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Not by glad Christmas bells alone;
Not by the crowded, warm hearthstone,
Not by the quip, the clasp, the feast,—
Scarce by the lone star in the East,—
Nor yet by gift nor deed of grace,
Nor mistletoe, nor wreathed place,
Nor merry speedings to and fro,
Nor any circumstance or show,—
 Know we the Christmas day.

These are but symbols, hallowed, dear,
The cheery crowning of the year.

But by the light in childrens' eyes;
By their blithe shouts and happy sighs;
By secret plottings fond and deep,
When little heads lie still in sleep;
By glowing sympathy that starts,
Melting the winter in our hearts;
By quickened joy and holy pride,
When to the child all doors swing wide—
 Know we the Christmas day.

—*Selected.*

A Word to Young Men

I wish to say a word of encouragement to the young men just starting on their business career.

A young man who has just graduated with honors from some sound institution of learning, decides to enter upon a mercantile life. He starts out full of life and hope, building air castles of the position he is going to fill, and here makes his first mistake. He is armed with a fair education and is confident of being able to fill almost any position of trust. He looks upon the matter of obtaining a position as of secondary importance; knowing his own ability and worth, he thinks the business men will only need to hear that he is looking for a position and they will be only too anxious to place him in a position of trust in their establishment.

But what disappointment awaits the young man. When he has looked and tried and hustled for a position until utterly discouraged, he is inclined to give up the fight, believing that the business fraternity do not appreciate a person of good character, who is honest and willing to work. He finally secures a position as an office assistant, or work of a similar nature, at a very small salary, and his business career has begun.

Toiling early and late for many months and receiving no promotion or advance in salary, he feels that his efforts are not appreciated. Then comes his second mistake. Conscious of doing his work well, and believing that he is doing more work than paid for, the

They say, "I am only paid for doing a certain amount of work, therefore will do that much and no more." Who suffers most, the employer or employee? If the employer looks around for a man to place in a position of great trust, does he select the man who is only doing what he is paid to do? No. It is the man who is ever doing his very best, whether he be subordinate or chief clerk that is selected for promotion; as the business man wants the one who has the energy, ability, and that is ever endeavoring to improve in business knowledge.

If every young man would do his best, whether he is book-keeper, assistant, or man of all work, and endeavor at all times to improve his work and knowledge and thereby his ability, it is only a question of time until his employer recognizes his ability; or, if he does not some one else will.

The third mistake is the great desire to change. Feeling that the employer does not appreciate his services, the young man looks around for another position, and, for slight increase in salary, makes a change. Here he stays for a time, then becomes dissatisfied and makes another change, and continuing thus until out of a position entirely, or is holding only a secondary place.

I do not say that a man should not change under any circumstances but he should move with great caution, and with almost absolute certainty that he is improving not only the opportunities of the present, but for the future as well.

The three watchwords of the young

*Specimens of What a Boy
or Girl Ought To Be*

Boys, I wish to say that strength is like gunpowder; to be effective it must have concentration and aim.

I also wish to say that I am very glad to see you this morning. There is nothing in this world equal to a boy unless it is a girl. And there is nothing comparable to a christian boy, except it be a christian girl. The whole country depends upon you boys, and the boys that are with you. We will soon be gone, and you are going to take all the responsibility, and this morning we have just two or three things to say to you.

We expect you boys that are coming after us to do a great deal better than any of us have done. You ought to be ashamed of yourselves if you don't know anything better to do than we have done. You certainly must do better. But in order to do so you must be patient, persevering. It is contrary to nature to achieve greatness, nobility and true worth at a bound.

There are a few things that are absolutely indispensable, if you are going to do the best possible. There is a man in this country by the name of General Howard, a soldier with one arm and one empty sleeve, one of the highest officers that the United States army has ever had. When he was a boy he became a Christian, and went to West Point to learn to be a soldier. He said when he got there he found it was very hard work to be manly and true, because of the temptations that

came, and the jibes and sneers of the boys.

Said he, "I did three things; I gripped my bible, and I shut my teeth and I thought of my mother, and I went on." And the boy who will do this, grip his bible, shut his teeth, think of his mother, attend church and sabbath school, and go on, will go up, and nobody can tell how high he will go.

