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## Relation of Prosperity to Intemperance

Oration Delivered by H. B. HOFFMAN  
in Prohibition Contest Jan. 31, 1908.

It is better to sing the praises of men than to drive them to despair by casting about us the shadows of vice and crime. But we should heed lest the songs of praise and prosperity allure the mind of our youth and manhood from the path of truth and virtue. The history of great nations is a story of a virtuous struggle for existence, achievement, and prosperity,—followed by vanity, dissipation, crime, and ruin. The flattering praise of prosperity is like the song of the ancient Sirens. The mariners upon life's sea are allured from their course by the charms of the music. They are enticed by the pleasure of pleasing sensation and revel in the luxury of delight. They are entranced by the strains of bewitching melody. They cease their effort and drift to the shore. Alas! They are seduced, the song of pleasure becomes a message of death, and their carcass is thrown upon the horrible heap of mouldering bones.

Ah! But you say we are strong. We are. Our achievements are great. We have developed marvelous strength as we followed the beckoning hand of opportunity. We think of individual men. Great achievements loom before our view. It is a wonderful story. But let us not be deceived. All languages and nations trembled before the throne of Babylon. Her elevated gardens and great walls were reckoned among the wonders of the world. Belshazzar was content and felt secure. You remember the story of his feast. A thousand lords assembled to carouse in the luxuries of a prosperous nation. Their eyes were dazed by the sight of fair women and strong drink. They saw dimly the threatening storm in the north which swept down upon them like an avalanche. They could not interpret their destiny which the hand of God had written upon the wall. Their vision was dazzled by the splendor of success. Great Babylon can boast of only one Daniel who could read what the hand of destiny had written, and he was the child

of adversity. The song of prosperity is a delusive phantom. As it plays before our delighted fancy our soul is transformed into the image of vanity and we stray far from the path of opportunity and duty.

It is better to heed the warning cry of the reformer than to hear the denunciation of the hopeless prophet. Israel mourned with the lamentations of Jeremiah because she disobeyed the warnings of Samuel. Rome was not redeemed by the protestations of Cicero because she offered him as a sacrifice to the folly of a tyrant. Leo X. lost dominion in the heart of the Teutonic race because he spurned the reforms of Luther. George III. tarnished the glory of British arms by not heeding the warning of England's true patriots.

Nations drift toward intemperance in times of prosperity. Adversity has been the mother of good fortune; extravagance and dissipation have been the children of success. Our men of learning smile through tears as they visit the sacred grounds of Greece and Rome. We hallow the name of lowly Bethlehem. Christian pilgrims seek the Holy Land with reverent tread, but their hearts melt with compassion when they find it inhabited by paupers and beggars.

We direct our steps into the future by the rays from the past. Stranded shipwrecks along life's shore are calling today for a beacon's light. They are struggling with the tide of dissipation. Some are disposed to squander an inherited fortune. Others mortgage their homes for the luxuries of life. Many spend their lives in lust and sin. Whence come the sounds of voluptuous revelry? Where do we find the degraded collecting? Where are policemen most frequently needed? Is it about the assemblies of churches and schools? Is it not in the districts of open saloons? Why do our legislatures allow such places of shame? Have their morals become so corrupt that they must be spurred by public clamor? Have they lost the power of leadership?

We would face the hardships of war in defence of our homes and native land. Many heroes have sacrificed their life on our country's altar to maintain her honor. We resent every insult, be it to



our flag, or our manhood and our womanhood. We expend large sums for the promotion of our schools and state. Yet there are cities in the United States whose open saloons produce six criminals for every graduate from their public schools. Sirs, Is this the end toward which we strive? Was it for this our forefathers bled? Do we foster such institutions in the name of Freedom? A million voices answer, "No!" Then why do we nurse these schools of hell? Why do we nourish these hotbeds of crime?

