



CALLED TO HIS REWARD.

Again we are sorowing for one of our student family. Last Monday, when Albert Gale left for Hutchinson to consult a physician, we had no idea that he was not to come back to us. On Thursday morning the phone told us the sad tale of his departure in the hospital at Hutchinson. He stood his surgery all right, and was, the doctor thought, doing as well as could be. But he was not to recover. He came to us from Indiana, this fall, and had by his consistent deportment, won the respect of the entire student family. Prof. Frantz and Levi Stump went down to take charge of his body, which was sent to his former home. It was indeed a sad home-coming. A broken-hearted family of loved ones were to receive in a casket, him whom they had sent away with high hopes only a few months ago. But such is our life. Mingled joys and sorrows. Less than two weeks ago Mr. Gale had dedicated himself to his Heavenly Father. We sorrow not without the assurance of meeting again.

The following resolutions were adopted and a copy sent to the bereaved relatives:

Resolutions of Condolence—Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from this world our beloved friend and schoolmate, Albert Gale; and

Whereas, Mr. Gale was a student of good standing, and had formed strong bonds of friendship, both with the student body and the faculty, and above all was a young man of consistent character, who had only lately begun "walking in the newness of life", and

Whereas, death only brings sorrow to us who are left behind to find ourselves deprived of one whose welfare was of so much concern to us:

Be it Resolved, That we, the faculty and students of McPherson College express our appreciation of the value of such character in a young man, in whatever sphere he may be; and be it

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family of the deceased, our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of sorrow; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the sorrowing ones and that they be published in the RAYS of LIGHT.

J. A. CLEMENT, E. L. CRAIK, W. O. BECKNER, Committee.

MENTAL TELEPATHY.

EXPLAINED BY PROF. H. J. HARNLY OF McPHERSON COLLEGE.

TRANSFERENCE OF THOUGHT NOT ONLY BEAUTIFUL BUT PROFITABLE.

IS STANDARD AUTHORITY.

The following is taken from the McPherson Daily Republican, and is a fair sample of the popularity McPherson College Professors have in the home community. This lecture was given at College:

Prof. H. J. Harnly gave an interesting lecture on the subject of "Telepathy" in Irving Hall Saturday evening. In opening he stated that he had nothing sensational or dogmatic to present. But in turn this subject is intensely interesting because it determines my religious life. When we pray we let ourselves go out in behalf of another soul and unless we connect ourselves with that soul prayer is mockery.

Then he stated how some so-called scientists and materialists would have us believe that telepathic action is impossible. What does telepathy imply? The human soul is not isolated but related. The fundamental law in nature is relation. Then some scientists would have us believe that the mind cannot act at a distance where it is not. Yet they all admit the law of gravitation which in its analysis is nothing more or less than that matter acts where it is not. Space does not annihilate gravity, and yet the human soul should be influenced by it.

"True philosophy does not teach the contrary. Then the spiritual universe is related to the material universe. F. W. Myers of the Society of Psychical Research, has discussed the subject very fully in his splendid work.

"If so-called scientists and materialists object because they cannot understand, we answer them that in its last analysis no psychic phenomena is understood. Nobody can understand even such a simple process as seeing or hearing. I have a thought; an impulse is started, muscles move the vocal cords, sound travels through the air, strikes the ear drum, little bones move, impulse travels over nerve fiber and presto, there springs into the mind of the hearer a new thought. Of course, it's easy. We simply hear, that's all. Materialists would make us believe that telepathic action is impossible because they cannot see or imagine how it could be. Yet they believe in light. Can they see

it? Yet they believe there is such a thing as light. Then they define light as ether vibrations of a hypothetical, perfectly elastic, inponderable gas.

"They would again take nothing on faith. Does it follow that because I could walk a minute ago I can do so again? I hope I can walk. I have faith. We live in faith.

"Again we are of a dual nature and the mind might be classified as the subjective and objective self. On the subliminal side we are open to influence from the spiritual world and it often is our fault in that no chance is given for an impression from the spiritual world.