There was a soldier who fought against us in war, Robert E. Lee, the great general of the Confederate army. It is said of him that no boy or man ever heard him swear, ever knew him to use an unclean word, ever knew him to even smoke a cigar or chew tobacco. In all the army there was not a man that ever met him, Confederate or Union, that didn't believe that Robert E. Lee was a true and splendid gentleman, as well as a great soldier. I want you to think what a character does for a man, what it is to be a true man. It takes a great deal of what we call grit to do that, and I want you to think of it. It is said that the only word he ever uttered against us was, "Our friends, the enemy," and that, when he went to view the Union line, he said; "I want to see what those people over there are doing."

I have taken these two soldiers from these two great armies, because they are both Americans and both specimens of what a boy ought to try to be. And I want to tell you of another man that was also a soldier; but I am not speaking of him because he was a soldier. He went to a college in Mass., at a place called Williamstown, that some of you have heard of, and he was poor, and he went to the head teacher

and asked him if there was anything a boy could do in Williams college to help him get through. "Well," said he, "You might sweep out the old college." Said he, "Where is the broom?" Some body said in a day or two after; "Got a new Janitor I guess." "We never looked like this before. Who swept this out?" Pretty soon they said, "Well, you might ring the bell, if you would like to;" and they heard the bell, and they thought it was a new bell, and they said, "Who is ringing the bell?" And they listened awhile, and they told them the boy's name. You can sometimes tell that a boy is a right kind of a boy by the way he rings a bell; you can tell by the way he sweeps out the school-house or the store. After awhile this country wanted to get a man to fill a very great office, and I well remember in the city of Chicago where there were over one hundred thousand people and the cannon roared and they said, General Garfield has been nominated for President. Well he was the boy that swept the school-house and rang the bell.

If a boy ever amounts to anything in this world, he has got to get acquainted with some nice girl. I tell you a good deal of your life will depend on what kind of a girl you get acquainted with and stay acquainted with, and you want to know that there is something to a girl besides a magnificent hat and a gorgeous belt. There was a young woman in one of our schools, it was nearly this time of the year, probably a little later, when the young ladies were going to graduate, and her name was Carrie. There was one other girl in the class whose father had fail-

ed, and she came to Carrie and said: "I cannot graduate with the rest of you." "What is the matter?" She said: "Papa has failed, and we have had very hard work to get me through this term," and she began to cry; and I tell you boys, that good girls always do cry sometimes. She said, "I cannot get a dress." You know they wear gorgeous apparel when they graduate. And Carrie said, "Will you leave it to me?" "Oh, yes" She said, "I will fix it." She went to all the other girls and said, "Here is this bright girl. She cannot get a nice dress. I want to ask you if you wont all just wear the cheapest kind of a plain dress, so that she can have one too, and graduate." They laid aside their beautiful dresses, and she graduated with the rest. And one day they wanted to get a woman in the White House that everybody would love and nobody would be ashamed of and they put Mrs. Carrie Scott Harrison up there.

We want some of you boys to be Professors in this Institution. We want some of you to be like our splendid President and some day one of you may occupy his chair. We expect you to do better than we have done and we want you to begin to get ready now to do all these things, and we hope that God will greatly bless you.



Arnold of Rugby developed a school in which, whether the members were small or large, there was no room for young men who were not gentlemen. And I hope this to be always McPherson College's distinction; that to be a son or daughter of hers is to be a gentleman or lady.

Should it be the First Concern of the High School to Prepare for the University or for Life.

In order to get at something tangible on this topic, I mailed the following letter to fifty High Schools of first and second class cities:—"Please give me by return mail, the number of graduates from your High School for the past two years. The number of graduates who have entered the college and University, and the number who have entered professional schools.

Is it the first concern of your High School to prepare for the University or for life?"

The twenty-four High Schools reporting graduated in the two years 987; of these 274, or 28 per cent. entered college, 57 or six per cent. entered professional schools; a large per cent. are teaching. Of the twenty schools reporting on the last question, four make preparation for the University a first concern, eight try to prepare equally for the University and for life and eight make preparation for life a first concern.

In practice then a large majority of High School graduates make the High School course prepare for life. And a majority of the schools make preparation for life a first concern. Most High Schools however, offer two or more courses, one preparing especially for the University, and only four out of twenty-four make this course a first concern. Of course preparing for entrance into the University or College means meeting the entrance requirements, but what does it mean to pre-

pare for life?

