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ELOQUENCE of NATURE

By J A CLEMENT

"To him who in the love of Nature holds communion with her visible forms she speaks a various language; for his gayer hours she has a voice of gladness, and a smile, and an eloquence of beauty, and she glides into his darker musing with a mild and healing sympathy that steals away their sharpness ere he is aware." Listen, college student, there's a message in it for you. Sometime, somewhere, somehow it will come for meditation and give you inspiration and aspiration. First she fascinates and afterward breathes some deeper meaning of truth which leads the earnest seeker to get a final purpose, and cause and source of her existence. And so the subject divides into a message. How it comes! Its meaning! Its source! Mother Nature with all these years has become dearer to us; dearer because of the truths she has given attentive hearers. So dear that it is inhuman to crush indifferently the little flower at our feet, or to shoot for pass time the happy bird from the bough.

The college student as he takes his final survey finds the college walls growing too narrow. But soon finds himself ushered into the great university of knocks and knots. Let him turn for a time from the scholastic and live with

the atmosphere of forests, mountains, plains and skies; flowers, birds, rocks and rivers. And go more deeply into the school of meditation than before. For this is a silver key that unlocks one of the golden gates to success. When the heart is desolate and broken when the spirit is overwhelmed and cast down Nature is a sweet sympathizer. When the soul is hungry for knowledge she can satisfy. There is no wretch so low but her soothing voice will lift him. No one so happy but she can augment his happiness. No Solomon so wise but she can show him his ignorance. Though all the world tired should come to her she will turn none away, for she is able to keep perfect time and sympathy with the griefs and joys of the millions. How pathetic to know that men passed thru that long night of years—the middle ages—without the recognition of God's permeating beauty to enrich the common life. It is said St. Bernard traveled along the shores of Leman, noticing neither the azure of the waters, nor luxuriance of vines, nor radiance of mountains, but bending his, that burdened forehead, passed on—Like this humanity had passed. But happily that false theology has gone. Today the earth and skies and her waters are slowly revealing their mysteries. Telescopes pierce to the swinging worlds about us. Microscopes hunt down bacterial life with no less

wonder. But in this majestic march of hers how shall we know, whether to use the roaring Falls of Niagara, the rugged Rockies, the forests of the Amazon, the crystal skies of Greece or the picturesqueness of the New Zealand Islands. The most high eloquence is night, and so three familiar scenes furnish ample material for meditation. Our own broad plain, a sylvan retreat and our own fair skies.

Have you walked out alone some day when the morn was eloquent with birds, and buds were bursting, and grass was creeping and the very earth seemed yearning to the sky? What an eloquence of beauty comes at such a time to him who will watch the western plain paint itself in green. When viewing myriads of emerald wheat blades rise up and shiver together with every wind that blows. Refreshed by April's "bottles of heaven" the aspiring plants rise higher. Milky heads bathed in the morning dews of May stand proudly erect. In obeisance to the breezes their bow is graceful, their movement harmonious. Spread before you is an undulating sea of waves that chase one another closely and lose themselves in the distance. We watch the constant transformation with wonder, thru the restful days of June until some July morn finds that the wheat with bowed head has locked the golden sunshine in its bearded sheaf. And so dandelions that sprinkle beauty on a thousand hill-tops, leaves in a thousand blushing forests and ears of corn in a million fields and smiling fruits in a hundred lands, all boast of the yellow sunshine they have caught and kept. And these are

but fragments of her story. "O how manifold are thy works."

