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THE ROLL CALL of the CENTURY

A century one score and six years ago our nation was rocked in the cradle of liberty. Just as England was about to drown her child in a sea of blood an omnipotent God signaled the destiny of a Moses. Henceforth, the cradle swung to and fro above the din and smoke of battle until an omniscient Hand rested it safely and securely upon the mighty pillars of a nation unconquerable. Tempests of war and fields of blood have sometimes weakened us, but such Godsent men as the martyred trio, Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley have been able to bring us thru more than conquerors. The ideas of these men permeate the minds of our American millions, and call forth the most beautiful devotion for our land. Strength does not depend simply on conquering armies and victorious fleets, for "Principles are stronger than armies." America is now at peace, and we cherish the tie which binds us in sacred Union. What does this union signify? Ah! It means world-wide respect. It means victory

complete. It means a nation that is conscious of the cruelties of war, and is rejoiced for the blessings of sweet peace rather than for the triumphs of battle. It means a nation pre-eminent. Between the Pilgrim's Rock and the Golden Gate there is no civil strife. East, west, north and south, the nation is bound by the strongest chains of brotherly love. The curtain in the great drama of the battle for national existence has just arisen. Centuries have marked its rise and fall. Thru long aeons of time there has been one uninterrupted play, only with ever varied scenes. As the veil lifts at the beginning of this twentieth century there opens to our vision the most wonderful scene in the history of the world. It is still the struggle for national existence. Upon the stage are Shakespearian actors, shrewd diplomats and trained soldiers. Soldiers not only of Grecian valor but also of Christian fortitude and bravery. As the wheel of centuries revolves one throne is erected where others tottered and fell.

The great kingdoms and empires of the east have faded from light. The prowess of Achilles, the glory of Alex-

auder's triumphs, the splendor of Cleopatra's court, all in turn have disappeared. Kings have died and fame has been forgotten. Only a few crumbled and scattered fragments of this former grandeur remain, and it is through these that we are accustomed to decipher the past and predict the future. Time rolls on, leaving behind defeated hopes, frustrated ambitions, and the ruins of states, sweeping on to the fulfillment of loftier aims and to the realization of greater nations. States whose brilliance once dazzled the world are assimilated by a still better government, and onward they go up this ladder of government evolution towards even a Platonic ideal, and we are made to realize as Tennyson has said "This fine old world of ours is but a child yet in the go-cart."

In the far east the powers are facing each other in competition, as well as the great world problems. Until recently America has not been regarded among them. Now her influence is transforming the civilization of the east. The real cause of this majestic movement of modern times is to be found in the evolution of our race. The rapid growth of America has brought us into close relations with the world. Her invention, expanding commerce and rapid transit defy isolation.

There is a lofty spirit afloat that the world is akin, and we owe our blessings to the races of the earth. The best test of our Republic is a rapid comparison of diverse ideas, principles, and methods with other nations. We must stand the test or die. There is a

law in history that the best shall win because it is the strongest, the fittest survive because it is the mightiest. The supreme question is, will America be able to maintain her hold and integrity? Mighty contending forces are at work in our midst. The abhorred liquor traffic; mobs startle us; anarchy lifts against our rules and we are afraid. We must not be silent to these evils, yet these forces mentioned are not signs of hopeless degeneracy; they are only the eddies of a mighty stream whose current is strong and pure and deep. Some day, we fancy, these stagnant pools shall be caught away in the rising waters, and the great stream of national life shall flow as clear as the river of God. The real grandeur of a nation lies not in her battle achievements nor in her natural resources, but in the real character of her citizens. The character of the citizen is manifested in all great problems that confront our nation. The paramount issue in this campaign is "we must educate." Education is the tree which bears fruit to the entire world and is the very tree of life. Union is our garden of Paradise.