Dr. Woodrow Wilson, in his installation address, says: "There are two ways of preparing a young man for his life work; one is to give him the skill and special knowledge which shall make a good tool of him, and for thousands of young men that way must be followed. It is a good way, it is honorable, it is indispensable, but it is not for the college and never can be. The college should seek to make the men whom it receives something more than excellent servants of trade or skilled practitioners. It should give them elasticity of faculty and breadth of vision, so that they shall have a surplus of mind to expend, not upon their profession only, for its liberalization and enlargement, but also upon the broader interests which lie about them. In the spheres in which they are to be, not breadwinners merely, but citizens as well, and in their own hearts where they are to grow to the stature of real nobility, it is this free capital of mind, the world most stands in need of. This free capital that awaits investment in undertakings spiritual as well as material which advances the race and helps all men to a better life." This latter preparation the Elementary and High Schools can not give in its fullness, as Dr. Harris says, "Elementary education must take the world of human learning in fragments and fail to give its pupils an insight into the interrelations of things. True teaching aims always to strengthen the power of seeing relations. The secondary schools begin to correct the inadequacy of Elementary education. It begins to see things and events as

parts of processes, and to understand their significance by tracing them back into their causes, and forward into their results. This is a great step but not the final step. Secondary education does not in any adequate manner connect the intellect and the will. It does not convert intellectual perceptions into rules of action. Higher education seeks as its first goal the unity of human learning. It is philosophical, ethical. Higher education can not possibly be given to persons of immature age." Says Dr. Wilson: "We ought distinctly to set forth in our philosophy the difference between a man's preparation for the specific and definite tasks he is to perform in the world and that general enlargement of spirit and release of powers which he shall need if his task is not to crush and belittle him." And Dr. Hadley of Yale in his speech at the University of Kansas said: "The great thing that the English Colleges have always done and the great thing that the best American institutions are doing in their collegiate courses is to lead the student to value some other ideal besides the commercial one. Young men are far too apt to over value these ideals as compared with the ideals of civic duty, of religious earnestness and unselfish devotion to causes which promise them no personal advancement." Since then, from the very nature of the case the High School can not give that preparation for life which is highest, least common and yet most needed, what should be its first concern. It seems to me the first concern should be the personnel of the instructors. In far too many cases this consists only of Normal

High School and self-made graduates, who themselves lack that grasp of relations, without which instruction must of necessity be somewhat of a groping in the dark instead of clear-sighted leadership, and from which the best results can not come. The instructors in the High School should be college and University graduates of mature age, who can grasp things in their relations and sequence, who can see how the present has come out of the past and who can foresee the future. Teachers who themselves have a grasp of the interrelations of vocation and man's relations and duties to society, to the state, and to the church. Teachers who live a cosmic life, teachers who have chosen their profession not so much to make a living as to make a life. Such a leadership will see that the vast majority of people have not chosen their vocations but have either drifted or been pushed into them, pushed by parents and friends or by dire necessity. Of course there are all gradations between drifting, being pushed and choosing, and choice itself is limited by the field of vision.

It should be the first concern of the High School to pass pupils on to the College and University, to the highest possible outlook, before the choice is made. It seems to me we are doing a positive injury when we give the Elementary or High School pupil the impression that he is qualified intelligently and satisfactorily to choose a vocation. The very atmosphere of the High School should be that of incompleteness, of preparation for something higher. But where the superintendents, principals and instructors

are themselves unconscious of this incompleteness, where it might be said "They are naked and know it not," the atmosphere which should be a stimulus to, the fullest preparation for the choice of life's work and for life, becomes impossible, and commencement becomes a process towards death rather than life. Education must be made a process from life unto life, but life is more than a livelihood, a machine may earn a livelihood and that education whose end is to train for making a livelihood is little better than machine making. A livelihood is a legitimate thing, but when it becomes the end it debases man to the plane of the animal.

Large numbers of our youths from the elementary and secondary schools enter commercial and professional school and in from six months to several years display their diplomas in frames whose cost is in inverse ratio to the value of the diploma. Fitted for life? Of such in politics and law comes the snollygoster and demagogue. in medicine the quack, and in the ministry the bigot. But these are not what the world needs, and neither the High School nor any other school need make the making of such a first concern.

I think then the first concern of the High School should be to produce an atmosphere that will be the greatest possible stimulus to the youth to press on beyond the High School into the University and college, to postpone the choosing of a vocation, until they are the best possibly fitted for such choice, and do the very best possible to fit those who must quit their for-

mal preparation for life at the close of the High School course, for citizenship and society.

