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Our Nations Crisis.

By H. C. Crumpacker of McPherson College,
who ranked second in delivery, winning third
place in the State Oratorical Contest held in Mc-
Pherson this year.

Nations perish because of internal corruption. All history is a living witness to this great truth. The nations of antiquity lie buried beneath the accumulated dust of centuries. They died, not from old age nor external foes, but from weakness brought on by civic impurity. The nation that fosters within herself the things which destroy the integrity and lives of her citizens precipitates a crisis upon her head; she must reform or perish. Civic righteousness is the only guarantee to national existence.

The American government is founded upon the will of the people; her laws and institutions are their product; consequently her strength and safety depend upon her moral integrity of her citizens and their desire to search out and destroy the forces which corrupt her manhood or weaken the institutions that develop and safeguard character. This invariably brings forward the passive and the aggressive elements of society. Those who constitute the passive element are satisfied with present conditions, and are always ready to compromise with the enemy regardless of honor or principle. The constituents of the aggressive element seem divinely inspired with truth, and white hot with the desire for justice. They know no giving in or shunning of duty, but the cry, "Forward," is ever ringing in their ears; they press on the foe, storm his bulwarks, and leave him dying on the field. Upon these rests the burden of uplifting and defending the nation.

Gentlemen, the greatest enemy this world has ever known is aboard in our fair land today. The demon of strong drink is sweeping the nation and leaving shame and degradation on

every hand. He is at our very door. He is directing his destructive blows at the very foundation of our civilization—the home, the church, and the state. He is breaking into our homes of love, purity, and joy; and leaving them marred with hate, lust and misery. He is destroying our churches, and rearing the brothel and gambling den. He is invading our government, dethroning loyalty and patriotism, and crowning treason and greed. Men are you fighting or compromising—to which class do you belong?

This is a land of liberty, equality, and justice; yet it legalizes a damnable traffic that is enslaving, oppressing the helpless and sending millions into blackest hell. The nation collects one hundred seventy million dollars, annually, in license; and spends two billion eight hundred five million to maintain a hell born traffic which is annually destroying one hundred thousand of her citizens, and heaping misery and disgrace upon her helpless women and children. She is building her palaces of human skulls, rearing her bridges with the bones of men, and paving her streets with immortal souls. Every year the high-license traffic wrecks one million citizens, takes food and clothing with two million children, and seeds three million women into social degradation.

At the first blast of the financial panic our nation trembles from sea to sea; while all about us exists, unnoticed, an economic parasite which has consumed more money, produced more poverty, and caused more suffering than all the financial panics of history. We foster a traffic forbade by Moses, condemned by Plato, and prohibited by Mohammed. The saloon is the hot-bed of social corruption, and anarchy. Inside her wall, mobs are organized, murder plotted, lust developed, and virtue mocked. It is the blackest spot on civilization, the colossal curse of the ages, the monstrosity of human history.

Why does this evil exist? American citizens, it exists by your permission. The devil invariably takes silence for consent. The traffic will never cease of itself, nor be eliminated by passive treatment. It is a self-evident curse and should be destroyed as criminal. No one method will accomplish its downfall. We should utilize all available agencies which will assist in its destruction. The demon must die, and that at the hand of every Christian and loyal citizen of this great nation.

The saloon man will say this is unjust; that it deprives him of his personal liberty; and we have no right to interfere

in his personal affairs. If that is true then Jesus Christ had no right to cast out devils; the money changers should not have been molested in the temple of God; but Christ cast out the devils and cleansed the temple. What right has any man or institution to debase your homes, destroy your churches, and corrupt your state? There is no principle of man or law of God that will justify such a pernicious business. The plea is made that it furnishes employment to the laborer, and is thus a social benefactor. The liquor traffic employs fewer men for the amount of capital invested than any other great business of the land and it pauperizes more than it employs.

The poisonous effect of the drink habit on the physical body is appalling. It overworks the heart, weakens the lungs inflames the stomach, and destroys the will. In any quantity or form, it is an enemy to the human constitution. One ounce of alcohol accelerates the heart beat four thousand pulsations per day; beer clogs the liver, starves the brain, and loads the body with unwholesome fats and dropsical fluids. Is this a fit dwelling place for the spirit of God? It is said that the individual is free to choose—he can abstain or indulge, drink little or much. Is this the truth? There is no man who is not greatly influenced by his surroundings, and it is a psychological fact that every act performed tends to repeat itself; repetition makes habits, and habits are the strongest bonds of earth. Millions of young men are ensnared by these nefarious dens; and seized by a slimy hand, from which the only escape is the drunkard's grave.