America's schools and churches dot thousands and thousands of hills and vales, and the ships of commerce whitened every sea. These are a glowing praise to our land and they proclaim that young America is bound to survive. Our nation, though the youngest star among the World Powers, is now the foremost in the progressive march. It is our duty to keep wide open the roadways that lead to the

highest summits of knowledge. It is christian education that is transforming Porto Rico into an island that we as Americans may always be proud to claim. Education is as necessary to right living as food to the body. This spark of education is kindling within the human breast the fire of true patriotism. Patriotism is not the manifestation of spasmodic enthusiasm over some display, but it is the daily love shown for one's own country. Where the flag floats there the voice of a nation is heard. As a people honor their flag so they are honored by all nations. The flag stands for protection, power, life and liberty, and is a symbol of union, peace, and happiness. Today it is dearer than ever before for it basks in the sunshine of prosperity, and plays with the zephyrs of peace. Every star has a silver tongue, every stripe its golden message. While we have presidents who, after a glorious victory over a foreign power, request thankfulness to the Giver of Good for the blessings of peace rather than joy for the triumphs of war, we shall continue to answer to the Roll call of the centuries.



L A W

By Prof S B FAHNESTOCK

All beings have their laws. The Deity has his laws. The material world has its laws. And man has his laws. Of law there can be no less acknowledged than that her seat is the bosom of God, her voice the harmony of the world. All things do her homage. The very least as feeling her care, and the greatest as

not exempt from her power. Both angels and men and creatures of what sort soever though each in a different sort, and manner, yet all with uniform consent admiring her as the mother of their peace and joy.

Ethics or science of duty says, if citizens are not willing to incur the labor of winning a good government, they cannot rationally expect to incur it for them. Things will scarcely improve by being left to themselves. The first duty of a good citizen is never to despair of the state, as lodged in the thoughts and affections of the people. He that is on the watch tower is told what to see, and what to say to those who stand at its base. It is the duty of a good citizen to meet not only the claims which the state has on his time and thought, but those also which it has on his property.

Government has for its great object the maintenance of justice among men. That men may live together in peace, there must be laws restraining them from injustice, and protecting them in the enjoyment of their rights. Civil society cannot exist without government. Experience shows that some men are disposed to do injustice to others, and must be restrained by law. Were there no laws, everyone could do as he pleased. Such a state of things is called anarchy.

Civil society is an institution of God—is of divine origin. It will be admitted that God makes nothing in vain. It is as plainly his will that man's nature should be developed, as it is, that the fruit trees should grow and bring forth fruit. God designed that men should live in civilized society. Civil society, or the State is not a voluntary association as some have taught. The fundamental laws of civil society—the laws, or rules of justice, do not owe their authority to the consent of the governed. He created man a social being and a subject of law.

Men have no right to abjure society; throw off restraints, and lead solitary lives. No man has a right to be a brute, or anything but a man. In order to be a man, he must be a member of society and subject to law.

God's will does not depend upon the wills of men. It is plainly his will that men should live together and enjoy the benefits resulting from obedience to righteous laws. God is the author of man's nature. The State is the necessary result of man's nature. Government is the necessary result of the state. Therefore government is of God. "The powers that be," that is, the legitimate powers of government, "are ordained of God." God is the author of government, just as He is the author of the forest that clothes the mountain's side. The one is the result of His moral laws, the other is the result of His physical laws. If all men would practice justice, they could live together in peace without a legal code. As the State is under obligations to use the means best adapted to secure that end.

Divine laws are impressed by God upon matter or prescribed for man's affection and conduct. The former were called the laws of Nature. We infer or deduce them from observation and call them science. To deny that the Being who imposed can modify, change and abrogate them is a denial of his existence. We believe that they exist only at his pleasure and through his power. The laws prescribed for human action are indicated by the consequence of their violation, and give rise to caution, to prudence, to temperance in all things and the avoidance of excess. The prescription of religion embraces morality, incites to the practice of every virtue, and under all circumstances, insures tranquility of soul. Were its reign ef-

fectual everywhere, human law would be superfluous and earth an Eden.

Our verb "to govern" is an old French word. Finally borrowed from the Greeks by the Romans and meant originally "to steer the ship." We sometimes speak of the "ship of state." To govern is not to command, but to give directions for the common good; the interests of the man at the helm are the same as those of the people in the ship. All must float or sink together. Government, then is the directing or managing of such affairs as concern all the people alike—as for example, the defence against foreign enemies, the maintenance of roads and bridges. To do this all the people are expected to contribute each according to his ability, in the shape of tax, etc. The inhabitants of New England town is perpetually reminded that "the Government" is the people.