C h r i s t m a s

Christmas to us is a memorial, not to be a time of feasting, of reveling, of gaiety, but of "good tidings and great joy," a time to declare the loving kindness of the Lord. Its observance should cause great joy to us and "to all people." Every redeemed sinner should show forth his praise and say, "Christ is born, Let all the earth rejoice."

"Peace on earth, good will to men" were the notes of praise sung by the heavenly hosts. What an emblem to stamp on our banner, as we go forth to conquer the world for God! Israel continued to observe the passover but they corrupted and defiled its holy import. May all the Christian people both in christian and benighted lands fill the silent air with holy music. Let us spend this day in honor and reverence to God for his deed of love.

On the first Christmas day scarcely a human voice was found to ascribe honor to the Babe of Bethlehem. But since that day men have learned what the angels had placed in their song. The choir of singers has grown larger with each succeeding century, until today the whole earth is girdled with song and millions of voices in the various languages of the race wake the echoes of mountain and valley with the notes which the angels chanted.
—J. E. Ulrey, in Missionary Visitor.

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E D I T O R I A L

With this issue begins a new year for the Rays of Light. The support that has been given to the paper during the three years of its existence is indeed much appreciated and the editors are encouraged to push on to a higher standard of work in the future. We desire our readers to keep in mind that the Rays of Light is strictly a school paper; that it is not our purpose to enter into the discussion of current problems of politics, religion, etc; not merely to advertise this school, nor to arouse a spirit of rivalry with other colleges, nor in boasting terms to relate the successes of our own; but rather

or the purpose of this publication is to spread abroad to its patrons as much as possible of the good influence of the school and information of the work actually being done at this place. As we have said before: "The College is the center, the sun, from which Rays of Light irradiate in every direction."

Again the time of year has come for us to wish our readers "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Students are eagerly anticipating the pleasure, the rest, the visits, in fact, the real good times that are bound to come with the Holidays, and who but a student can appreciate them? After being away at school for three or four months, his time having been occupied by the daily routine of the college curriculum, what greater blessing could be asked than to spend a week of rest with the home folks. To the students, all, we heartily wish you "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

The question, whether a student should specialize in his chosen line of work or first take a general college course, has been quite warmly discussed in one of our classes recently. There is an excellent article in the December Success which deals with this question and we quote what is given as a reason why one should attend college. It says: "You do not come to college merely to fit yourselves for making money, nor to get a training for some particular profession. You come to lay the foundation for a professional training, or for a broad intelligent business life. You come to get into touch with the

best thought of other men and other ages. You come to learn the relations of various kinds of knowledge; what physics has to do with philosophy, what chemistry has to do with biology, what modern civilization owes to Greece and Rome and Judea, what literature means as an interpreter and a guide of life. You come to discipline your mind so that you will be better able to study anything that you may need, more finely fitted to understand any problem that you may meet, when you get into your special line of work in the world."



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Seeing is Believing when it comes to an inspection of our school and its facilities for doing its work. Visitors are always welcome, for a visit through our rooms while the classes are in session will furnish a stronger argument in our favor than printers' ink can produce.

If You Wish a Good Position, it is waiting for you, but you must be thoroughly trained to do what is required in a modern business office. We can furnish you this training, as we can prove by citing you to the long list of those who have gone from our school to take **AND HOLD**

lucrative business positions.

If not convenient to call on us, write us and we will send you further and more complete information pertaining to our school.

Leavenworth Convention

A delegation of twenty-five boys from McPherson College attended the State Convention of Y. M. C. A. workers at Leavenworth from December 4th to 7th. Although our association had been well represented at conventions before, yet the attendance was much greater this year. The delegation was met at the train by the reception committee and conducted to the Y. M. C. A. building, where they received assignments for their entertainment. All were most fortunate in securing rooms in the same hotel. They were then able to meet each evening after the long sessions of the day and have short prayer services, which were much appreciated.

There were over 300 delegates in attendance. Such a strong body of young Kansas men met together to study questions of spiritual life and for the betterment of mankind is seldom seen.

On Friday Mr. J. E. Nisley, of Topeka was chosen President of the convention. Then a report from nearly every association in Kansas was read. All were most encouraging, yet they gave evidence that much work for the Master can yet be done.

