward manner. Various games, and contests, such as, "Constructing the Pig," Passing of the clothes pins. Making animals from gum and other games furnished amusement for the evening and it was at a late hour that the guests departed, thanking the Y. W. and Y. M. committee for a good time.

The Leap Year Party given Saturday evening, February 24th, by a number of College girls at the home of Evelyn Trostle on College Hill, was a most unique and enjoyable event. The house was

artistically decorated with college posters and pennants and mottoes appropriate to the occasion. Various games and contests proving the domestic abilities of the gentlemen; and appropriate music furnished entertainment for the evening. Telegram proposals written by the girls and answered by the boys were especially amusing.

Small tables decorated with red and white carnations were brought in, and a progressive four course luncheon was served. Between courses the boys tried to decipher the hieroglyphics of their menu cards, and later during the "Punch and Judy" course, toasts were exchanged.

The guests were: G. E. Barnhill, Ramona, Kansas; W. E. Ellis of Lamar, Colorado; Adolph Bartells, Inman, Kansas; C. E. Shupe, Kansas City, Missouri; E. H. Kimmel from Larned, Kansas, and F. O. Newton of Sylvia, Kansas.

Organizations

Occasionally during the last few months one would hear the question, "What has become of the Societies?"—and the answer would be, "Oh, the societies have gone dead," But where the Eureka's were concerned, the answer was not true, as any-one will see who comes into the chapel every Saturday evening at 8 P. M.

This society which is composed of some of the most interesting people that ever hit the campus, has not been dead, but merely remaining quiet and gaining strength thereby. It has again burst into a new existence with a boom that can be heard all over the hill. A new and splendid staff of officers have been elected for this term and if you don't believe the Eureka's are doing something, just come in and witness some of our programmes. Some of the numbers will probably be music, readings, drills, papers, as well as intellectual articles.

The State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. held at Hutchinson

this year afforded a rare opportunity to our association. A great deal of enthusiasm was aroused and a special car was ordered to carry our delegation down to the Convention City. There were thirty-six delegates from our association besides a good delegation from the City Y. M. C. A. We were royally entertained by the citizens of Hutchinson who furnished us lodging and breakfast. We were also taken free of charge to visit one of the large salt plants, and the reformatory; the latter was a very interesting experience and was greatly enjoyed by all.

Now as to the Convention proper. We had some great meetings, as could well be expected; the best speakers and the strongest men of the Y. M. C. A. movement were present. The splendid addresses given by them were greatly enjoyed by all and filled us with enthusiasm and inspiration to make the world better. We returned feeling that these conventions are really an essential part of our college education.

Wednesday morning, Feb. 28th, we had the good fortune of having Dr. Frizell speak to the Y. M. C. A. during the Chapel period. The message he gave was greatly appreciated by all present and we express our hopes that we may hear him again in the near future.

On Wednesday morning, Feb. 7th, 1912, the Y. W. C. A. girls met at the usual hour in Irving Hall. The subject was, "The Social and Economic Conditions of Women."

The principal ideas treated were, The Choice of Woman's work; The life of the Factory Girl; and Girls' Clubs and Classes.

The meeting was well conducted by Miss Viola Vaniman.

Wednesday morning, Feb. 14, the meeting was lead by Miss Elsie Buckman. There was no definite subject, but the "Chain Meeting" was very good. Each girl gave a short talk or quotation thereby spending the hour very profitably.

Wednesday morning, Feb. 21, more than the usual number of

girls assembled to listen to an address by Dr. Heaston.

The number of girls and their expectant facial expressions proved that they were waiting for a rare treat. In this they were not disappointed. Dr. Heaston spoke on The Hygiene of Girls Clothing. His talk was intensely interesting and very practical.

Wednesday Morning, February 26, Miss Oral Matchette talked to the girls on the subject of "A Practical Education." Space will not permit telling all the good things said but some of them must be noted.

"Ah education is not a real education unless it is put into practical use."

"A practical education does not cause one to work above the uneducated, but makes one more able to work with them."

"A practical education does not necessarily prepare one to do great things, but prepares him to do the little things well."

The one thing that is left for the M. C. girls to do is to make use of the many good things we learn here and put all our education into practical use and thus prove to the people in our Home Communities that it does pay to be in McPherson College.