And again when the ill of life have chafed your spirit go apart and seat yourself on some moss-covered mound, go among the venerable columns that unite their branches in cathedral arches and there meditate in quietude. Hear the music of an unique instrument as Spring with her gentle swaying hand takes the russet cover from Nature's colossal organ which fairly bursts to let forth strain that they may find an entrance to every beating heart. Leaves are dancing, tree-tops swaying, squirrels skipping, jubilant brooks hurrying, busy bees humming, insects murmuring, forest zephyrs whispering, all in time and tune to the music. More than a score of sweetest songsters pour forth profuse strains of unpremeditated song and lead the choiring anthem. And not even the red-head leaves unheard his ghostlike drum upon some hollow trunk or the pilfering crow his caw from a neighboring cornfield. Myriads of variegated flowers that crown the hill-tops and fill the valleys between, lean to the embracing air and perfume the very heavens with sweetest incenses. Herds of kine fill the sequestered vale and quench their thirst at the lazy brook; bells about their necks reverberate their chiming along the hills. And at deepening twilight in that pensive time when the cricket is heard, then, your soul is filled with ecstasy as you sit alone to face the moon in her glory. And who is not loathe to leave this sylvan retreat when she takes on her autumn hue. And again when winter turns the breath of Nature to

hoary frost like downy feathers, or when her moisture is turned to high-like figures ready to leap into the valley below, or when frigid icicles dangle on the heads of trees like diamond spears, or when a pure mantle robes their feet, and then again some spring morn as the torch of day pushes aside his veil the icicles will weep themselves to death and every thread and patch of the great white quilt be melted away and go laughing down the hillside toward its eternity, the sea. Then we quite understand how rejuvenescence of Nature should rouse men to religious worship or outbursts of sublimest song. Oylvan retreat, for a thousand tongues to tell what I've felt from thee, O for a thousand beating hearts attuned to thy voice, O for a thousand gargates to catch the wooing zephyrs, O for a thousand pens and scrolls enough to write thy message on, O for a thousand harps and hands enough to play the music that fills my soul.

There is eloquence terrestrial and there is eloquence celestial, and so with rapture we look into the great white hood at noonday, or when fleecy clouds lay across the azure sky or when dark menacing clouds are ornamented with golden eranding serpents or at painted sunrises and smiling sunsets or watch the silver sickle be made into a shining shield without the sound of hammer, or the crowd of night's candles be lighted without brimstone. And here let the chief musician sing, "Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night sheweth knowledge, and there is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard." What is the meaning

and source of it all? First her panoramic display, then with closer confidence she lets you in to the secret. This sort of eloquence has a new ring for us because it always contains a truth. Eloquence that touches the heart and places a truth there at the same time. And so men who have listened have heard. The geologist putting his ear down to rock has heard their marvelous, unmistakable story. Agassiz plunging deeply into the forests of the Amazon listened to buds, boughs and birds and found their secrets. And Herschel under the concave of midnight stars heard the music of the spheres. Business men are homesick amid this mad rush for wealth, amid teeming millions, gayety, pomp and splendor and the calm of the country invites them to go back to simplicity and rest their tired heads in the lap of mother earth. Men who have sailed the sea of politics, full of hidden rocks being tempest-tost have sought this haven of rest.

Roosevelt sat at the foot of the Rockies for weeks before entering his executive bark and found it the repository of living issues. What wondrous mysteries lie concealed until some being inspired with listening ear and waiting eye, pushes aside the curtain and he will be let in to read the secret. Then with joy we wait for this poet to give utterance to what we've often felt. And so she has a peculiar story for every particular individual.

It is probable that the scientist who discerns the causes and effects of things must be more rapturously entertained than those who perceive nothing but

shape, sound, size and color. And yet there is in the mere outside of nature's work a splendor and a magnificence to which minds cannot attend without great delight. What is the meaning of the correlation of forces in astronomy that are beginning to sketch the physical history of the countless suns in the firmament? And of palaeontology which is slowly unravelling the past life thru millions of ages? We answer "Unity of Nature." We have also explained much by "Natural Selection" and "Survival of the Fittest" and by all the isms that are in vogue. But we are not yet wholly satisfied with the echoes of Haeckel, Spencer, Darwin, Huxley and others. We believe that in the "Cosmic Process" there are other agencies than Natural Selection and the story of the struggle for existence. And so we come naturally to inquire for the source. In spite of the searchlight of science the same challenge that came to Job comes to us. "Who laid the foundations of the earth when the morning stars sang together?" Courts would fain have tipped the earth's axis at a different angle. Skeptics have poised as the intellectual acumen of the world who could not fully explain all regardless of "that other influence." Plato regarded the world as the imperfect realization of a divine idea that in itself is perfect. The history of the universe has been written down by the unswerving finger of Nature exhibiting all events and final purposes in unmistakable sequence. But owing to our comparatively limited visions there is much of the legend lies in intricate confusion. There is yet much unfathomable but not all is unknowable. And once we attain to a know-