O ye lovers of home, the most sacred institution on earth, how can you stand by and see this foul fiend crush your sons and daughters; drink love from the happy wife; send the husband to wallow in the mire; and sink the broken-hearted mother weeping for her helpless children, into a premature grave? And the children—God pity the children—surely, "The evil that men do lives after them." Ye followers of the lowly Nazarene! What are you doing while your bright manhood is being corrupted, and your pure womanhood falling a victim of fiendish passions? Every hour of your lives, twenty of your fellow beings, whom your Master has taught you to love and save, are being hurled by this vile demon into the fiery abyss without a knowledge of the love of God. O ye citizens of this great Republic! Your laws, rights and privileges are being subverted, your brothers crushed, and your land laid waste.

Your sons, polluted with the scum of human corruption, are dragging bodies of filth over this land of freedom, hallowed by your fore-fathers' blood. Men, the crisis is on; we must fight or perish!

If this vile curse is ever purged from our fair land, it must be done by the combined efforts of all the available forces of the land, doing everything in their power for the one great cause—the purifying of the nation. Moral sentiment must be aroused, civic interest directed, and religious lethargy destroyed. Information must be diffused, legislative action secured and laws enforced. An advanced stand must be taken; a stand at the polls, in the pulpit, on the knees before Almighty God. Immediate aggressive action is necessary. The enemy is not idle. Every moment while you delay, he is advancing his forces and strengthening his defenses. His hosts are entrenched in two hundred forty thousand legalized fortresses of hell, supported by a vast multitude of depraved humanity; and they are doggedly contesting every inch of the ground. There can be no compromise. Nothing but unconditional surrender will save this nation; absolute prohibition, first, last, now and for ever!

What we need is warriors—determined, patriotic warriors—loyal to their country, true to their Creator, and faithful to their fellow men. We want honest, moral, Christians—men who prize principle higher than the dollar; men with hearts bleeding for the oppressed—aggressive, energetic men; soldiers who will face the foe and push the fight. Will you not help us? Do you not hear the cries of the orphans, the moans of the widows, and the pleadings of the bruised wives and starving children. Shall we not fly to their rescue? Must our nation grope on in wickedness and sink in disgrace? No, a thousand times, no! The sky is brightening; the light breaks through. People are awakening from their lethargy of inactivity. Men are enlisting. National ruin and disaster will not come.* Our prayers will be answered. We are fighting the battles of Jehovah; Christ is leading us on. Social redemption will come, national purity must prevail. The ranks are forming! The guns are booming! The enemy is weakening! The result is inevitable: **VICTORY!**



H. C. CRUMPACKER

Mr. Crumpacker is a graduate of the '04 Normal Class and a Senior of the Collegiate Department this year. He won third place by virtue of his splendid delivery, in which he was a close second. He brought the rank of McPherson College the highest it has been in the State Prohibition Oratorical Contest.

A Department of Agriculture for McPherson College.

The plans for an agricultural and experimental department are materializing, and with an option on 173 acres of land two blocks from the main building, also the assurance of co-operation by the "State Agricultural College" at Manhattan, our college feels greatly encouraged.

The state is anxious for as many colleges as possible to teach and practice scientific agriculture.

Prof. Burkett, who is at the head of the experimental department at Manhattan, recently visited McPherson in the interests of agriculture and gave the committee much encouragement in their undertaking.

Many of the best colleges and universities are taking hold of this movement and are putting in departments. Chicago University lately decided to put in one and New York, Ohio and many other states have a number of schools and colleges, other than their state schools, which have working departments.

The age calls for it and we must fill the demand. It calls for men who have not only the thought of a trade but the practice also, for true theory gets its start in practice. Much time and money is lost because of unguided practice. The union of theory and practice produces greater results than either alone.

Another reason for having an agricultural department in our college is that many young men can be taught accuracy, thoroughness, and honesty by studying well bred cattle, sheep, hogs and horticulture.

It has its advantages over studying latin, literature, or mathematics. It is not the facts alone but the training and mental development that a student uses when he leaves school. Our state, with all the rest, needs expert farmers and stock men; men who can do more than make money; men who can help the community in which they live.

A good agricultural course includes college studies and the theory and practice of general farming, stock raising and feeding, so a graduate is better trained to meet the problems of life as a leader in his neighborhood instead of leaving a good farm for a \$50 or \$75 job in the city.

We have the promise of support from a number and we

hope the citizens of McPherson county and all interested will help back this enterprise. It is a good thing.

B. S. TROSTLE.

A Revival By the Pastor.