The historical reason why the suffrage has so generally been restricted to men, is perhaps to be sought in the condition under which voting originated. In primeval times voting was probably adopted as a substitute for fighting. The smaller and presumably weaker party yielded to the larger without an actual trial of physical strength; "heads were counted instead of being broken," says Fisk.

Fisk says "as for log-rolling, or exchange of favors, there are many phases of it in which that which may be perfectly innocent shades by almost imperceptible degrees into that which is unseemly or dishonorable or even criminal; and it is this hazy region that Satan likes to set his traps for the unwary pilgrim."

There are generally two sides to a question; and to push a doctrine to extremes is to make oneself a doctrinaire rather than a wise citizen.

Choosing Work for Life

It one is in doubt about the profession he is to take up in life, it will be well to be cautious about choosing. Do not be in too big a hurry; but once determined upon a business profession, or any other, there is but one way to succeed in it and that is to make a business of success. Strengthen your mind and add to your influence by self education in the way of reading whenever you have the opportunity. In business, as well as in every calling, it pays to be correct and thoro in whatever you undertake. To say, when a question is asked, that you guess so, is never satisfactory and injures you in the estimation of your employer. If you do not feel sure of the question say so, and never try to speculate on subjects which you know nothing about. It only betrays our ignorance. What the world needs to-day are persons of decision and good judgment. We often hear it said that you can depend on such and such a man because he is square. That means a good deal.

Correct deportment and good training are especially desirable. A thorough back-ground of knowledge, culture, accuracy in every detail are the essentials which the young man or young lady needs to gain success, and what we all look for—good salaries. Contrary to the impression given by newspapers, beauty of face and figure are not essential. It is true, however, that a neat personal appearance and gracious manners, added to the results of education, do aid materially in securing and retaining responsible and remunerative positions.

In business there is a tendency on the part of the young man to speculate; they are apt to dream of the quick roads to wealth. Men get excited and strive

to make money suddenly and without working for it; like some who would like a good education if they could get it without study. They blow soap bubbles. Steady, patient industry is the surest and safest way to success. The young man who has the determination to succeed, and is willing to make reasonable sacrifice for a few years, is bound to be in a position where his service possesses a market value. Gen. Garfield said once that he felt like taking off his hat to the humblest boy along the street, because the rough clothes he wore might cover a future president of the United States.

In no country of the earth is there so much to encourage a young man or lady to success as in our own land of liberty. Of course it is competition of the hardest kind, but there is always the possibility of victory, and there is always room at the top. Competition stimulates people and brings out the real fighting qualities of the mind and body. Horace Greeley went to New York city looking for work with ten dollars as his only inheritance. Thomas Edison, who has completely revolutionized things in modern times, started in life as a newsboy on the Grand Trunk Railway. Henry Wilson was born in poverty, worked at the shoe makers' bench and afterward became vice-president of the United States.

Young man, young lady, do you know life is what we make it? It will not do to brood over the past nor dream of the future, but learn the lesson from the hour and be faithful to duty as it comes along every day.

If one has been instructed for a carpenter let him be a carpenter; if for medicine let him be a physician; if he has been educated for the commercial side of life let him be strictly a business man.

I N F L U E N C E

It is said that the strongest influence in the world is recollection.

However small a thing may be, it pulls us a little to one side or the other, up or down. The young man that determined to pursue a course straight ahead usually finds his path out of his well directed line, because the incidents along his journey have modified the course of the dominating spirit that marked it out.

Everything in the universe feels the existence of every other, and to some extent is molded by it, and the influence will continue, though its source may be invisible. The rock may be far under ground, but the needle will quiver when it passes over it. We can feel more than we can see. It is the ambition of a boy who flies a kite to have it go so high that it is no longer visible.