The dramshops rot the very foundation of our government by corrupting and debauching the character of our citizens. They lead men down into the uttermost depths of depravity and degradation. They are an enemy to every beneficent social institution. Some have declared they fill our public coffers; but they drain every benevolent fund. Our juvenile courts, prisons, hospitals, and asylums are filled by the victims of this social octopus. It weakens its victims physically, mentally, and morally. High license places the burden of taxation upon the weaker shoulders, increases poverty, and does not diminish crime. Saloons return only one dollar from every sixteen they take under this nefarious system. Is this the way to barter virtue? Shall we sell our birthright for a mess of pottage? Where is the fruit of this HONORED industry for which society offers a premium? Are we so thirsty for reflected dissipation and squandered genius that we crave another Poe? What caused him to cry in his mournful song, "Take thy beak from out my heart"?

These dramshops are the hellhounds let loose among men. They gnaw upon the vital organs of society and grow fat. They couch and kennel in the shadow of our beneficent institutions. They cast shame and crime into our newly formed homes. Husbands abuse their wives and children, love grows cold and suspicious. Men forget their sacred vows. The tenderest and fondest ties of the human heart are weakened and torn asunder. Babes are born from a drunkard father with the illshapen stamp of destiny upon their brow. Yet these hellhounds bark incessantly at our doors and we feed them with the tender life and virtue of our great common weal. They arouse the spirit of murder which lurks in the heart of degraded men.

Yea, they are worse than that. This vile tempter towers over us with a smile of victory and conceit. How I hate him! I would turn him away with a frown of scorn. He sneers at my plea with a smile of contempt. He bears a message, 'tis the message of death. He would annihilate my

soul, cast it into the abyss of oblivion. Behold he advances! Clutches at my very throat and with gleaming eyes his hellish purpose flashes forth like vivid lightning. I am dumb,—fall helpless before his demoniac power. With baughty derision he points with contempt to my hopes of the future. Are there no powers to help? Will no one come to the rescue? Are there none to deliver from this threatening death? See! He gnashes his teeth, contracts his brow, and with Satanic visage thrusts his dagger at my throbbing heart.

O saving Grace! God of Israel and Savior of mankind! We petition Thee in agonizing prayer. Grant us the power of a blinded Sampson, a mighty Hector, or a pure Ulysses. All is horror, pain is torturing as this Demon clutches at my fluttering heart. Destruction glares in his Fiendish eye.

The Demon pauses. His dagger lowers. He is startled by some strange omen. He strains his ear as though alarmed by surprise. Beautiful strains are wafted upon the balmy breeze. They gradually increase and become stronger and stronger. The Fiend becomes anxious and looks about wildly. The music swells until now volume upon volume pours upon his listening ear. It is the song of Angels. They are rejoicing as men are rescued from a drunkard's grave. They beckon and welcome lost souls into the blessed existence of the dawn of immortality.

Multitudes advance against the Foe. Muffled drums and martial music swell the breeze. It is the call to arms, the bugle notes are sounded. They ascend to the dome of Heaven and re-echo throughout the uttermost parts of the earth. All nations have joined the fray! From England, France, Germany, and Russia comes the sound of clashing arms! The starry folds of the red, white, and blue still lead in freedom's fight. Forty million people hoist the stars and stripes over prohibition homes! But the enemy still lurks about our doors. Let us renew the fight. It is a righteous cause. Prohibition must win. It will win.

#### A RARE TREAT FOR CHAPEL PERIOD.

We are promised a treat in chapel on Saturday mornings next term. Prof. Muir will allow his special students to furnish a short recital on day mornings. That sounds pretty good.

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## EDITORIAL

### A GREAT REVIVAL.

There has been in progress lately at the East McPherson church an old time revival meeting. F. H. Crumpacker has been in charge. Quite a number of the students have been going out. Cyrus Brubaker has very kindly furnished conveyance for a goodly number each evening. Last Sunday evening there was a large crowd. Drew Pollock has been staying out most of the time to conduct the singing. Frank has been at his best all through and there have been some wonderful changes in that old neighborhood. To use a characteristic phrase, the Devil has been put to flight. There was some thirty conversions and last Sunday night, it seemed that the very spirit of God was filling the room

and verily He was. Frank preached one of his powerful sermons and began to call men to come. They began to come. They kept coming. More room had to be made for them, they came so fast. People ranging in age all the way from childhood to fathers with grown children made their way down to the front and took their stand with God's people. It was an inspiring sight. It was a great victory. It means the full home for Christ in many instances. Let the good work go on. There were thirty-two who came Sunday evening making about sixty in all. A most wonderful meeting it has been for a country community. The Lord be praised.