On Friday evening Chancellor Strong of the State University gave an address. He certainly deserves mention as the strongest man present at the convention. His address, "Paramount Claims of Christ upon men who lead Strenuous Lives" attached great responsibilities on young men and gave much food for deep thought. He said: "the great social problems must be solved by the

trammled West, and Kansas is the center of that activity."

Rev. W. E. Biederwolf of Indiana, gave three very interesting discourses on "The Holy Spirit." Also Judge Spenser gave a very encouraging talk on Saturday evening. The work of the association was shown by him to be greatly conducive for the development of deeper spirituality and true manliness.

Sunday afternoon L. Wilbur Messer, of Chicago, gave an illustrated lecture on "The Perils and Safeguards of Young Men." This was counted as one of the richest addresses of the meeting. One of the most enjoyable features of the convention was the song and praise service conducted by Prof. D. B. Towner of the Moody Institute, Chicago. He organized a chorus class in which our delegation was well represented.

The farewell service on Sunday evening was very impressive.

It would be impossible to tell all the good things that were heard at the convention. All returned with a firmer desire to do more for the advancement of the Master's cause.

McPherson College ranked first in number of men, in the distance traveled, and in Bible and Mission study our association is one of the strongest. With the encouragement of meeting so many interested young men, with the singing of Towner, the spiritual discourses of Biederwolf, the lecture of Messer and the crowning address of Strong, the success of the McPherson College Y. M. C. A. thru her large delegation should be ever more prosperous in the future than in the past.

—J. H. W.

The "New" Mother

The other day the dean of one of the largest of our colleges for women made

an impassioned appeal to young mothers not to waste their time in the personal care of their babies, but give them over to trained nurses and kindergartners, while they devoted themselves to study and such outside work as would fit them to be companions for their children when they were grown.

Nothing can be more convincing than her reasoning, and there is but one objection to her plan—that it doesn't work.

It is a most disheartening fact that none of our plans, however scientific or reasonable, which run counter to nature, ever does work. About twenty years ago, for instance, some philanthropic folks in England formed model homes for the female children of poor deprived parents. The girls were reared, so to speak, in bulk. They dressed alike, they ate the same food at the same moment, they walked, slept, rose, studied, played and prayed in mass at the tap of a bell. Especial care was taken, for fear of favoritism, that there should be no personal intercourse between them and their teachers out of school. The habits, knowledge and religion taught to them were warranted to be of the best.

But when these girls, being grown, were sent into homes as nurses of children, they invariably were sent back as incompetent and cruel. The human element in them was withered and dead for want of the family life. The experimenters openly acknowledged that the training in unselfishness and in affection was better even under a careless mother and father than under no father and mother at all.

A few years ago Dr. Louis Starr, the eminent American specialist for children, discovered a new disease among them. The baby patients grew bloodless and weak and died with no apparent ailment. They were invariably the children of wealthy mothers who had refused to nurse them, but fed them on some food which science declared perfect. Science was again mistaken and Nature avenged the slight put upon her.

—Saturday Evening Post.

EXCHANGES

The Bethany Messenger is one of our good exchanges.

The Acorn comes to us in cover, and indeed it is a very interesting little paper.

We are well pleased with the large number of exchanges that come to our table this month.

We are glad to note the arrival of the "Kingfisher," a new paper from Kingfisher College, Oklahoma.

We are interested in the Students Herald's account of a basket ball game between two of the classes of the K. S. A. U. played at Manhattan, for three of the boys of the winning team were formerly students of McPherson college.

Life's mysteries are solved only by concentrating our energies upon some useful work and this with all our might.
—Junata Echo.

Character is higher than intellect. The best part of human character is tenderness and delicacy of feeling in little matters, the desire to soothe and please others.—Emerson.

The nerve that never relaxes, the eye that never blanches, the thought that never wanders the, purpose that never wavers—these are the masters of victory.
—Burk.

No man can be educated unless he learns, first of all, that education means effort steadily directed to a distant end. The object of education is not merely to develop a man's natural gifts, but also to remedy his defects.—Success.

Besides those already mentioned we wish to acknowledge the receipt of the following school papers: The Drury Mirror, The Susquehanna, The Messenger, The Aegia, College Life, The High

School World, The Jay-hawker, Students Herald, The Lake Breeze, The Item, The Tattler, The William Jewel Student, Junata Echo, The Crucible, The College Standard, and the Midland

COLLEGE NOTES

A number of visitors have been with us lately.