The students have quite generally attended the revival services that have been going on in chapel for the last ten days. Pastor Crumpacker has more calls to hold Evangelistic meetings than he can fill. The home folks induced him to spend some of his splendid energy on them. There have been a number of conversions among the students. Rev. Crumpacker has his heart set on going to China next fall, but it looks almost extravagant to send such a one to China when he could stay right here in Kansas and raise up fifty others who would go to a Foreign field, to say nothing of the hundreds and possibly thousands that he could bring to decide for Christ here. China needs Christ, certainly, but if she ever hears of Him it will be because the church at home is strong enough to take Him to her. Rev. Crumpacker may be fitted exactly for Chinese work, but the one thing the people of McPherson know him for, is his splendid evangelistic aptitude. He will never do better as a Mission Teacher in a foreign land than he does as a winner of men in the home land.

W. O. B.

Model School.

Our Model School is progressing nicely. The Seventh Grade work is carried this year; the Kindergarten occupies one hour each day. Our Third Grade class is doing some fine work in reproduction and description in connection with language.

Prof. Fahnestock is adding new interest to our work in penmanship by offering prizes.

Teachers' meetings are being held each week and in this way each child receives special attention and instruction.

It is not the *many* children in school which counts for most but the special attention given to each child.

Come in and see us at work.

MRS. J. B. STAUFFER

President Frantz

President Frantz of McPherson College left for the Chicago University on the 28th of March. It was with keen regret that the student body and faculty saw him leave us. But our regret is much lessened by the fact that he will be with us again at the beginning of the new school year of 1908.

He is indeed worthy of this privilege. He has the best and deepest wishes of all the students and faculty members of McPherson College. There is no more fascinating picture than the intense hunger for truth, and diligent search after it, by such a noble leader as he.

He is doing research work on his higher degree. We can expect as a result from this leave of absence some real contribution in the field of theology in which he is already a master. His own letter to the student body reflects the satisfaction this privilege is affording him.

Extract from letter:

Dear Mc—ites.

"I am comfortably located enjoying to the full the opportunities that surround me. I am pursuing two courses of study either one of which with illimitable library resources might occupy all my time. Just now we are studying Paul's conversion to Christianity. Tomorrow I am to discuss the causes which led up to and produced this wonderful experience in the apostle's life.

Yesterday I attended the university morning service and listened to one of the most inspiring sermons I have ever heard by Rev. Hugh Block, a Scotch scholar and clergyman, now professor in Union Theological Seminary, New York.

I let pass the smallest possible number of opportunities. The principal part of my work consists in research in the libraries and in subsequent efforts to summarize the results and impressions gained.

On the top shelf of the bookcase in my own room there stands among other things, a glass of water still containing a little bunch of red and white carnations, grown in the best town of the best state of the best country in the world. And though the flowers now show marked signs of withering, the sentiments which they inspired in the recip-

ient do not, and I venture to believe that the same is true of the sentiments which inspired the giving of them. After all, what is all the learning of all the universities, for giving life real value, beside the human friendship? Let us store the mind with useful knowledge, let us expand the power of thought to its utmost limits, but while we are doing this let us not forget that the seat of all that makes life richest and most sacred is not in the intellect but is in the affections. If we keep our hearts as clean as these white flowers are saying we should, and as warm as the red ones urge us to, we can never go far wrong. Believe me always sincerely your friend,

April 6, 1908

EDWARD FRANTZ

A Pleasant Evening.

In response to invitations bearing kodak pictures of the hostesses, Misses Olive Snyder and Grace Vaniman, about twenty college students in masquerade, gathered at the home of J. M. Snyder last night. After having spent a jolly half hour in guessing identities, masks were removed and flashlights taken. Partners were secured by matching cartoons and their titles pasted together on pink cardboard in the shape of peach blossoms, carrying out the color scheme of pink and white. Refreshments befitting the date were then served and the remainder of the evening was spent in various old-fashioned games played progressively. At a late hour the guests departed declaring the event one of the most unique and enjoyable of the school year.—Republican

The student of sociology can not help noticing the social unrest of our time. The assassination of Father Leo Heinrichs of Denver, and the attempt on the life of the chief of police, Mr. Shippy of Chicago are only two recent events of anarchistic uprising. The monarchs of Europe are very uncertain of their life. There seems to be a universal arrogance on the part of certain classes of society against one another. There is a loss of respect for our old and often honorable social institutions.

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Editorials

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Let not our sins of yesterday keep us from doing the good
we may today.

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How much shorter and milder the winters than when we
were boys waiting for bare-foot days.

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Visitors to the geometry class report that the main effort
still is to approach the limit. Not much progress since Des-
cartes.

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To convince yourself of the practical difference between a
mathematical and a pedagogical education, survey the paths of
Professors Clement and Shirk across the vacant lot leading to
their home.

Count Leo Tolstoi is ill, owing to his having exposed himself while rescuing his horses from death in the snow. His condition is said to be critical.

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The single man might call the newly married man a fool; the old married man will probably call him a martyr. The future historian will call him a hero since the greatest hero is to become the soonest martyr.