"Definite tests besides these reasons exist that prove there is such a thing as the transference of thought by other than the usual means. Telepathy should not be confounded with motor automatism which is nothing more than the unconscious action of the muscles."

A number of instances were given by the speaker, taken from the records of the Society of Psychical Research, where the tests applied have been so numerous that all chance and mere theory of probability has been eliminated.

The first instance given was where a number of persons thought of the same figure intensely. Another entering would draw the figure thought of by the rest of the company. Invariably similarity existed.

"Then again instances are at hand where the death of a dear friend has been thought of or appeared in a dream though the two friends are widely separated. There might be such a thing as mere probability, simple coincidence, but as a matter of fact, these coincidences are 440 times more frequent than the theory of mere probability allows. Does scientific investigation demand a greater number of proofs? Then why should the vital spiritual forces be more restricted than the material? Who has not experienced the communion of souls? Even is this transference evidenced in the animal kingdom.

"Materialists say this is revelation. Certainly! All knowledge is akin to revelation. It is a mystery."

Prof. Harnly closed with half a dozen examples where thought had been transferred.

In one case a lady living three miles from her friend's undertook to make herself present in the room of her friend at a certain time. When visiting her the next week her friend told of seeing her at the hour mentioned. Again, two waifs were lost in Pennsylvania not long ago and could not be found. In a dream there appeared the exact path

and so the children were found. Other examples were given.

The lecture was concluded by bringing out the thought that the transference of thought was beautiful and profitable.

Interior of Carnegie Library.

We have been fortunate in securing this splendid write-up of the interior of our new Library building. It was written by Miss Grace Vaniman.

The interior of McPherson College Library is simply and artistically finished. The size and location of the various rooms, the treatment of wall and ceiling, and the design and color of the furniture all show a definite attempt to secure harmony of outline and color, as well as the comfort and convenience of the student.

The prevailing colors throughout the library are brown and green. The walls are done entirely in green, the upper half showing a lighter shade, the lower a darker tone, with stenciled border in yellow and light green. The steel ceilings further carry out the two tones of green, being predominantly lighter however, and divided from the walls by a simple dull brown molding. The woodwork, the plain Mission furniture, the Venitian window shades, and the oiled floors introduce a variety of harmonious shades of brown. The marble floor of the central hall also shows brown and green in the simple but effective design in which it is laid.

The arrangement of the rooms is particularly good. Stepping within the main entrance you find yourself upon a landing which by a central series of steps, leads up into the library proper, and by two narrower flights, one on either side, down into the basement.

This is divided into four main rooms and several smaller ones,—most of them opening into a central hall. The two rooms on the east, which are of equal size, are used for a museum, containing collections of shells and rocks, as well as zoological specimens. The two rooms on the west, one larger and the other correspondingly smaller, are respectively the Art Studio and the furnace room. The Studio is made attractive and cozy by paintings, china, embroidery and flowers.

The main floor consists of three reading rooms, a stack room, librarian's office and the central octagonal hall. These rooms are all well lighted by night as well as by day, electricity being used throughout the building. The chandeliers, each a cluster of five glazed globes, add materially to the

appearance of the building. The walls of the rooms on this floor are hung with interesting steel engravings, donated by the King of Italy.

To the right from the hall as you enter, is the general reading room. This is the largest of the reading rooms, corresponding in size to the studio below, and contains five reading tables, three long ones placed against the wall and two circular tables near the center of the room. Passing through to the left, we enter the magazine room, furnished with magazine and newspaper racks, reading table and dictionaries.

Crossing the hall, we come to the other reading room, containing three long reading tables and various encyclopedias, classical dictionary, and biennial reports. Adjoining is the stack room, filled with rows and rows of books and magazine files. This room, of course, opens into the librarian's office,—a smaller room enlarged by an extension built into the hall. In this extension is the window through which the librarian hands out volume after volume to the students, (who by the way, contribute to the color scheme by their various degrees of greenness.)