ledge commensurate with reality we shall find no traces of hazard or incongruity. If the student wants a place for meditation let him go freely to Nature. A huge library for the writer. A studio for the artist. A laboratory for the scientist. An inexhaustible repository of truths for the philosopher and of unworn sermons for the theologian. Only the first few golden syllables of her poems have yet been written. How naturally we are led to paraphrase? Who can measure the heavens? Who hath uttered all the confidences of the forest, or the story of the rocks beneath us? Who hath begotten the drops of dew? Who can stay the bottles of heaven? Who hath spread out the sky as a molten looking glass? "Teach us what we shall say, for we cannot order our speech." We are children of Nature. we belong to her by birth and can never be wholly separated from her. Not we alone but all the Nature longs to return to the source of her existence."

W O M A N H O O D

By MATE WEAVER

The true noble woman is no myth nor imaginary being. She is a living, vital, influential reality; a product of our glorious freedom that has come to stay. One of the secrets of America's glowing success is her noble women. But we need more of this kind of women; more women with just, well balanced minds, endowed with good common sense, and governed by loving

hearts; women who have appreciations, gratitude, and selfcontrol.

This is coming to be more fully realized by the American people. Men are learning the power of women, learning to respect their suggestions, to follow their incentives, and to treat them as equals. The tendency to restrict women both intellectually and conventionally is surely growing less. There can be no doubt about the liberality of the American man, and no doubt either about the splendid return for his liberality. Companionship is now the watchword, mental, physical, spiritual companionship.

It is not necessarily in the higher walks of life that we find true woman. The laborer has as good a chance as the lord to attain to the truest living; for the point where we reach the ideal is not a fixed point, it is a view-point and depends upon each one's individual point of view. So we may find our true woman among our accomplished society belles; or she may never have seen the inside of a fashionable drawing room. She may be among our intellectual women; or she may not be able to even read or write. Wherever we find one who is nobly filling the place God has given her, there we find a true woman.

"And the Lord said it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

In this the true woman finds her whole duty; and because her duty can be summed up in one word, helper, is not saying that her duties are light. The true helper is one who fills her life full to overflowing with work for those about her; doing each moment the

nearest duty; accepting cheerfully the place Divine Providence has found for her, the society of those around her, the connection of events. The true helper strives each day to shed some sunshine and happiness on those who come in touch with her, using her influence to inspire others to higher aims and nobler deeds.

One of the strongest powers in this world is woman's influence. Some influence for good, some for evil.

If a crime is committed, how often do we hear the remark, "there must have been a woman in the case." And when a new hero or genius is brought before the public, the secret of his success may generally be traced to the same source. This expression is very common, "My mother made me what I am," or "I owe all to my wife."

The home and the nation is closely allied. The government of our country depends upon the character of the men at the head of the government; the character of these men has its genesis in the home, and the character of the home is enlarged or limited by its women. All along through the history of our country, woman's influence has been felt. It was a woman who made the first sacrifice that led to the discovery of our land. Some of our greatest reform movements have been set on foot by women. Men are ever ready to give women the credit of the down fall in the Garden of Eden. Very well, but they should also give her due credit for being one of the factors most instrumental in bringing about the present state of civilization, for all must acknowledge that no little part of

our mental, moral and spiritual advance is due to the efforts of our women.

Character is the noblest possession of man. It constitutes a rank in itself, dignifying every station, and exalting every position in society. It exercises greater power than wealth, and carries with it influence that always tells. Truthfulness, integrity, and goodness form the essence of noble character. She who possesses these qualities, united with strength of purpose, carries with her a power which is almost irresistible, though she may have little culture and no wealth.