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The worship in the chapel exercise every school day meets one of the needs of the student body. The purpose of this exercise is to benefit us in one of the greatest phases of life, our religious experience. The faculty are to be congratulated in the interest that has been added, and no student can afford to miss chapel exercises this term.

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This issue marks a change in form and management of the Rays of Light. It has again gone into the hands of the students and we hope to continue a publication worthy of this institution. We are sure that this can be done by the co-operation of the old students who have left school, the students enrolled at present, and the management.

This will be the only regular publication of the school in the way of a paper, and will be published every school month. We wish to call special attention among the old students especially the alumni, to our effort, and ask your subscription as a special favor. This will be the only solicitation for subscriptions that will appear in the paper under the present staff, and we hope you will keep our manager busy before the next edition in May.

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spirit is wedging into the churches and schools. Even the homes no longer have the strong bond of affection and respect they once enjoyed. Authority is questioned on every hand. We need to guard our attitude toward many of these movements. We have gained a rich heritage, Our homes have done much for us. Our churches have labored hard to meet the modern problems but the school comes nearest to us as students.

At Ann Arbor, two thousand students collected, attacked, and wrecked the Star Theatre, because one of the students was put out of the building for alleged misconduct. Fifteen arrests were made and at present eight attorneys are defending the students. Whether there was cause for this action on either side, the courts will decide. We cannot help noticing this "rowdiness" among some student bodies. Students of the higher institutions of learning ought to lead exemplary lives. Liberty does not mean unrestraint; for that is the basis of anarchy.



Athletics are essential to college life. When the student body does not have a place and means to take good vigorous exercise, they often neglect getting the amount of fresh air and work they are accustomed to. It often results in sickness and sometimes in ruined health. When this disease is contagious the danger becomes great as the whole student body becomes liable.

The ideal way would be to furnish the students with an industrial department where they could get exercise and at the same time produce something that is of use to society. It would also equip the student for earning a livelihood at the close of school days. To the student that would desire, he could finish his college course with a trade well learned. He could unite his theory and practice in a desirable way.

Until this is obtained, athletics need the most careful supervision and encouragement. Many students are not interested in them. A director is desirable who feels the responsibility and can interest the student. This is especially true when the student comes in from the farm. We must guard against too big a change from his steady muscular exertions on the farm to the quiet, mental work of the study room. We cannot afford to risk the students health for an education.

Our thoughts of a home bring with them a pleasure,
Within its fair dreams we store many a treasure.
And when the day's o'er and work nears its end,
My heart ever longs for a true, loving friend.
Of course we have friends both many and true,
As good as can be and as pure as the dew;
But when the day's o'er and work nears its end,
My heart ever longs for one true, loving friend.



Current News

Emperor William who had manifested an unwillingness to receive David Jayne Hill as ambassador to Germany to succeed Charlemagne Tower, resigned, has now signified his intention to agree to the change.

Kansas are figuring somewhat prominently in Admiral Evans' fleet which is now in Asiatic waters. There are one hundred thirty six of them in all. Kansas City, Kansas furnished twelve of the number.

Pres. E. R. Nichols of the Agricultural College has resigned. Prof. Davenport of Illinois is mentioned favorably to fill the vacancy.

Drury Lane Theatre, that famous old London playhouse was practically destroyed by fire recently. It was first opened in 1663. It burned in 1672, but was re-opened in 1674. The third theatre on the site was burned in 1809. With this historic edifice are connected such names as Dryden, Charles II, Nell Gwynne, Mrs. Liddons, the Byrons, Garrick, and Kemble.

On March 28 occurred the dedication of the highest dam in the world. It is located on Shoshone River in Wyoming, and was built under the auspices of the government. The dam will open up 67,000 acres of land to cultivation.

Capt. O. M. Carter who is living in disgrace for having been connected with an army scandal at Savannah some years ago, is now asking back his position in the army.

Rev. French E. Oliver has purchased a home in Kansas City. Rev. Oliver has just succeeded in converting about 700 people in a revival effort at Russell, Kansas.

And now a Scandinavian society proclaims that George Washington was of Danish descent. He is said to have made a statement in 1782 saying that his ancestors bearing the name Wass emigrated from Denmark to England in 970 and founded the town Wassingatun, whence the name Washington.

A Minnesota law affecting railroad charges has been declared unconstitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Gen. Odon Ouitar, commander of the Ninth Union Cavalry in the Civil War, died recently at Columbia, Mo.

Good reports have been coming in as a result of prohibition in Georgia. This regulation went into effect Jan. 1, 1908.

Florence Nightingale now about 81 years old was recently given honorary freedom of the corporation of London. She is said to be the happiest woman in England.