Though the library is not finished in the most costly manner, it is so constructed as to meet admirably the needs of the student, and his appreciation of it is told most eloquently by the order and decorum he maintains in the building.

MORE VISITORS.

The tracks of the members of the State Board of Education, whose visit to us was reported in last RAYS, had hardly got cold till more notables came. This time it was three members of the State University Faculty, Professors E. M. Hopkins of the English Department, E. H. S. Bailey of the Chemistry Department and C. E. McClung of the Medical Department. Their visit and assistance in the chapel exercise was appreciated by us all.

There is a movement on to correlate the courses of study of all the educational institutions of the state with the University course so the University will not need to do the elementary and undergraduate work that ought to be done in smaller schools. The move is a good one. There is a distinct advantage to be gained in attending a small college. There is more personal contact with the teacher and more chance for the question and answer method of teaching. The student needs a chance to recite more than once a month and that is just what he doesn't get in a large school, in the elementary branches.

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EDITORIAL

KANSAS POETRY.

Sometimes we hear the statement that Kansas has nothing of the beautiful and poetic in her; that a person must go to the hills of New England or some other far-away place to find the beauties of Nature. How about our gorgeous sunsets? Where in all the wide, wide world does nature hang up her twilights so unreservedly as out here on our prairies? We g-a-z-e, and g-a-z-e and g-a-z-e. Every evening the scenes are made new with rich combinations of colors never before thought of. Some of these times when the Kansas stock has had long enough residence to appreciate fully our wonderful surroundings, we will sing

with a native born Muse the things we now feel but which it takes his soul to vocalize for us. All honor to Kansas Twilights.

CHOOSING THE BETTER THINGS.

McPherson College has won a reputation as an institution where the moral atmosphere is clean and pure. She attracts large numbers of young men and women who put the emphasis of their lives on the higher things. We have been in company with some students from other schools, whose only thought and impression of their institution was in thought of athletics. Educators have been discussing the real place of athletics in an educational course of study quite vigorously of late. They have begun to wonder whether their institution should be known *chiefly* as an athletic field or *incidentally* as such. What is the place of scholarship? McPherson College has always endeavored to stand for scholarship first, and it is gratifying that our students are of the same high type. Body, mind and spirit, each in its true sphere, neither one developed at the expense of the other, this is our aim.

THE ELDERS COME.

Annual meeting appoints

a visiting board of three Elders for each one of our schools, whose duty it is to visit the school at least once each year and make a report of the moral and spiritual condition found. For McPherson College, the board is Eld. M. Keller of Larned, Eld. G. Manon of Gypsum City, and Eld. A. C. Daggett of Covert, Kansas. They were here last week and put in a day visiting classes.

We are always glad to have people come and inspect our work. We can put out a better advertisement than the testimony of our friends. Each of these Brethren has furnished us students from his family and appreciated the real help the institution has been to them. Come again and often.

THANKSGIVING VISITORS.

After the Teachers' Association at Hutchinson on Thanksgiving Day, we were visited by quite a number of old students who are now teaching. They always seem glad to get back to old M. C. and we are glad to have them feel glad. It is a source of satisfaction to us to send our workers into the busy world, good workers, and appreciate their regards to their Alma Mater.

A POETIC STUDENT.

McPherson College has a poet among her students.
Here is a sample of his splendid work:

THANKSGIVING ODE, 1907.

Again the day of thanks and praise
Another year has brought to light,
And we in thankfulness would raise
Our hearts and minds with pure delight.

This day holds with it memories dear,
Of bygone days, of friends of yore;
We feel once more their presence near,
Ah! shall we meet them never more?

To bleak New England's rocky shore,
A pilgrim band once fled for rest;
From persecution weak and sore;
In purpose strong, in soul distressed.

On that historic Plymouth Rock
They stepped ashore,—a chosen race;
Chosen from sturdy English stock
To send into this dreary place.