As day light can be seen through very small holes, so little things will illustrate a person's character. Indeed character consists in little acts well and honorably performed, daily life being the quarry from which we build it, and hew out the habits which form it. Character is ours for the getting; not by a single lunge, not by wishing and wanting; but by constant patient endeavor, repeated selfdenials, and victories that cost struggles.

One who has repeatedly gained such victories, one who has truly conquered self, and one who is ready and willing to fill the place of helper, wields an influence second to none. These are the women who are slowly and steadily accomplishing what the high voiced advocates of "Women's Rights" never will,—the social equality of the sexes. We can not all be Francis Willards or Clara Bartons but we can all be true, noble women.

Growth of Our Universities

In the development of our national life nothing is more remarkable than the growth of our universities. Almost all the colleges and universities in the country report a large increase in attendance. The Northwestern University has attained an enrollment of 8,000 students and announces that it cannot possibly take care of more with its present accommodations. It is said that twenty years ago there was not a single university in the United States that could boast of three thousand students; now there are six institutions that have more than that number. In the year 1872 the attendance at colleges and universities was 64,000; last year the attendance amounted to 161,221. According to these figures the number of students at the colleges and universities of America has increased more rapidly than the population. This is a good sign, and shows that the development of our national life is not altogether on the material side, Sir Charles Dilke to the contrary, notwithstanding.

—American Weekly.

"HELL DO"

"He'll do," said a gentleman decisively, speaking of an office boy who had been in his employ but a single day.

"What makes you think so?"

"Because he gives himself up en-

tirely to the task in hand. I watched him while he swept the office, and although a procession with three or four brass bands in it went by the office while he was at work, he paid no attention to it, but swept on as if the sweeping of that room was the only thing of any consequence on this earth at that time. Then I set him to addressing some envelopes, and although there were a lot of picture papers and other papers on the desk at which he sat, he paid no attention to them, but kept right on addressing those envelopes until the last one of them was done. He'll do, because he is thorough and in dead earnest about everything."

—Our Weekly.



About Writers and Their Books

Among the many books being written at the present, there are none more helpful to the student than biography.

Mr. Thomas W. Higginson, a contemporary of our great American Poets, has recently written the biographies of Longfellow and Whittier. These two volumes are two excellent additions to the "American Men of Letters Series." Mr. Higginson was a personal friend of Whittier, and gives much of interest that can only be given by one who lived in close contact with him.

Sir Alfred Lyall has made an excellent contribution to the "English Men of Letters Series" in his recent volume, Alfred Tennyson.

Another biography that will be read with great interest is the life of Daniel Webster by Professor John Bach Mc-

Master.

"Haunts of Ancient Peace" is the title of a new book by Mr. Alfred Austin, poet laureate of England. He has done so little to merit the high honor bestowed upon him that anything from his pen will be read eagerly, with the hope that he may yet do full credit to his position.

One of the most profitable studies in the realm of poetry is the poetry of Robert Browning. His poetry has not been appreciated by the masses of literature students but the time is not far distant, when next to Shakespeare and Milton, Browning will receive the most serious study of the lovers of poetry. The Literary World says of his works;—"It is doubtful if among all the poets of the nineteenth century there be one whose work will last over so long, so persistently, so exactly, or so rewardingly as Robert Browning's."

Among our essayists of the present day none can claim a more commanding position than that held by William Dean Howells. He is a very voluminous writer, yet he has found time to say some things which are well worthy of first place in essay. In his recent book, "Literature and Life," he says some excellent things, but none better than the following:—"I have never been able to see much difference between what seemed to me Literature and what seemed to me Life. If I did not find life in what professed to be literature, I doubted its profession, and possibly from this habit, now inveterate with me, I am never quite sure of life unless I find literature in it."

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E D I T O R I A L

Another New Year has come to us and brought with it many new problems and we hope many new blessings. This is the time when many people take a review of their lives, and from the mistakes and victories of the past try to make plans for their future work. This custom is certainly a good one, for how else may we judge what the future will be than by what the past has been. And yet, although the lessons of the past are thus helpful, we should not forget that the surest way to realize what we wish in the future is to make the most of the "living

present." Washington said; "we ought not to look back unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors, and for the purpose of profiting by dear bought experience."