Many students are now counting the days until Holidays.

D. W. Beanblossom spent a few days at Bridgeport recently.

L. H. Kimmel spent a few days recently with relatives at Eureka, Kas.

Winter has come at last and most outdoor sports and games have ceased.

Mr. Wiens of Minnesota made the college and friends a visit as he was returning home from Oklahoma.

Miss Batty, the Misses Price and Mr. Chas. Trostle, of Reno county, were visitors at the college recently.

Mr. H. Shroder of Goessel, Kansas, and Mr. Friesen, of Colorado, are visiting Prof. Denrkson and the college.

C. A. Loewen made a pleasure trip to Falls City, Nebraska, visiting friends and acquaintances at that place.

The entertainment given by the characterist, Elias Day, Wednesday evening Dec. 3, was highly enjoyed by all.

Ohas. Eyer, of Iowa, and S. V. Severtson, of Galva, Kansas, have recently enrolled, making the enrollment now 341.

Some of the boys who went to the Leavenworth Convention stopped off for a short time at Kansas City and Topeka.

The beginning class in Latin are filled with enthusiasm over the "vocabulary contest" which they will hold in the near future.

Misses Adna Beahm and Edna Suffolk, former students, now teaching, were visitors lately.

The interest in the gymnastic exercises has increased very much this term and basket ball teams are being organized.

Miss Lemburg, a blind lady from Council Grove, gave an interesting lecture to the students Friday evening, November 28th.

Dr M G Brumbaugh has lately been made a member of the council of the International Educational Conference — Juniata Echo.

Bro. Isaac Frantz who is now preaching to us has already made many friends, and all the students have a warm feeling in their hearts for him.

Miss Ada Fike, of Nebraska is spending a couple of weeks with her parents on College Hill Miss Fike was a student here several weeks ago.

In the Physiology class, when the location of the stomach was discussed, they suggested that "where the stomach is, there the heart is also"

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Weaver, of the city, entertained a number of the students on Friday evening, November 28th, the occasion being a birthday party in honor of the doctor's sister, Miss Alice Weaver.

Prof. Fahnestock will attend the National Commercial Teachers' Association, to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 29-31. He will read a paper on "Discipline" or "Problems that Confront the Teacher."

Geo Kuns speaks thus: "Well, I think I shall be a perfect man, having my three fold nature, —body, mind and spirit, symmetrically developed, for I am now studying advanced Physiology, advanced Psychology and Christian Theology.

The class in Metaphysics are studying some most interesting problems, but yet they will admit that they are somewhat "at sea" in some of the discussions; or, as Prof. Bowne says, they are "lost and embarrassed in inextricable difficulties."

The advanced elocution class have arranged to give several entertainments in some of the neighboring towns during holiday week. We do not hesitate to recommend the class, because the excellent work they are doing assures us that they are thoroughly competent to give these programs.

The dormitory boys have a novel way of keeping order. Those who become rude and go beyond the limit of what is proper and right are escorted to the college pump and their unfortunate heads are then submerged into the chilling depths of a tub of water. Yes, we think it works

Some of the city pastors have been leading the chapel exercises lately. Rev. Flannagin of the Baptist church and Rev. Rose of the Methodist church being the most recent ones. They always bring us words of encouragement and instruction, and we hope they will come out often. We wish to welcome all to come and visit us and see the work being done at McPherson College.

McPherson College has had a wonderful growth this year. There are reasons for this rapid growth. McPherson College aims to develop the three natures of young people, the moral, intellectual, and physical. If a student becomes convinced of his limited education he will want to stay in school if he has any ambition at all, and there is no school that he would rather be in than McPherson College after he gets acquainted. For these reasons an enrollment of 500 is expected next year.

Rev. Voth of Minnesota preached at the college, Thursday evening, Nov. 27.

Time fleeting fast, and the second term's work is proving to be very enjoyable.

E. H. Eby spent Sunday, Nov. 30, at Ramona where he helped to conduct a Sunday-school convention.

Prof. Fahnestock attended a meeting of the State Special Teachers' Federation at Salina, Nov. 28 and 29. He is president of this association.

The programs of the Irving Memorial Society are exceptionally good this term, and so well attended that the hall can scarcely accommodate all who come.

The revival meetings, which are being conducted by Bro. Isaac Frantz of Ohio, were begun on Saturday evening, Dec. 6, and will be continued until Holidays.