This fall we have general election, and already the political pots of the different parties are simmering and the chief cooks are beginning to stir. Between the radical wing of the Republican party, led by Roosevelt, and the Bryan column of the Democratic, there is not enough difference on fundamental questions to be detected by a microscope with a two-third objective—a one-sixth might show a slight difference in their military policies,—nevertheless both the parties are making strenuous efforts on the proposition of "Get there, Eli."

The Republican convention will be held in Chicago June 16-17. The people would be unanimous for Theodore Roosevelt as Presidential candidate, but Roosevelt says "nit," so it is up to the Republican party to find another man. William B. Taft got into the race early, and he has a large following and nearly enough state delegations pledged to make him the Republican nominee. It is claimed by Taft's friends that he is thoroughly in sympathy with President Roosevelt's plans and well acquainted with affairs at Washington. On the other hand Taft will not start many movements himself without first having felt the pulse of his party.

A candidate of better executive ability is Governor Hughes of New York. He has clear enough insight to know what is

necessary and a strong enough will to get that when he goes after it. Gov. Hughes got into the race late but he is rapidly gaining favor and will no doubt give the Taft force a fight.

Candidates with smaller chances of nomination are: Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania, Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, Senator Foraker of Ohio, Speaker of the House J. C. Cannon and Vice President Fairbanks. Knox has his experience as Attorney General under Roosevelt to substantiate him in his claim of suppressing the big corporations, but then Roosevelt had to swing the big stick over Knox before he saw fit to act. La Follette is a very popular man—a fine man for a new party—but he has openly fought the czars of the Republican party and they will exile him from any office. Foraker is anti-Roosevelt; and he can find nothing better than the Brownsville affray on which to attack Roosevelt, so he pats the negroes on the back, and state conventions run riot in the South.

The Democratic convention will be held in Denver July 7. William J. Bryan is its leader, having molded his principles into the platforms of the Democratic party in the west. So far he is sure of his position as nominee for President though several schemes are out with a view of running the convention into a deadlock and thus necessitating the nomination of another man. Among the men who are boosted high as a possible opponent to Bryan is Gov. Johnson of Minnesota. Johnson is a popular man in his own state and has promised that his pet plank in the platform will be, "tariff for revenue only," which would give the high finance operators a relief in contrast to Bryan's and Roosevelt's avowed purpose of Federal control of corporations. Johnson's friends claim that he "never dodges an issue," but the temperance people of Minnesota have not gotten him located on the Prohibition question yet.

The ultra-conservative Democrats are still hoping to gain control of the Democratic party, and have centered upon Judge Gray of Pennsylvania as their candidate. It may be that the ultra-conservatives in both the Republican and the Democratic party will forget their old protection contention and consolidate into a new conservative party.

The Prohibition convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio July 15. Their principal fight this year will be for State Prohibition in the different states. The fight will be especially acute in Minnesota, Iowa, Texas and the southeastern states.

The Orpheus Musical Society

The organization of a Musical Society is the most encouraging signs of the musical progress in any institution.

It is often alleged that the musician is less sociable than those in other professions. This is a matter which finds its root in his absorption in artistic pleasures and duties, and not a desire to absent himself from social gatherings, and social contact with others, for he is a sort of a sociable creature at heart after all. He simply has not much time for society small talk.

"In union there is strength." The club idea is not a new one. For centuries kindred spirits have flocked together, and musicians of olden times met to talk music, discuss literature and invoke the divine aid of the gods.

The "Orpheus" Musical Society recently organized has already an active membership of some thirty, and a number of honorary members.

The success which has attended the very threshold of this new organization has exceeded the expectation of its promoters.

Regular sessions will be held once every month and continue through the summer vacation.

We are glad to welcome such members as Miss Larson and Miss Sward of the city as regular active members. Miss Bessie Berg from Oberlin Conservatory and Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Haugh of Bethany, Chicago who will spend their vacation in McPherson as honorary members.

Such a co-operation of musicians and with Prof. Clement as President, will insure success and lead to substantial results in musical progress.

The next session will be held Friday evening May 1. Program—An evening with Mendelssohn. One prime factor of the next meeting will be the social feature after the program.

The object of the society is to promote the sociability of its members and a better appreciation of each others powers and thus through the efforts of each to add joy and happiness to the world.

Inter-Collegiate

The base ball season is now on. Let each college stand behind their team. What is better than a good base ball game?

The March number of the Cooper Courier contains some good essays.

We learn that Soule College, Dodge City will likely soon be put under the direct management of the Methodist Church, and an effort made to make it a successful educational institution. We will be glad to see western Kansas get a good college.

Miss Hellen Gould closes her Girls Industrial School at Lyndhurst. The present financial crises has made it necessary for her to discontinue some of her philanthropic work.