### THE BIG WICHITA CONVENTION.

"Just an even forty." That is the statement made over and over again about the number of fellows who went to the State Y. M. C. A. convention. What a time they had! A good time? Well I reckon. They gave a report of the meetings on Sunday afternoon to a full chapel. As is usual in these reports, they didn't get nearly through telling how and what the good things were. And it isn't to be expected that they will get it all told for some time to come. Such meetings give us things to think and tell about as long as we live. There is where

they do us the good. Not the exact statements we hear, but the things we assimilate are those of most worth to us. Long live the boys of the triangle!

### AN ORPHEUS CLUB ORGANIZED.

One evening recently a few lovers of the Muses met at the pretty home of Prof. Muir in an informal way and out of their meeting has come an organized effort to deepen the fellowship of kindred spirits and to learn more of those to whom the Muses spoke most sweetly. An organization was effected with Prof. J. A. Clement as President and Miss Flossie Brubaker as Secretary. It is intended that the club will meet monthly, giving a short program pertaining to some Musical Master, Beethoven, Mozart, Mendelssohn and the like, then having some choice selection from that author's productions rendered. Musical games, "sharps and flats", refreshments, and novel features will be part of the program occasionally.

The organization takes form among Prof. Muir's many music students and promises to be a common ground of meeting and social comradeship for many kindred spirits. Each member will certainly gain valuable information as well as contribute something to the raising of the standards of music in the community.

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### ATHLETICS.

The McPherson College Basket Ball Team has been doing practically its first season of inter-collegiate work in this sport. On account of Mr. Salt-house assuming the Athletic Management so late in the basket ball season, little was expected in an inter-collegiate way from this department; nevertheless, the boys who were selected by the Manager to represent M. C. have carried out a good schedule and fulfilled it with credit to the College, and prospects are very bright for something strong in this line next year. Games were played with St. Johns Military School of Salina, Bethany College of Lindsborg, Nickerson College of Nickerson, and Hutchinson and Halstead High Schools. The regular team consisted of the following

players: Gilbert Barnhill, Capt., Homer Lichtenwalter, J. P. Schroeder, Howard Kasey and Wm. Royer, together with the Manager, Wirt C. Sathouse. Hoffman and Hope were substitutes.

The base ball boys under direction of the Coach, have been taking advantage of the nice weather the past few weeks for practice on the Athletic Field. Everything points to a very strong team this year. The season will open about the first of April with a game at home, and with St. Johns Military School at McPherson, May 20th, Field Day. The Base Ball Athletic Management has been working with an aim to arrange an exceptional schedule of the best games and dates are now under contract with the leading colleges of Kansas and Oklahoma. Arrangements are also under way for

an inter-collegiate track meet with some leading college for Field Day.

### Y. M. C. A. ITEMS.

State Secretary Dadisman conducted three meetings for men during his stay with us last month. Many profitable interviews were held with the different boys. Four of our most promising young men made a definite stand for the Christian life. Mr. Dadisman is a good example of the type of young men for which the association is working. No one feels the worse for having had a personal talk with a manly man.

Our annual election was held Feb. 25 with the following results. Pres., H. B. Hoffman; Vice Pres., L. C. Vaniman; Sec., F. P. John; Treas., H. J. Detrick. If the other members

of the Association do their part we feel sure, that with these men in the lead, we can accomplish great things in the next year.

Delegates from our association to the Summer Student Conference will have the privilege of going to Cascade, Colo., this year. This conference is an outgrowth of the Geneva Conference. Our Association leaders are going to make this Western Conference strong, and as it is much closer than Geneva we should be represented by a strong delegation. Why not plan to spend a vacation of eight or ten days which will leave more lasting results than a year's schooling? God has wonderfully blessed this place with grand scenery and His spirit is certainly the controlling factor in these gatherings.