Led hither by Divine command,
They purposed here to dedicate
A government 'neath God's own hand,
To help relieve man's lost estate.

A day of thanks they soon decreed,
After the first-fruits of the field
Had satisfied their crying need;
Their thanks to God they then would yield.

And thus was our Thanksgiving born,—
Amid the stern religious glow
In exiles from their country torn,
About three hundred years ago.

And often since it has seemed meet
In times of war or pestilence,—
In victory or sad defeat,
To thank the Lord for sustenance.

Then cannot we be thankful too
Who such a heritage possess?
For these the noble and the true,
Shall we not our deep thanks express?

For life and health, for peace and mirth,
For liberty of speech and thought,
For high ideals of human worth,
Our songs with deepest thanks are fraught.

For goodly land, for smiling skies,
For faithful love, and friends and home,
For prospects bright that often rise,—
Give thanks to God and Him alone.

So this one day is set apart,
Out from the course of other days,
That we with one great common heart,
May render our Creator praise.

—E. L. Craik.

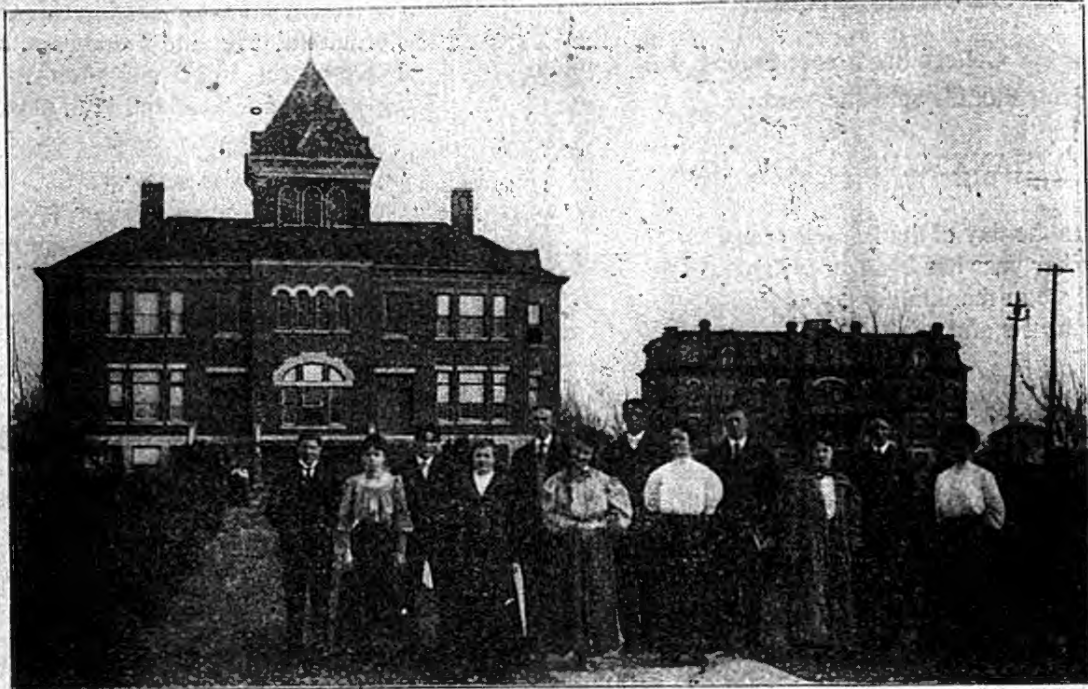
THE PROHIBITION CONTEST.

It is sure going to be interesting. There are entries enough already to insure that. A. E. Hedine, R. W. Detter and W. O. Beckner are the committee in charge, and they are kept busy answering inquiries about it. We have some splendid young orators this year. They may not have attracted much attention as yet but they have the stuff in them all right. Oratory will be spilled around here by the bucket full after holidays.