Invisibility then becomes the impressive fact. It ceases to be slangy for the boy to exclaim that his kite is "out of sight," for it is a literal fact. But the hearty interest in the invisibility ceases if the string breaks. The kite comes down, and is lost to sight in the grass or among the trees. This is a disheartening invisibility, lacking that exhilarating power over the boy which he felt when the invisible kite tugged like a live thing at the cord in his hand. It is no sign that we are not under the influence of men or institutions, just because they do not come within range of our vision. So long as we are consciously or unconsciously attached to them by the thread

of a common interest, they have a pulling and lifting power on us which we may feel, albeit we are unable to see whence that power comes. Nor is it any sign that such institutions do not need our encouragement and interest in them just because we are to them as individuals invisible. The distant individuals owe to each other a mutual obligation. The puny circle of our own affairs repeats the rule to which every power in creation must always yield.

To illustrate the power and influence of mind over the body we here recite the following incident; "I am sorry to learn that you are so sick that you cannot possibly be in your accustomed place to-morrow morning, Miss Hysee," said the minister's wife condolingly, according to the Chicago Tribune, "and I have hurried over to say that you need not feel the slightest uneasiness about the solo you were to sing in the opening anthem. Mr. Goodman and the chorister have arranged that Miss Gonby shall take the part, and"—"What"! The popular soprano of the Rev. Dr. Goodman's church choir at once sat upright in bed. "What!" she screamed, "The old maid with the cracked voice try to sing my solo? Never"! With one hand she tore the bandage off her head, with the other she swept the medicine from the side table to the floor. "Tell Dr. Goodman and the chorister," she said, in a voice that rang through the house like the silvery notes of a bell, "to notify Miss Gonby she needn't mangle that solo. I'll be there." What an influence an education has over a young man or lady!

A good education is a health tonic. I have seen a number of delicate boys and girls often improve in health in school and college, whom friends thought too weakly to bear the strain. Other things being equal, intelligent, cultured, educated people enjoy the best health. We see the influence clearly exerted over young men and women. For the same reason a very intimate relation exists between health and morals; a house divided against itself cannot stand. The body is molded and furnished by the thought.

"He who would live to a good old age, who would carry youth and freshness, symmetry and beauty, of mind and body into ripe years, must have a cultured heart, an educated mind, and a well kept body."

BOOKS and AUTHORS

A London hotel proposes placing a library of twenty volumes in each of its bed rooms.

John Gayther's Garden and the Stories Told Therein, a volume of post-humous stories by Frank R. Stockton is one of the forthcoming books. Frank R. Stockton's stories are all interesting.

Zola's forthcoming novel, Truth, is the story of a great judicial crime, and was doubtless suggested by the Dreyfus case. It will be published in this country after the holidays.

Edward Eggleston's career came to a close on September 8. His life fur-

nishes an interesting example of what may be accomplished under the most adverse circumstances. He was the son of a lawyer who settled in Indiana an early day, having emigrated from Virginia where his ancestors settled in the seventeenth century. Edward was born in 1837 and spent his boyhood on a farm, with a few month's schooling. He had an ambition to go to college, but this he could never realize, because of ill health. His father, from whom he inherited his literary talent, died when he was nine years old.

His mother's second marriage to a Methodist minister directed the young lad's attention towards religion. It did not take long for the ambitious boy to decide that the course in life for him must be that of a circuit rider. To this end he labored and at the age of nineteen he travelled over Indiana and Minnesota, exhorting and preaching. Meanwhile he availed himself of every opportunity to read. By this means, as well as by his keen observation, he gathered a store of knowledge that enabled him to prepare himself for his life work. In 1860 his more purely literary career began, although he had always been a strong writer for religious papers. At this time he wrote a story for "The Little Corporal," a juvenile paper of Chicago. His health having failed him he had to give up his ministerial work during the same year. He then accepted the associate editorship of "The Little Corporal," and four years later received an offer from the "New York Independent."

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EDITORIAL

The bright sunny days of October are with us once again, and all Nature is arranged in yellow and gold. The cool, crisp, mornings stir our very souls with a quicker zeal and better efforts to do the work before us. This month finds the student well settled down to his work in which he has begun to find much enjoyment and profit.