Athletics

The "Terrible Swedes" are afraid of their medicine and will not meet McPherson on the home court this season. McPherson lost the game at Lindsborg by six points and got away without much damage being done. But judging from behavior, manners, and drastic threats made while there had the game gone the other way, it would be only wild speculation to state what might have happened. We played at Lindsborg with the understanding they would play a return game here. We were defeated there and took our defeat honorably, expecting later to show "them up" as we now know we are able. The refusal to meet us here tells the

story, they rightly deserve the title "terrible." Yellow has always been a popular streak at Lindsborg and the Basket Ball team sure showed the color.—G. W.

Indications joint to the fact that base ball is dead at M. C. will be buried during the spring season and not resurrected until the Judgement Day.—G. W.

Intercollegiate

The Southwestern Collegian (Winfield) is an excellent weekly and is one of the best exchanges we have. The way it advertises college happenings deserves special mention.

The Philomathean Monthly is a good paper but the printing of a few cuts would help it considerably.

We wish to return the comp to us by the Midland. Many thanks for your words. We wish to return them.

The Wesleyan Advance comes to us regular and is one of the best exchanges we have.

The Lordsburg College Educator is a good paper but the different departments are too crowded. Some of them are hardly noticable.

Our College Times deserves special mention but we believe that the editorials could be improved to some extent.

We don't object to being criticised when it is necessary and we don't criticise the editor of The Bethany Messenger for some things that appear in that paper. When it comes to willfully making false statements about our basket-ball team then is when we object, as to playing clean conscientious basket-ball we will stake our team any time. Some professional coaches could learn more of the game if they so wished or if he knows it he don't show it.

The Habit by the Salina High School is a neat, readable, and interesting paper.

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Editorials

During the past seven weeks the editor of this department has been traveling over the much famed state of Arkansaw. Miss Colline being at K. U. and the impassable roads confining Mr. Baldwin to his work at the farm, the Alumni board has not been able to have any official meetings, lacking a quorum, but just the same, plans for the Home Coming have been developing and only wait for official sanction. Next month we expect to publish the complete program and plans for the week.

I have often heard of the slow train through Arkansaw. I think I rode on it the other day, at least it showed strong symptoms. We were going through the Ozarks of North Arkansaw. At Baker, whose population consisted of one sign post marking the place, and a varying number of 'wind splitters or "razor backs", a man came out of the hills, flagged the train and bought a dime's worth of bananas from the News boy. We were only about three hours late and bless you, he had to have the bananas.

Arkansaw is a great state in spite of the jokes with which she is so often associated. Many people are becoming wealthy because of her resources, which are rich and varied; diamond mines and coal, acres and acres of fruit, rice, corn and cotton, elegant timber, chills, razor backs, and political graft might be mentioned.

At another little town where I stopped a couple of days to install some heaters, I was amused at a little incident among the

The Ottawa is keeping up its good record but it says some things that don't exactly fit sometimes and it is also good to print all the news.

University life of Wichita is open for improvement.

We would suggest that the Purple and Gold present itself in a more artistic cover.

The Daleville Leader contains some excellent articles and also some good jokes.

College Rays is a good paper and neat but could be improved much by putting in some pictures once 'n a while.

Some departments in the Carthage Collegian are good while others are minus quantity.

St. Anslems College Monthly is a neat and pleasing little paper.

Precept and injunction do not appreciably affect men, but food, air, water, clothing, shelter, pictures, music, books and associates will and do.

Science is definite, accurate, organized knowledge concerning the things that make up our environment.

DO IT NOW.

When you've got a job to do

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If it's one you wish was thru,

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Just tackle it alone,

Don't hem and haw and groan,

Do it now.

—From the Business Men's Calendar.

colored population. A revival was on and Brudder Johnson the evangelist was caught one day, embracing the contralto behind the choir door. Deacon White protested, of course, but Brudder Johnson defended himself somewhat as follows:

"Brudder White, yo see dese pictures ob de good shepard wid a lamb in his ahms."

"Yes Suh."

"Well den kin you tell me whahs de objections if de shepard od de flock sees fit to take a lamb in his ahms?"

"The Deacon was stumped, but nevertheless there was a call meeting that afternoon. After due consideration, discussion pro and con the following resolution was passed and tacked on the church door.

"Resolved, that for the future peace and consanguinity ob dis congregation, whenever Brudder Johnson feels impelled to take a lamb in his ahms, he elect a Ram Lamb."