Miss Keough of Russell county, B. I. Gish of Texas, Calvin Forbes of North Dakota, and Marie Ebbert a former student from Kingman county, have enrolled.

The advanced elocution class are doing some fine work in expression. They assisted in the Thanksgiving program of Irving Memorial Society, by giving a play.

The debating club is doing exceptionally good work the present term. Besides the debates, a class in parliamentary drill is being conducted and practice is given in speaking extempore.

Chas. Slifer, the editor of this department, has been sojourning in Cheyenne Co. for the last three weeks. Now don't be disappointed in the notes this time for they are the work of a substitute.

The declamation and essay contest will take place on Saturday evening, Dec. 13. The contestants are all making great preparations and we are sure the contest will be a grand success.

Twenty three delegates represented our Y. M. C. A. at the state convention, held at Leavenworth, Dec. 4 to 7, and brought back a great deal of inspiration and many suggestions for future association work.

The second term social given by the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. was a decided success, although the features of the program were entirely new. The evening was enjoyed very much.

As a result of the week of prayer, conducted by the Young Men and Young Women's Christian Associations, twelve of the students accepted, eight of whom have already been baptized.

The class in Christian Theology are now studying some very interesting religious problems and much good is being gained in this class.

"The Bohemian Girl," given by the McPherson Choral Union, Nov. 24 and 25 was a success, and highly enjoyed.

Furman Cline of Salina and Miss Hyde of Inman were visitors at the college recently.

Mr. Jerry Peck of Waterloo, Iowa, is visiting relatives and friends of college Hill.

Mrs. Stump of Texas recently visited her son and daughter who are in school.

ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. J. J. Yoder began a series of meetings at Howard, Kansas.

H. J. Yoder made a short visit to his home in Oklahoma, recently.

Miss Laura Harsbarger, who is teaching elocution, stenography and typewriting at north Manchester, is expecting to visit her home and friends during holiday vacation.

Miss Francis Davidson, formerly professor of English in this college, and now missionary to Africa, made a recent visit to Johannesburg, South Africa.

Prof. O. E. Kemp a graduate of the Literary and Oratorical courses of McPherson college, is engaged in Dramatic Reading under the direction of the Western Lyceum Bureau.

Mr. J. F. Studebaker one of the former teachers of the college is studying medicine at the Hahnemann Medical school in Kansas City.

H. J. Vaniman of the class '00 is living on the farm near Girard, Illinois. He recently completed a two story house of twelve apartments.

Misses Lizzie Arnold and Anna Bowman are teaching the graded school at Camp Verde, Arizona. They contributed to the college Museum two skulls, supposed to be of the prehistoric races of that country, and also a bowl found in the grave with the skeleton.

Will Blifer of class '99 paid the college a visit a short time ago.

Miss Dena Kuna was at home on a few day visit lately, having come to attend her sister's wedding.

G. C. Dresher, '02, who is now teaching at Lyons, Kans, stopped here on his way home from the Teachers Association at Hutchinson.

Mr. H. C. Eichholz, who was a teacher in the Musical department several years ago, is now in the clothing business in Ohio. He was married a few months ago.

Prof. J. Z. Gilbert of the class of '94 is president of the Botetourt Normal college, one of the prospering schools of Virginia. He writes us the enrollment of the school is larger than ever before and the school is better in points of scholarship and morals.

Prof. Clement delivered a good lecture at Moundridge, a short time ago. A number of the students attended.

Prof. Harnly and Mrs. Strohm attended the Central Kansas Teachers Association at Hutchinson on Thanksgiving. Prof. Harnly read a paper on a high school preparation for life, or for the university.

WEDDING BELLS

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 26 at the home of J. L. Kuna, occurred the marriage of his daughter, Margaret Effa, to Mr. Theodore Sharp.

Promptly at 7:15 while Prof. Krantz played the wedding march, the pair descended to the parlor where seventy-five guests witnessed the ceremony performed by President Frantz, after which Mrs. Krantz sang a beautiful solo.

Tables were then placed throughout the rooms and an elegant lunch was served.

The bride and groom left at a late hour that night for a short trip, after which they will go to their future home at Winnebago, Neb., where Mr. Sharp is employed in the government service.

Mr and Mrs. Sharp were both former students of the college. Mr. Sharp having been a member of the first graduating class.

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