Mr. A. C. Hull, traveling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement who is a graduate of Leland Stanford University and has had three year's experience as the general secretary of the association at Vanderbilt University, will be with us from the 28th to the 30th of March.

#### Y. W. C. A. ITEMS.

Miss Harris, the General Traveling Secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement made a visit to our college the 7th and 8th of Feb.

The Y. W. C. A. met in business meeting Feb. 26. The election of the new Cabinet members resulted as follows:

- Mrs. S. B. Fahnestock, Pres.
- Anna Garber, Vice Pres.
- Mrs. Shirk, Secretary.
- Lulu Hildebrand, Treasurer.
- Silva Miller, Chairman of Devotional Committee.
- Eva Trostle, Chairman of Missionary Committee.
- Edna Detter, Chairman of Bible Study Committee.
- Miss Johnson, Chairman of the Social Committee.
- Gemma Hollinger, Chairman of the Visiting Committee.
- Nettie Lichtenwalter, Chairman of the Inter-Collegiate Committee.
- Nannie Hope, Chairman of the Literature Committee.

The members of the different Mission Study classes were entertained by their teachers a short time ago. A social evening was enjoyed by all.

The teachers of the Bible Study classes entertained the members of their classes. All reported a very enjoyable time.

Thirteen of our girls attended the Fourth Annual Student Volunteer Convention held at Emporia Friday and Saturday. They will give a report of the convention at our meeting Sunday.

A union social of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.s was held Tuesday evening, Feb. 25. All present enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

Mrs. Clement favored the girls with a talk on Social Etiquette at one of our meetings. A question box had been placed in the Y. W. Reading Room in which the girls placed such questions as they wished to have answered by her. Her talk was much appreciated by all.

#### THEY ARE NOW ONE.

On March 15, Mr. Jesse Jones and Miss Minnie Brubaker.

On March 12, at Morrill, Kansas, Dr. Charles J. Davis, Normal '04, and Miss Lulu Luella Lichty.

We extend our very best wishes. Dr. Davis is a class-mate of the Editor of RAYS OF LIGHT, and his leap year success gives encouragement to the lonesome and forlorn that remain. Fellows, cheer up.

#### THE BATTLE OVER.

When the Prohibition people started out to make arrangements for the big meeting here, March 5-7, they had no idea that it would assume the proportions that it did. The Oratorical contest is the main thing about the convention, of course, but the other sessions were chuck full of things that were profitable for any citizen to hear and know. The Prohibition movement among the colleges is no small affair. It is made up of no small fry. The men employed and sent out are MEN. Rice, of Minnesota, who was in attendance here, is an all around

good fellow. He is a graduate of a good Law school, and has traveled extensively, both in America and in Europe. His addresses here were by far the best thing McPherson people had ever heard from a Prohibitionist. Too many times a Prohibition address is so very radical that people of balanced mind, while recognizing the truth of many things said, somehow wish the speaker would exercise greater self-control in delivering his message. Niagara roars, but not everything that roars has Niagara's power back of it. Rice was no chronic radicalist. He speaks sanely and gives you the feeling that he knows a great deal more than he could tell. His chapel address was pronounced the best address on the subject that was ever given in McPherson.

But the Contest. Well didn't they soar! Away beyond our expectations. Nine of them, the flower of Kansas college students. Away out beyond the clouds they took us, out into the realm where all was ethereal blue. Our own Crumpacker, too. Wonder where he has been keeping all his talent for so long. Why hadn't he turned it loose before? Out into the abstract and real he carried us as it were on wings of the storm and gently floated us back on a cloud. No little credit is due him for the manly way he represented McPherson College in the contest. The world will hear from H. C. Crumpacker again, we predict.

The final rankings of the judges gave the honors as follows: Alcorn of Salina Wesleyan, first; Folsom of Southwestern, Winfield, second; and Crumpacker, McPherson, third. Alcorn will represent the State Association in the Inter-state contest in Waco, Texas, in May. We certainly wish for our Kansas lad the honors of that great meeting.