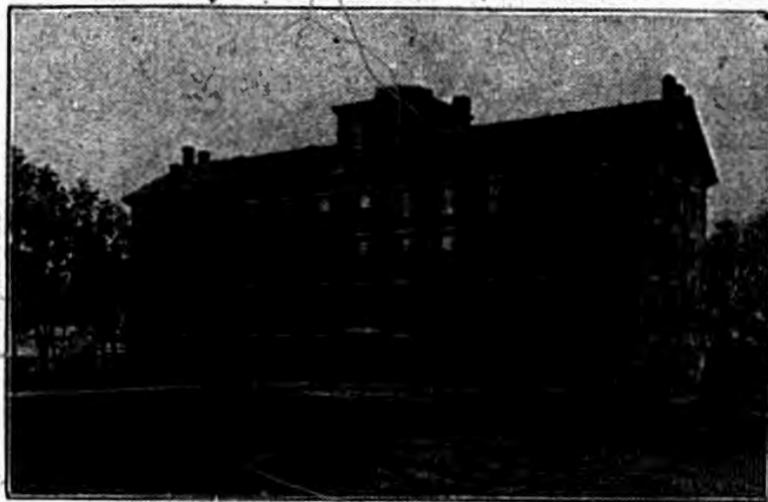
Alumni Personals

In March the Hill enjoyed a visit from Geo. D. Kuns and family. Geo. is a busy man these days, being a successful farmer and pastor to a flourishing church at McLouth. He reports that all the McPhersonites at McLouth are happy and doing well. It was like old times to listen to one of his excellent sermons. We certainly do enjoy these visits from the Alumni.

John David Bowers is the latest son and heir of Earl and Mabel. He is going to help his Dad raise corn and hogs.

It is reported that Prof. Garfield Shirks are very proud of a sweet little girl who has just recently come to live with them. We didn't learn her name.

At a late hour we have learned of the death of Geo. M. Lauver, but have been unable to find out the circumstances further than that it occurred after about a month's severe illness. Mr. Lauver finished the Academy at M. C. in '96 and the Normal in '97. Most



HISTORIC OLD SANDSTONE.

Mt. Morris College, Mt. Morris, Illinois. Built in 1851. Burned January 15, 1912, after 61 years of service.

AN APPRECIATION BY DR. HARNLY.

The last landmark of Rock River seminary is gone. The original Rock River Seminary had been opened in 1839, seventy-three years ago, in what was afterwards the ladies' dormitory of Mt. Morris College.

Many notable men have been housed in these historic structures. Among them are Senator Cullom, Congressman R. Hitt and Gen. Lew Wallace.

Rock River Seminary closed in 1878. The campus and two buildings were bought by Robt. Hitt and sold to D. E. Miller, Melchor Necomer and J. W. Stine. With this beginning and a new faculty, in 1879, they opened Mt. Morris College under the auspices of the Brethren Church. Three new buildings have since been added, College Hall, The Ladies' Dormitory and the Auditorium. The College is more prosperous today than ever. This loss is a severe blow and we sympathize with the trustees and management of our sister College. We have confidence that the blow will, in the end, prove the awakening to greater activity, and that by the support of the Alumni, old students and many friends, out of the ruins of "Old Sandstone" will arise a modern Boys Hall and a Science Hall.

No. 42, fourth floor was occupied by Harnly and Vaniman, 1883-4, now trustees of McPherson College; No. 41, the same year, by Prof. Muir.

of his life has been spent in the school room. For several years he has been associated with Bethany Bible School at Chicago. We hope to give a more complete statement next month.

A Colony to Panama

Mr. Trostle has made two trips to Panama and South America for the purpose of investigating and studying conditions with a view of establishing a colony which shall be the foundation of a College and the centre of uplift for the territory influenced by it. We are glad indeed to have this report from him. For several years he has been intimately associated with life at the College and naturally, we are all interested in this enterprise which has for its aim and purpose, the betterment of conditions in our sister continent. Furthermore, we like to know that our Alumni are planning and doing big things.—Editor.

The four hundred years of Priest Craft in Central and South America have developed conditions which appeal to us for relief. After a careful investigation extending over many months and involving two trips over a great part of both Central and South America I reached the conclusion that these conditions can be helped best by the combined influences of the School, the Christian Home and the Church; A School that will bring to the young the best that we have and lead them to think for themselves; the influence of Christian Homes and of the man in business and on the farm, so that the people can see the actual operation of Christian principles; the Church which will create and organize a Christian social environment for both native and colonist. Latin America needs all three of these influences and the colony is obviously the best means of supplying them. Any one going there alone will suffer and has in many places, failed. The best and most influential workers and business men, many of whom have been there a life time and speak from years of experience, recommend a North American Colony.

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