But we cannot help noticing how different are the methods of study used by different students. Some there are who put in all their efforts in trying

to gain knowledge from their text books, not even taking time for recreation. Then there are a few who scarcely look at a book at all, but are bent on having a good time. While the most perhaps strike the happy medium, by dividing their time along different lines, who seek to receive benefit wherever things are to be found, whether in books, in the gymnasium exercises or in the literary societies. Certainly, all the benefits a student receives from his college course are not to be derived from text books alone, and it is our wish to mention some of the auxiliaries by engaging in which the student may receive a vast amount of good.

THE LECTURE COURSE:

There is perhaps on better opportunity of gaining a knowledge of current movements than by means of a lecture course. Our course this year is an exceptionally strong one and we would urge every student to take advantage of it. The first number was given on Monday evening, Oct. 6, by the Dunbar Bells Ringers. The work done by means of the bells was of a very high grade. The selections given by the male quartette and by the reader, Lulu Tyler Gates added greatly to the entertainment.

The remaining numbers on the course are, Prof. Franklin of Kansas University, on *Liquid Air*; Elias Day, Robert Nourse, John Temple Graves, and Geo. K. Wendling.

MISS ELLEN M. STONE, COMING.
The students of McPherson College

will indeed enjoy a rare privilege on Thursday evening, Oct. 23, when Miss Ellen M. Stone will lecture here, and will tell the thrilling story of her capture at the hands of the Turkish brigands.

The work in the different literary societies promises to be very good this year. Perhaps the best feature of the society work is the different contests to be held during the year. There will be a declamation and essay contest, an oratorical contest, and a debate contest. All who wish to make application for a place in any of these contests should see the contest committee, whose members are G. D. Kuns, E. H. Eby, and P. C. Hiebert.

A List of the advantages to be gained at McPherson College would be incomplete if mention were not made of the Gymnasium. The supervision of the Gymnasium is better than ever this year and the interest manifested in the various classes is to be highly commended. However, there are quite a number of students who do not avail themselves of these advantages, and we wish to encourage such students to engage in regular and systematic exercises, and these may be found every day in the gymnasium.

GYMNASIUM NOTES.

More than ordinary interest is taken in the gymnastic exercises this year. The different squads are gradually increasing, but there is still room for a great many more students who ought to be taking these exercises.

Plans are being made for improving the bath facilities of the gymnasium. When completed there will be five simple showers and one tub with hot

and cold water arrangement, also one large cold water shower.

About 100 private lockers will be provided.

If students would fully realize how regular physical exercise would strengthen them for better study, and fuller enjoyment of health, we think that the gymnasium would be crowded every afternoon.

Health is the vital principal of bliss; and exercise, of health.—Thomson.

There are many troubles which you cannot cure by the Bible and the hymn book, but which you can cure by a good perspiration and a breath of fresh air.—Beecher.

A sound mind in a sound body; if the former be the glory of the latter, the latter is indispensable to the former.—Edwards.

Y W C A NOTES

The Association has now about sixty members. The latch string is always out to any girl who wishes to join us.

The Bible Classes have started their work with prospects of great benefit. Seventy girls are now enrolled in six different classes.

The State Convention is to be held in Salina, Oct. 30-Nov. 2. All girls, whether members of the Association or not are cordially invited to attend.

The Devotional meetings on Sunday afternoons are well attended and much interest has been shown.

The Missionary Committee has been doing some active work. As a result a number of the girls are contemplating

attending the Mission Band held on each Tuesday evening.

The report of the delegates who attended the National Conference at Lake Geneva, Wis., was listened to by about 90 girls.

"Come thou with us and we shall do thee good."—Num 10-29.



ALUMNI NOTES

Of the class of '02, J. A. G. Shirk and J. A. Clement are teaching in this college. C. H. Slifer, D. E. Bower, and J. E. Wagoner are in school doing Collegiate work. E. D. Baldwin has a position in the Peoples' Bank of this city. The remainder of the class are teaching public school in this state.