President Nichols of State Agricultural College has resigned. It will be difficult to secure some one that will be able to fill his place.

Wesleyan University of Salina will soon have a science hall. Funds have already been secured for its erection.

Washburn's debaters are too strong for Baker this year. These two colleges have been holding annual debate contests. There is now a tie, each school having won two contests.

President T. W. Roach of Wesleyan has handed in his resignation, to take effect as soon as his successor is appointed.

The state school commission appointed some time ago by Governor Hoch have commenced their labors. It is hoped that after their investigations they will be able to recommend some improvement in our school law.

There is a movement on foot to equalize the salaries of men and women teachers for equal services. This principle has already been adopted by Buffalo and Chicago.

Clemson College S. C. is having some serious difficulty with her students. Fifty have already been expelled, and many more threatened to leave.

Kansas will soon have a new college at Hillsboro. This school will be under the direction of the German Mennonites.

Literary Societies.

“Gluck Auf” Irvings

Who are the Irvings? They are the Collegiate students “Nuff sed.” If you are looking for something good, meet us in the Hall on Saturday evenings at 8 o'clock.

Several members, constituting the executive committee for the third term, recently became decidedly anarchistic in spirit and hurled a bomb at our worthy treasurer, who for some time past has been grieving over the financial prosperity of the society. The results were disastrous to the treasurer if we judge by the smiles which now appear upon his face.

His smile has proven contagious and all Irvings are wearing them. Why, did you say? Here it is and therein the justification of the bomb-throwers.

To be brief “internal improvements” are the sole cause. We are proud of them and the plans which are materializing. The new stage in the east end of the Hall is the pride of every Irving. With its circular front and increased dimensions it is a decided improvement over the old one in several ways. Besides adding greatly to the appearance of the hall it gives the speaker advantages hitherto lacking.

In the near future the hall is to be repapered and shades procured for the windows. These will tend greatly to produce that “homelike” appearance and feeling and we will have a home that any society can well afford to be proud of.

Thanks to all those who are so active in perfecting this improvement.

It is nothing uncommon for the past few days to see Mr. Salthouse and the Misses Johnson and Snyder in close consultation. They are arranging for our next banquet social, and none will be disappointed in looking forward to an enjoyable time.

Ask the Irving in the dormitory if he is going to the social and you will be greeted with an enthusiastic smile and the answer “Sure”. Perhaps there are more reasons than one for this. Think so?

“Don’t hurry, don’t worry but work!”

The officers for the present term are: D. Dalke President; E. L. Craik Vice President; Roy Baker Sec'y. and Miss Vada Kuna Sergeant. We may trust them to guide us safely over the "serging waves and billows" so much encountered during the closing weeks of a school year.

Forget your studies on Saturday evenings. They won't be offended if you leave them for a day. Come, be loyal, Irvings, push and see what *you* can do.

Our library which, in the past has occupied a portion of the stage is to be transferred to the library building for the student body. Messrs. Hoffman, Craik, and Rothrock have consented to be responsible for this task.

The personal of the recently organized octette is worthy of notice. It consists of Messrs. Johnson, Clement, Snyder, Kuna, Hoffman, Abel, Dotter, and Clausen. This means good music.

Anticipation became realization. We obeyed the summons of the social committee and spent a most enjoyable evening, Saturday the 11th.

Candy making was the all absorbing topic and it is hardly necessary to say, all did justice to the occasion. Fudge, peanuts, cocoanuts, butterscotch and chocolates appeared upon the scene in quick succession and to avoid confusion all quickly disappeared. All agree in extending the committee a vote of thanks.

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Eureka News

The lecture, given April 4th by Prof. Hedine, was of high class, greatly appreciated by all those present.

Some excellent programs are in preparation, the last term being expected to be the best of the year.

The election of officers will take place April 18.

The continued story by Miss Miller, Miss Buckman, and Mr. Birby, was one of the interesting features of the society this year.

Through the effort of Mr. Frank John, the Eureka Society has greatly improved during the last term.

Miss Mabel Suffield will not be in school during the spring term. Her absence will be greatly felt in musical work.

The poem, "Queen Uncrowned," written by Mr. E. F. Sherfy, was fine. The Eureka may well be proud of a member like Mr. Sherfy.

The piano trio, given March 28 by the Misses Suffield, Mason, and Kreitzer, was one of our many specialties.

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Elite Society

The Elite Society, composed of first year normal and commercial students, holds its meetings in Irving Memorial on Monday nights.

Its membership has been continually increasing until it reached forty five members at the close of the third term. They have taken hold of the work well this year and attended regularly. The support of the many visitors which it has had all through the school term has been a great encouragement to the members of the Elite. The Expression and Musical department of the college also have been a great benefit to the society.