The best preparation for the future is the present well seen to. But how few people do really live in the present as they should. Let a man examine his thoughts and he will find them ever occupied with the past or future. We scarcely think at all of the present, or if we do it is only to borrow the light which it gives for regulating the future. The student who has his hopes and aspirations of future honor and achievements, cannot realize them except by directing the influence of every present moment toward that end. Men spent their lives in anticipations, in determining to be vastly happy at some period when they had time; but the present time has one advantage over every other,—it is our own. Past opportunities are gone, future are not come. Longfellow says:—Look not mournfully to the past—it comes not back again; wisely improve the present—it is thine; go forth to meet the shadowy future without fear, and with a manly heart.

Trust no future howe'er pleasant;
Let the dead past bury its dead.
Act—act in the living present,
Heart within and God o'erhead.

The declamation and essay contest which was held on the evening of Dec. 19th was a decided success, being one of the most interesting contests ever held at this place. The productions and selections were of the best grade, and

all were well given. The race was very close, and while only one could win first place, yet they are all to be congratulated for the high standard of their work. In declamation, C. A. Loewen won first place and Corda Clement was a close second. In essay, M. I. Calvert was first and J. H. B. Williams second.

Much interest is being taken in the oratorical contest, which will be held in February, but it is hoped that more will enter this contest than those preparing for it. There are benefits to be gained from taking part in these contests that no loyal society worker can afford to miss. Let all the members of the literary societies rally to the support of the contests and make those in the future better than any we have ever had.

The second term of school has just closed and the school year is one-half gone. Examinations are over and students are all thinking about the work of the new term. This next term will mean the hardest work to many of the students, and it is really the term when the hardest work is possible. When the spring term comes, the warm days will not be so conducive to study, and planning for commencement will occupy a great deal of time for many. Let every student then, make the most of his time throughout the coming term. The first half of the year has seemed very short, but the second half will pass more quickly still.

in the different courses, but to choose here and there from the whole list of studies, those that seem to suit them best. If the student expects to go on and finish a course, this procedure will entangle him in serious difficulties. The courses are so arranged that one year's work leads up naturally to the next and thus the lower branches form the foundation for the higher. So when we see students planning to take some of the heaviest branches in the course without having those branches that naturally lead up to them, we think he is attempting to erect a structure with no foundation, and we can predict for him who does this, a great degree of trouble and dissatisfaction.

Quite a number of first class lectures and concerts have been given in our city this season, among which are the Hochman piano recital, Miss Electa Gifford, vocalist, and the Chicago Ladies entertainers. Several good lectures are yet to be given on the lecture course. High class entertainments and lectures are a means of much culture and we would encourage the students to patronize such. There is quite a distinction to be made, however, between attractions of this class, and the cheap shows that come around so often. Certainly no student will attend cheap and questionable shows, when the privilege is to be had of hearing and seeing the best.

There are students who do not wish to take the studies as they are outlined

Good resolutions are a pleasant crop to sow.—The seed springs up so readily

and the blossoms open so soon with such a brave show, especially at first. But when the time of flowers has passed, what as to the fruit?—L. Malet.

He who is firm and resolute in will moulds the world to himself.—Goethe.

The block of granite which is an obstacle in the pathway of the weak, becomes a stepping stone in the pathway of the strong.—Carlyle.

A good intention clothes itself with power.—Emerson.

Do not, for one repulse, forego the purpose that you have resolved to effect.—Shakespeare.

To think we are able is almost to be so; to determine upon attainment is frequently attainment itself; earnest resolution has often seemed to have about it almost a savor of omnipotence.—Smiles.

The never that never relaxes—the eye which never blanches—the thought which never wanders—the purpose that never wavers—these are the masters of victory.—Anon.

Either I will find a way, or I will make one.—Sidney.