Miss Maude Way teaching near Canton, and Miss McCumber at Wheatland were visiting College friends a short time ago.

E. H. Eby of Class '00 returned from his vacation in Washington and Idaho and has entered school.

Lester and Susie Williams both of class '98 are enjoying life and are prospering nicely on their farm near Belleville, Kan.

Russell McConnell, a former student and now a promising lawyer of Oklahoma City, O. T. is building a \$12,000 residence.

H. C. Slifer who has been in Colorado during the past summer, has been visiting relatives in McPherson for several weeks. He contemplates returning to Colorado again soon.

Anita Metzger is teaching in the public schools in Mount Morris, Ill.

C. L. Hollem of class '97 is married and engaged in lumber business in Oklahoma. He visited friends in McPherson this summer.

J. B. Shirkey, A. B., is located at Union Bridge, Maryland. He has charge of the Language and vocal music in the Virginia Collegiate Institute.

Margaret Bishop has completed her work in the Normal Course and returned to Roxbury where she is now teaching.

H. F. Toeves of the State Normal is expected to enter school here to complete his course.

Effa Kuns of class '92, also a graduate of Kansas University, has returned from Porto Rico where she taught school last year. She gave a very interesting report of her trip and of the native customs, in the Presbyterian church a short time ago.

Ida Katherman teaches in the public schools of Lawrence, Kans. this year.

Mary E. Frantz has gone to her home in Nebraska, where she will attend the District Meeting in interest of the Bible Department of the College.

Prof. Miller will be absent from school for about a week to attend District Meeting at Rocky Ford, Colo.



COLLEGE NOTES

Remember the opening of the second term Nov. 11. For those who wish to spend the winter term here, this is the best time to enter.

Among the students enrolled since our last report are Mrs. J. L. Kuns, W. H. Clark, Gus. Ella and Alonza Stansel, C. C. Jansen, Mrs. J. Lekke, Floyd Beatty and Folts Gayer.

Mr Roy Gillet came in from Camp Verde Ariz., and has entered college. He presented Prof. S. B. Fahnstock with a basket of fine pears, a remembrance from Misses Lizzie Arnold and Anna Bowman, graduates of our Normal Dept. who are now engaged in teaching in Arizona.

Mr. Lee Dadisman, of Stafford county was compelled to leave school on account of ill health.

J. C. Voight of Walthall, O. T., has entered school.

Mr. J. E. Bowser and his sisters, in company with A. C. Keller of Nickerson, Kansas, attended the Feast and spent several days with friends on College Hill.

Our Commercial Department is being reorganized throughout the Central states. Our graduates are occupying positions in banks, manufacturing establishments, and wholesale houses in many states and Prof. Fahnstock receives many letters of enquiry for qualified book-keepers and stenographers.

Rev. W. T. Adams, pastor of the Christian church in this city, conducted the chapel services on Oct. 14th and gave an address on the subject "Lives that will Tell", which was much appreciated.

Miss Adria Beahm is teaching near Monitor, Kansas.

Among our late arrivals are Mr. Jacob Tingley, Jericho, Mo., and Arthur Puckett, Buffalo, Kansas, who have enrolled in the Commercial Dept.

Mr. S. E. Miller and H. J. Yoder attended the Mennonite conference at Spring Valley, Kans., October 16-18.

Owing to the increased number of students the management have found it necessary to purchase much new furniture and supplies, among which are a dozen commercial desks and chairs and a large mirror for Commercial Hall, 150 chairs for chapel and recitation rooms and a microscope for the Science dept.

Prof. Harnly received a fine collection of mounted bacteria, from G. J. Goodsheller, of the Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago. The class in Biology are making good use of these in their study of bacteria.

First winter term begins Nov. 11.

Mr. Wm. Flickinger recently replaced about 400 sq. feet of walk with cement which adds much to the value and appearance of his beautiful home.

Mr. Jesse Raines has moved his family into the Beery property on College Hill.

OUR GRADUATING CLASSES.

The Collegiate Class '03 at present consists of Mr. H. A. Horton, Mr. F. G. Kauffman and Miss Alice Johnson.