The last election of officers was held recently, resulting in the election of the following: Pres., A. C. Socolofsk; Vice Pres., A. F. Warkentin; Sec., Miss Ella Burger; Treas., O. C. Bradbury; Critic, P. S. Goertz; Sec., Vernos Hull; Asst. Sec. Leon Parton; Chor., Nellie Tawzer.

In the last meeting of the society these were installed as officers for this term.

Pres. A. L. Socolofsky has been called home, and is busy in the store. He is an industrious student in the Commercial Dept. and is working up a wider reputation by keeping books for the Tampa Mercantile Co. We all expect him back however as soon as he has rendered the firm sufficient assistance in adopting the modern system of book-keeping.

Miss Nellie Tawzer was also called home, but after an absence of a little more than a week is again in our midst.

Sad is it indeed that our Dr. Vernon Hull, as he was usually called, has left for home. He was our poet, humorist, soloist and philosopher. As a result of his philosophical speeches the

imagination of the audience roamed among the stars and planets.

We hope that during his absence he will be able to gather many new ideas, and next year astonish us with the amount of new material he will bring us.

Sam Hiebert, another great mind, is also a member of the Elite, but his lectures are on physiognomy. He may some day make a good physiognomist.



Y. W. C. A.

Some members of the mission classes gave a program on "City Work in Our Home Land" on April 12. Mrs. Crumpacker gave an account of some of her personal experiences during the past summer.

The social committee will give the Senior girls a social before school closes.

Most of the Bible and Mission study classes are through with the work for the year. Several of the teachers have given class socials.

We feel that the years work has been successful. We welcome all girls back next year and hope to make the Y. W. C. A. work as enjoyable as that of last year.



Y. M. C. A.

The summer conference will be held at Cascades, Colorado this summer instead of Geneva. This has several advantages. The expenses will be less, and the trip to the Grand Old Rockies will be a treat. A number of the men are going. We expect a good conference. This will be truly a mountain top experience for all who go in more ways than one, spiritual and physical.

Our life work meetings this year, have been exceptionally good. Prof. Frantz gave us a treat early in the year. March 22nd we were favored by a visit by Prof. Shirk of Newton, who presented the calling of a teacher in his clear frank way. A talk from one who is making it a business, and is teaching, not

for the dollar but to build character, brings weight and power. Professor Shirk very happily combines theory and practice in teaching. We all feel that he honors the profession and that teachers are not made in a day but really are born teachers. His faith in the Young Men's Christian Association is strong, because he has seen so much of its work in the state, and appreciates the great work it is doing.



On the Campus

On the evening of the 27th of March the students of the dormitory, in order to show their respect for Pres. Frantz who was soon to leave for Chicago University, went in a body to his home. After being serenaded with (a couple) songs the president appeared on the porch, and in a few sentences, with characteristic precision, expressed his feelings. Then the whole crowd pressed forward to give him a warm handshake, after which all joined in singing "God be with you till we meet again", and then departed.

The college dog "Towser", that has been with us during the past four years and was just about ready to take his B. S. D. degree, suddenly passed away March 23 on the college campus. He had been a faithful dog in helping rouse the dormitory students at the ringing of the gong and is greatly missed by them.

Prof. Miller had quite an interesting experience some time ago. One evening when he returned to his room he found a dummy had been dressed up with some of his clothes and placed in his bed. An inquest was held in order to determine who the intruders were but they are as yet undiscovered.

Mr. Steel, a former student, has enrolled with us again.

Drew Pollock met with an accident on the college campus April 7. He left his horse stand near the tennis court for a moment in order to speak to a gentleman on the court and while he was away the horse became frightened and ran away, upsetting the buggy and tearing up things generally. The horse was captured a block or two away and was found to be un hurt.

Prof. C. J. Shirk is making preparations to leave in the near future for Chicago to enter the University.

Clifford Drescher is teaching school near Lyons.

Henry Garst reports successful work in canvassing views in the northern part of the state.

Frank S. Kraybill expects to use his long hoped for B. S. D. degree in the pedagogical profession [up] in Dickinson County.

Walter Coulson has passed the Civil Service Examination for teachers in the Philippines and is waiting an appointment.

P. S. Goertz has been offered lucrative positions in the line of teaching for next year, but expects to turn them down to be back at old M. C.

Earnest Vaniman spent Sunday on the Hill.

Detrick Dalke had a serious accident April, 7. As he and Frank John were returning from the city on their wheels, several small girls were in the street and one of them accidentally ran in front of Dalke's wheel. The girl was badly bruised in the face and Dalke had his arm broken. Medical aid was sought at once. They are getting along nicely.

The additional features in our chapel services by the musical and Expression Department have added greatly to their attraction. Wednesdays and Fridays are the days. You cannot afford to lose them.