The Glory of Effort

Don't speak of the glories of civilization until every tear has been dried, every suffering appeased, every hatred erased, every aspiration gratified and every oppressor removed. Don't speak of the glories of civilization until there is neither poverty, nor disease, nor ignorance, nor crime. There is no glory in our present civilization except that which lies in manly effort

and the cherishing of the right ideals. To speak of this as the golden age is folly, for the golden age is always of the future; it is neither of the present, nor of the past. And as long as we keep it in the future, we will constantly do better and not lose heart at the sight of errors and wrongs. The glory of life is effort, and the ultimate glory, success.

EXCHANGES

I rose with alacrity

To offer her my seat;

It was a question whether she or I
Should stand upon my feet.

Ex.

In the catalogue of Chicago University are these three names. Anna May Burst George Wood Burst and Henry Will Burst. Yet the students are going about their work as tho there was no danger of an explosion.—The Aegis.

We are pleased to note the increase in the number of our exchanges. The College Standard, The Karux and The Washburn Review are some of the latest receipts in this department.

The originality of the Wichita Messenger is to be commended, but some of its sarcasm ought to be cut out

Falar sa to me oder day: "For why you have agenst da trusts?" I say: Koz Ay not bane on da' einside." Dare bane whole lot falais yooost laik me, to alreddy.
"Push."

The December Midland expresses a very practical view of athletics in the eyes of small institutions.

There are some good stories in the Lake Breeze but the observations of the exchange column are much alike.

Keep on Learning

Try to learn all you can about your particular line; take an interest in all that goes on about you, and in a short time you will be worth more money.

Employers are always glad to keep the boy that works and push him ahead, and are thankful if the boys that fools leaves of his own accord.

COLLEGE NOTES

The Societies

Following is a list of officers of Irving Memorial for the next term. Pres. P. C. Hiebert; Vice Pres. R. C. Strohm; Sec'y Ella White; Treas. C. E. Lemon; Critic Corda Clement; Chm. F. C. Crumpacker. The society is doing excellent work. We hope soon to dedicate our new society hall.

The Elite society has good workers and are planning a special program for the near future. Officers chosen for next term are Pres. F. W. Cline; Vice Pres. D. W. Beanblossom; Sec'y. Mary Gibbel; Treas. W. H. Clark; Critic Cora Berger.

The Mission Band is doing excellent work. They have completed the book entitled "Effective workers in Needy Fields." The class will now be divided. The advanced class will study "The Geog. and Atlas of Missions" and the beginning class will take up "The Knights of the Labarum." We have enrolled our members in "Our Missionary Reading Circle."

The Y. M. C. A. has started the new year with a vigor and enthusiasm which we hope will result in much good. The interest taken in the devotional meetings is to be commended.

The M. C. D. S. is composed almost wholly of collegiate students and is doing strong work. At the last meeting Prof. J. A. G. Shirk was chosen president; H. B. Hoffman Vice Pres; R. C. Strohm Sec'y; E. H. Eby Critic; P. C. Hiebert club atty.

M. C. L. L. are well organized and have some strong students in it. Treas. W. H. Clark makes a good presiding officer.

The church has placed carpets in the aisles of the chapel which is a decided benefit.

Mr. Jesse Vaniman of Wichita, a former student, spent a week with his parents on College Hill.

Mrs. Perry O. Beckner is seriously ill but we hope for her recovery soon.

Several students of K. S. A. C. have visited us during their vacation, they having been granted a two weeks rest.

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At the close of the recent State Teacher's association at Topeka, state Superintendent Frank Nelson, was presented with a beautiful gold watch costing \$100.00, by the teachers of Kansas. The State Board also granted him a life Diploma and a life conductors certificate. Superintendent Nelson has won the love and respect of every citizen of Kansas and has endeared him self to every teacher and student in the state and retires from office with an enviable record of faithful service.

Rev. Henry S. Voth has been called to do field work by the Mennonite church in Minnesota.

Mr. E. Garl of Ottumwa, Ia., G. C. Bradshaw, and W. W. Bowman of Kaus, have enrolled since the holidays.