The Normal Class '03 consists of sixteen members with the following officers: President, T. H. Crumpacker; Vice Pres. Dottie Wheeler; Secretary, Alice Weaver; Treasurer, R. C. Strohm. This is a strong class and the largest in the history of our school.

There are seven graduates in our Oratorical Department, as follows: B. S. Haugh, J. D. Brubaker, C. O. Loewen, Mrs. C. D. Weaver, Alice Weaver, Rose Kimmel and Emma Beckner. They have organized by choosing B. S. Haugh, president; also they are arranging to give three free public recitals about the middle of the school year.

The Academic Course will be completed by quite a number but the class has not yet organized.

The enrollment has reached two hundred and seventy-six—more than any former attendance for the fall term.

The Irving Memorial Society has started out this year with a fresh vigor and excellent results are anticipated. The programs show variety and something entirely new may be expected at each meeting. Some of the officers for this term are, D. E. Bower, Pres; Rose Kimmell, Vice Pres; Mable Kimmell, Sec'y; R. W. Baldwin, Treas; and F. G. Kauffman, Critic.

Don't fail to hear Miss Stone, Oct. 28.

The following officers were chosen by our S. S. for the ensuing year: Supt., F. A. Vaniman, Asst. Supt., Geo. Edgecomb, Secretary, Mary Brubaker, Treasurer, N. O. Conger, Chorister, F. H. Crumpacker.

The M. C. D. S. has been reorganized and are doing some excellent work in oration and debate. They have limited the membership to 20 and have a full membership.

Mr. A. G. Miller and Miss Rena Miller were married at the bride's home near Darlow, Kansas on Wednesday evening Oct. 1. Elder D. L. Miller of Elgin performed the ceremony. These young people are both former students of McPherson College and possess many virtues that have won for them many friends. They reside near Walton, Ka.

Our musical department has a large enrollment. Prof. F. G. Muir, our musical director spent the vacation

months in the study of Vocal Art under the best masters in Chicago and his pupils are reaping the benefit of his new ideas and methods.

Mrs. J. H. Callender of West Union, Ia., an aunt of Mrs. E. Eikenberry, arrived last week and expects to remain here for some time, and recuperate.

At the last council of the McPherson church it was decided to choose a minister and two deacons. The choice for minister was J. A. Clement and for deacon R. G. Mohler, and M. O. Kilmer. Elder M. Dickey, was re-elected elder for the coming year and also was chosen delegate to district meeting held at Rocky Fork, Colo., Oct. 14 to 16.

Prof. S. J. Miller attended the district meeting at Rocky Ford last week.

Mr. Chas. Eichholtz, a graduate from our commercial and short hand department writes from Denver, Colo. that he has just received the third raise of salary. Our graduates always find profitable employment and rapid advancement.

Mr. E. H. Eby returned last week and is hard at work to make up for lost time. Mr. Eby is one of our best students and a leader among our boys and we are glad to have him with us again.

Mr. J. E. Throne returned from Norton, Kans. and will complete the commercial course this year.

Mrs. Anita Metzger, who was news editor of Rays of Light last year, sends in her subscription for the paper. She is teaching at Mt. Morris, Ill.

Mr. Henry Fox arrived a few days ago and has been installed as fireman for the ensuing year.

Miss Emma Fox returned from a six weeks visit to Falls City, Nebr.

Mrs. Samuel Kimmel of Falls City, Nebr. visited her sister Mrs. Flickinger, on college hill the first of the month.

Miss Florence Poulson is engaged in teaching near Langdon, Kan. She sends the price of a years subscription to the Rays of Light.

Elder A. Hutchinson spent a couple of weeks at home resting, but is now engaged in a series of meetings near Nickerson. He preached twice in the college chapel to large audiences.

Mrs. Chas. Rankins of Waldo, Kan. visited with relatives on College Hill for a few days.

Our mission band reorganized by electing F. H. Crumpacker, Pres., E. H. Eby, Vice Pres., Dottie Wheeler, Rec. Secretary, Lois Needles, Cor. Secretary, S. C. Miller, Treasurer, C. H. Slifer, Librarian. The band will continue to meet each Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. The enrollment promises to be the largest in the history of the organization. The study used is "Effective Workers in Needy Fields."