Miss Florence Ford, a graduate of the Shorthand Dept. of '07 has a fine position as stenographer in Herington at \$720 a year.

Gladys Muir will give a public piano recital in the chapel some time soon. We always get something especially good when Gladys gives it.

## ANOTHER SPLENDID MEETING.

McPherson church is taking opportunity by the forelock. Our brother Frank Crumpacker is to sail for China this fall. Right now is the only time we will have a chance to have him conduct a series of meetings for us for possibly many years. We don't propose to have him leave without reviving our forgetful spirits. Meetings were begun last Sunday evening and will continue about two weeks. We go to press too early to report anything more than the fact that we are in the beginning of a great meeting.

## GONE HOME.

The reaper death, has taken away those we know again. The news of Bro. Barwick's sudden departure had scarcely reached us when we hear that our old Bro. George Garst of the Hill is gone. His funeral was held from the Chapel Wednesday. Then on Sunday, we hear that Elder A. W. Vaniman, once closely connected with the college, and known to all old students, had passed away in California, Saturday the 14th. Bro. Vaniman was here a few years ago on his return from Sweden.

The bereaved have our sympathy. Only those who have passed through sorrow can know what it means to go into the room and find a loved one cold in death, as Sister Barwick did.

## FROM PINTA TO LUSITANIA.

Out of the old into the new is the process of the age. When Columbus set sail for America, he put out in his small wind-driven ship that we would hardly fish in in these days. Today the waters of old ocean are divided by the mighty steam-driven monsters, Lusitania and her kind. And so goes the world. McPherson College has a similar experience. From the small to the great. So goes the Institution of our adop-

tion: We are glad it is so. RAYS OF LIGHT was the Pinta of the Institution; now comes a fine new magazine, put out in good style and supported by a strong subscription list as well as by liberal patronage of the most reliable men who will use its space to tell everybody what they have that we want. It has been a dream of some of the most energetic students of the Institution for some time that we should have such an improvement and now it is to be realized. The new publication will not be sent out promiscuously as the old has been but will need to be ordered. It is understood that the subscription price will be seventy-five cents to start with. Hurrah for old M. C.

## MUCH APPRECIATED COMPLIMENT.

The ladies may always be counted on. Some people are to be counted and some are to be counted on. The ladies of the local W. C. T. U. know how to do their part about right. On the evening of the contest, they invited all the delegates and the orators to the home of Mrs. W. L. Fulton, on Euclid street, where they entertained in queenly style. For an hour and a half we sat at the festal board, listening to the flow of "toast" and meanwhile satisfying our inner man on the things of the culinary artist. The ladies are all right; everybody says so.

## TO THE PHILIPPINES.

There was some Philippine fever raised around the college a few days ago and as a result three of the boys went

to Salina last week and took the civil service examination for teaching in the Islands. They say they got experience out of it. When they hear from their grades, it will be reported. Well, now, really, wouldn't it be nice to hear of McPherson College having some representatives in the Philippines? No telling how many natives they might induce to come to McPherson College to finish their education. (We would give names but the government does not give out the names of those who take the examination; only those who pass.)

It was Jan. 31 that we held our local oratorical contest. We had a splendid article written up about it and expected to see it in print long before this, but circumstances have made it necessary to abbreviate it to the statement that the local contest was exceptionally good. And again everybody says so.



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When Israel's leader was about to die,  
Denied an entrance to that promised  
land,—

But still directed by Jehovah's hand,  
Possessed of natural forces and undim-  
med eye,

He climbed upon old Pisgah's moun-  
tain peak;

And there alone while none but God  
was nigh

He scanned the distant land 'neath  
western sky:

Then lying down resigned his spirit  
meek.

May we like Moses, tempted here be-  
low,

Retire unto the heights to take a view  
Of life beneath. It will our faith re-  
new,

And bring new hope into our souls  
aglow.

Here is the place for human hearts to  
grow

On life's high peaks removed from  
every foe.

(In appreciation of a sermon preach-  
ed Sunday night, Jan. 12, 1908. See  
Deut. 34.)—E. L. Craik.

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