The best feature of it is that those entering are not disposed to make "winning" the principal feature of their work. The work for the work's sake is the expression of nearly every one. Our hearts begin to flutter so soon as this time, in anticipation of what is coming.

MEETING CLOSED.

Elder T. S. Moherman closed the evangelistic meetings here in chapel Sunday night. He labored faithfully and hard for two weeks with us. He is an experienced Bible teacher and fairly makes your head ache to follow him to the depth he takes you in thought. Eight have been baptized already as a visible result of the meetings. They are all students. Bro. Moherman went from here to Waterloo, Iowa for a Bible Institute and evangelistic meeting combined. He made everybody his friend while here and we hope he may come this way again.



SHORTHAND CLASS

An investigation was conducted recently by a leading publishing company in regard to office opportunities, and this is the result of the investigation. The business managers Marshall Field & Co., Sarson, Pirie, Scott & Co., the Cable Piano Co., the First National Bank, the Illinois Brick Co., etc., and the statement from all these was, that we would hire a bright capable young man tomorrow, and if another came along the next day we would hire him, and another the day after. The reason is they cannot get the right kind of man. "It is because they do not train themselves, it is because they are not in earnest, it is because they are not ambitious," said a cashier of a National Bank.

Mr. Towsley of the general management staff of the firm of Marshall Field & Co., was a stenographer, and afterwards secretary, and today he has more than a score of young men under his care, and all of these men are in direct line of promotion.

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Young man can you read the Signs of the Times
PREPARE, PREPARE, PREPARE, if you expect
to succeed in life.

PERSONAL MENTION AND OTHERWISE.

Blanche Curtis has been quite sick for a few days but is improving nicely at this writing.

Glenn Buckman visited his sisters at Manhattan over Sunday.

Louis Hope is one of the quiet fel-

lows who doesn't make much stir, but whose splendid work is very gratifying to his teachers. He counts his friends by the score.

Jasper Bowers is here for school work.

It may have escaped the attention of many that John Haugh and Ida Saylor were married recently. They

are now in California.

Harvey Netzey and family are here for the winter.

J. P. Vaniman says he has his corn all husked and will soon be ready to enroll in some Bible classes.

Ira Vaniman attended a Sunday School convention at Inman, Sunday

Izzie and Sue Neher visited Col-
over Sunday.

ay Newland spent a few days at
body with her aunt.

he kindergarten people had a pic-
taken one day last week.

aster Rufus Daggett came down to
his sister one day last week.

ratory has gained new prestige
ng us since the lecture. Listen!

ndy Crumpacker preached at
ton on Sunday and Sunday night.

ome of the students have been
ding religious services at the county

oy Baker assisted the young peo-
at Conway in their Sunday even-
meeting.

H. Clark, a former student, who
ow a successful teacher in this
nty, was with us over Sunday.

he students in the Commercial
partment went out on the green
had a picture made last Friday.

any time you meet Trostle, you are
ly to hear something about mis-
ns. Trostle is a hustler.

he boys have organized a new de-
ng society. A study of parliament-
regulations is a chief feature. It
good thing; help it on.

A letter from Furman Cline brings
good news that he is having fine
cess with his school out at Johnson
y, Hamilton County, Kas.

There have been so many visitors
College recently that we may not
all their names down but would be
d to if we could keep up with the
ession.

The afternoon meeting for men, last
nday, was Echoes from our Bible
sses. There are nine strong classes
w in operation among the men.
ble study is fundamental to our
th.

Elder David Hamm of Rocky Ford,
lorado, a former student of the In-
tution, was in attendance at the
eting of the Mission Board on
ednesday, and incidentally looked
er our new library. He had not
en it before and expressed himself
being pleased with the progress we
e constantly making.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The Y. W. C. A. will use the Gos-
pel Hymns at our regular meetings
hereafter.

A special Thanksgiving program
was rendered Sunday afternoon, Nov.
24. Leader, Miss Lulu Hildebrand.

The subject for our regular Sunday
afternoon meeting, Nov. 17, was
"Courtesy." Miss Corda Clement
led the meeting.