Christian Hope has accepted an apprenticeship in the machine shops at Herington.

Mr. Robert Cram, while at home during holidays was induced to teach a 3 months term of school. Robert is one of the youngest teachers in Kansas being only fifteen years of age, yet those who know him best predict for him success.

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Mr. J. A. Stutzman and wife of Beatrice, Neb., accompanied by Miss Maude Holiday visited relatives at the college recently.

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Evangelist W. H. Breach conducted the chapel exercises and gave us an excellent talk closing with a song. His son W. J. Breach, a distinguished musician, sang us a solo which was appreciated by all.

Elder Isaac Frantz closed a two weeks meeting on Sunday evening Dec. 21. Twelve made the wise decision and the church has been thoroughly aroused and much strengthened. Elder Frantz made many friends during his short stay and we trust he will come and work with us again.

Quite a number of improvements have been made in our gymnasium recently among which are 6 new shower baths, each one supplying cold and warm water, a fine bath tub, a new dressing room and a number of private lockers.

There were several socials on College Hill on Christmas eve and also on New Year's eve and everyone seemed to enjoy the holiday season.

We are pleased to note how soon our students recovered from their holiday festivities and renewed their school work with new vigor. It speaks well for both students and faculty.

The faculty have granted to the Irving Memorial Society the New Society Hall and steps have been taken to furnish and occupy it as soon as possible. The Lecture Board decided to donate seventeen dollars provided the society occupy it by Feb. 15.

The Mission Band still continues to grow in interest and enrollment. Next term two classes will be conducted. The advanced will study "Geography and Atlas of the World" by Harlan P. Beach, and the Elementary class will read "The Knights of the Labarum" by the same author. A volunteer band has been organized and is doing effective work.

The Y. M. C. A. devotional meeting last Sunday was excellent subject; "Review and Preview." Many grand thoughts were presented all of which may be summed up thus, "To keep in tune with the infinite a young man must think his best thoughts, speak the kindest words and do the noblest deeds at all times."

There are over ninety of our Y. M. C. A. men who are giving weekly to the support of foreign missionary work.

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The graduating class in expression have organized themselves into the McPherson College Oratorical association and have given recitals at Little River, Canton, Inman and Hillsboro, during the holiday season. They report good appreciative audiences.

The annual contest in essay and declamation under the auspices of the Irving Memorial Society was held on Friday evening Dec. 19. This was the best contest of its kind ever held here. Each contestant showed thorough preparation and complete mastery of his selection. Mr. M. I. Calvert was first, and J. B. Williams second in essay, while Mr. C. A. Loewen was first and Miss Corde Cle-

ment second in declamation. Judges, Prof. E. Frantz, Mrs. Sue Saylor and Rev. Westwood.

The mission band are increasing their library. They sent out over fifty letters to former members with the request that each contribute the price of a book, and many have already responded freely and with many words of encouragement.

Mr. H. J. Yoder, our taxidermist has added a possum, and many new birds to our museum.

Mr. Byron Talhelm, class '99 accompanied by his mother, visited with relatives and friends on College Hill during vacation. He is now principal of the New Cambria, Kans., schools.

Prof. C. F. Gustafson who was professor of Latin and Chemistry for several years spent his vacation at his home. He is now class instructor of chemistry at the State University at Lawrence.

On New Years day Mr. Levi Kilhefner and Miss Elsie Detwiler were married at Octavia, Nebr. These young people are both former students and are noted for their many excellent qualities of heart and enter the new relation with the New Year in their new home at Octavia, where the groom has a position in the Post-office.

The wedding bells have been ringing since our last issue and it looks very much like we will be able to report some weddings in each issue of the year. Mr. Walter Bowers of Roanoke, La., and Miss Sue Boone were married at noon Christmas at the bride's home near Lyons, Kans., Prof. S. J. Miller officiating. These are both students of last year. Miss Boone being a graduate of our Oratorical department. They spent a few days visiting on college Hill before departing for their new home in Louisiana.

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