EXCHANGES

It shall be the constant endeavor of the exchanger to collect such material for these columns, as will inter-

est and at the same time benefit the reader. May the sunshine that is to be found within these pages bring a smile to the gloomy faced student and clear his clouded vision.

If you would get the most for your time and money, build broadly. build solidly and above all else build "The Jawhawker."

All girls should read the article on page eight of the September Crucible.

A newly captured horse thief,
Dangling from a lofty tree,
In a whisper hoarse he muttered,
This suspense is killing me.
—Exchange.

Ye Abbrevyatedde Courtship

Dan Cupid shotte atte my awotehort's herte,

But she dodged and ye arrowe Mr. Soe I tooke ayme atte hyr, swete redde lippes

And, in aptye of hyr dodgaying, Kr.

Ye dere lytel soule was quyte dysmayd:
Butte, explainning I was ye Dr.,
I quykly applyde more two lippe salve,

And in my armes' oraydel Rr.

Shее whyspered that shее'd a syster bee,

And 'Would'nt I bee juste a Bro.?"

"Notte muchs, pettie," I sayd? "trie thys instedde."

Heir I gentlie gayve hyr Ano.

"My trew luvе, canst thou notte bee my bryde?"

I questyoned— pressed for ye Ana.
A softe voyce behynd my eare replyde,
"You're soe pressayng, perhappes I

Caus."

Nowe, "Faynxe herte never wonne lay-
die fayr,"

Noe, nor never chaynged Miss to
Mrs.,

An ye have a mayde, bee potte afrayde.
Butte, when arrows flie wyde, trie
Krs.

W. E. P. French, in Harpers.

A young colored man being asked to
lead in prayer meeting said in part:
"Dear Lord, get us pure hearts, clean
hearts, sweet hearts—"

"Amen!" responded several young
men in chorus.

Ex.

During the late war we heard much

of the "man behind the guns," and
right royally did he do his work. But
we are behind the guns that are point-
ing toward the twentieth century, and
upon the keenness of our vision, the
steadiness of our nerve and the wisdom
of our judgement will depend the
final outcome of the conflict.—C. M.
C. Bulletin.

A dancer said once to Socrates,
"you can not stand on one foot as
long as I can."

"True," replied the philosopher,
"but a goose can."—Inglenook.

Let us show our "college spirit" by
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It is easier to keep out of jail than to break out, provided you begin in time.

It is easier to avoid forming a bad habit than it is to break away from a bad habit.

It is easier to avoid beginning to tamper with tobacco and strong drink than it is to free yourself from the appetite if it become acquired.

The dollar you earn and spend is only a dollar; the dollar you earn and save is two dollars.

He who makes it his rule always to earn his dollar before he spends it, will never be a beggar or slave to debt.

You being a poor boy may make it

harder for you to rise than if you were rich, but when well up once it will be all the easier for you to hold your place.

Liberal and judicious legislation in behalf of our educational interests is the highest economy of the state—*Governor Crawford, 1866.*

"A free state exists only in the virtue of the citizen."

"Who gives wisely builds manhood and the state; who gives himself gives best."

Whatever we wish to see introduced into the life of a nation must first be introduced into its schools.—*Humboldt.*

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During last year and the present year the Bible Department of McPherson College has been supported by donations. The development of this department has been so encouraging and it has such manifest chances for good fruitage that no one who has come in contact with its workings could think for a moment of having it discontinued. An encouraging start has already been made toward procuring an endowment for its perpetual support. While this endowment fund is being created funds are needed for immediate use—or rather for use after the close of the current year. So the friends of this cause are appealed to to keep the work already in progress going during a five year period. It is hoped that at the end of this period, the department may be largely or wholly supported by endowment. Let every one who can help, whether little or much, join us in this movement. We ought to have two teachers for this department. Please fill out and send to F. A. Vaniman, McPherson, Kansas, the following form, or send for separate membership form.

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