Mr. Deeter is wearing a bandage on
his head as the result of a collision
with a piece of apparatus in the gym-
nasium Monday.

The Christian Workers' meeting
Sunday evening got to business and
discovered a good lot of material
which will be sent to mission workers
in the cities.

Auntie Flack's heart was gladdened
by a visit from some of the Y. W.
girls a few Sundays ago. After sing-
ing and prayer and a pleasant chat,
they returned to their respective
rooms. "The only way to be happy
ourselves is to make someone else
happy."

The Evangelist, Rev. Moherman
from Ashland, Ohio, who has been
conducting the meetings here for the
past two weeks, addressed the girls
Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1, on the sub-
ject: "Sowing one's life." His ad-
dress was practical and was much ap-
preciated by every girl present.

We take great pride in our Bible
and Mission classes this year. An
advanced Bible class has been formed,
"The Social Significance in the Teach-
ings of Jesus." Mrs. Fahnstock has
charge of it. Some Bible class socials
are being arranged for in the near
future. Good interest is being shown
in both Bible and Mission classes. A
great effort is being made to enroll
every girl in either a Bible or Mission
class.

VISITED OTHER SCHOOLS.

Prof. C. J. Shirk spent the Thanks-
giving vacation in attending the meet-
ing of the Kansas Academy of Science
at Emporia and picking up ideas at
several other institutions of learning,
among them our State University.

BIBLE INSTITUTE.

Bro. S. N. McCann, writes that he
will be here for sure in January for
short term Bible course. He is busy
filling engagements and will give us
three or four days of his presence.
The rest of the program is taking de-
finite form and will appear in MES-
SENGER soon. Our feast of good
things is sure to come.

THEY LIKE TO COME HOME.

We were almost puzzled to see an
object in the hall the other day look-
ing so much like Frank Bowers. Was
it his ghost, or was it his body? Sure
enough Frank is here, as glad to be
back as we are to have him. He has
a splendid record as a Commercial
Teacher since he left us. It is no lit-
tle pleasure we feel to send out good
substantial fellows like Bowers.

A SPLENDID LECTURE.

The Lecture by Thomas Brooks
Fletcher, last Wednesday evening,
was undoubtedly the best given in
McPherson for a long time. It is not
possible to suit everybody, of course,
all the time, but there seems to be
more of us suited with this number
than ordinarily. Mr. Fletcher was an
old schoolmate of Prof. Clement's,
but the Prof. had paid no attention to
who was going to lecture until he
came out on the platform. It was a
very agreeable surprise. Prof. C.
went with him to Salina next day and
spent the day with him.

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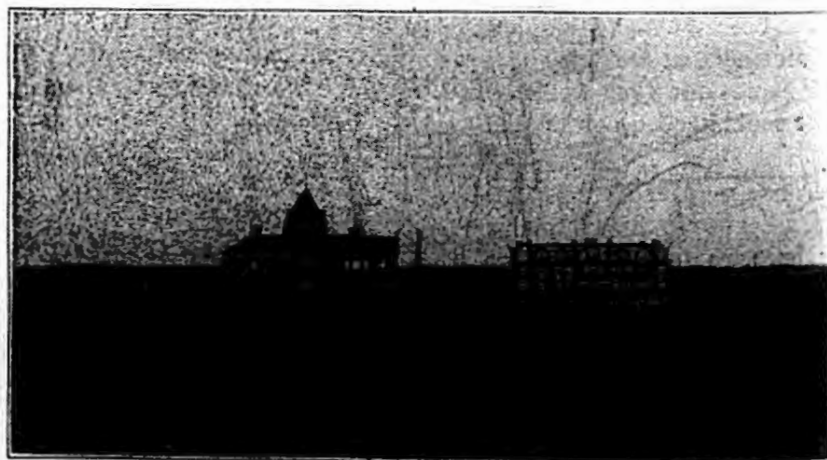
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