Senior Normals are waking up at last. Their voices were heard at a number of residences last Monday evening.

Misses Pearl Kreitzer and Ada Thompson have been having quite severe cases of tonsillitis which kept them confined to their rooms about a week, but they are almost able to be with us again, for which we are all glad.

Miss Gemma Hollinger has been sick for several days with La Grippe.

Miss Lena Parlin returned home last week to assist her parents in the home. She says she may be with us again next year.

There is nothing to be gained by worry; even though the fates do seem to be against us, perhaps after all it is only imagination. The great maxim of life is "Don't hurry, don't worry, but work."

Upon being asked how he felt while his wife was away visiting home folks, Mr. Trostle said he felt like a fish out of water.

Miss Silva Miller expects to read diligently on American Poets this summer.

D. E. Carlson, as view-agent for "Underwood", will traverse south-western Texas during the vacation.

A. J. Hicks, whose home is in southern Texas, was the recipient of a crate of strawberries from his home. They were fine ones, but looked somewhat out of season in March.

B. S. Trostle will travel this summer in the interests of the projected Agricultural Department of the College.

Miss Elva Deardoff recently had a severe attack of appendicitis.

Miss Almo Ring is one of our new students, who came in for the last term.

Among other students are Misses Lizzie and Emma Reyher, who came from Colorado. They are a part of our Dormitory number, and we hope they will enjoy their stay here.

Mrs. Kreitzer is here from Sabetha, Kansas, visiting her daughter, Pearl, who has been sick. Such visits are much appreciated, it is a good thing for parents to visit the students while in college.

Miss Alice Wilson, a former student, is now in Topeka.

Miss Lulu Ullom is one who believes in living for others as well as for herself; she believes in whole hearted service for those about her. In devoting her time to caring for those sick with fever recently, she showed only a part of her true noble character.

Prof. Ebel has proven himself an ideal Latin instructor. If you have never liked to study Latin, just go into his class and you will be surprised how soon you will be enjoying the study.

Easter is coming! What does it mean to us? We think of the resurrection and what it has done for the world, how it completed the perfect plan of salvation. And, in connection with observance, we are made to remember how we used to "hide eggs" when children, in order that we might be sure of having enough for breakfast on Easter Sunday; even now in our college days it may mean some "egg roasts" in some grassy meadow, which will be especially pleasing to Dormitory students.

These fine days make us think of farm life.

It is a good thing to have your friends believe in you.

Has the cat got your tongue, that you can't speak good words when you ought to?

Duty is greater than creed.

The T. O. T. [Twenty of the Twentieth Century] is a new organization in this institution. Its purpose is to develop the debating talents of the twenty young ladies who constitute its membership. We will hear from these young ladies later.

About eighteen students gave Miss 'Matthe Stutzman a pleasant birthday surprise, April 1.

Quite a number of new students have enrolled for the spring term.

Prof. Fahnestock was very sick at the beginning of the term and was unable to attend to his regular duties.

Several of the students are now learning the technical points of banking.

A letter from B. A. Manon informs us that he is now receiving \$720 per year with The Liggett, Rogers & Cole Live Stock Commission of Kansas City. Mr. Manon is a graduate of the Shorthand Dep't. of 1906.

Dr. J. F. Studebaker, former graduate of McPherson College is located at Ft. Dodge Ia. and has a fine practice.

Miss Myrta Evans, an industrious shorthand student, has returned to her studies after an illness of two weeks. We were all glad to see Miss Evans come back.

Miss Lillian Hope has two students, who are taking shorthand by mail.

J. F. Bowers will be back this spring to brighten up preparatory to taking a position next fall.



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McPherson College Base Ball Team '08. Wirt C. Salthouse Manager. McPherson Kansas

Athletic.

The McPherson College Basket Ball Team recently closed its first inter-collegiate season in this sport, and in a way deserving of creditable mention. Organized and managed by the College Manager of Athletics, Wirt C. Salthouse, who came to us in that capacity from the Kansas State University, on Jan. 1st, 1908, the team fulfilled a good schedule and with credit to the institution it represented. Work was not begun in this department and the official team was not organized by the manager until early in February and on account of the lateness at which arrangements for a college team was instituted, little was expected from this department. The boys met in contest eight of the leading teams of central Kansas, and considering the little coaching practice obtained, made excellent showings in each game. The following men on the team, who played in not less than six games were awarded the college letter "M" by Manager Salthouse in consideration for their excellent work for '08 basket ball: Barnhill, Schroeder, Lichtenwalter, Royer, Kasey, Hoffman and Hope.

The boys selected by Manager Salthouse to represent McPherson College on the base ball diamond for the coming season have been working faithfully under the direction of the coach in practice which will undoubtedly count much toward M. C. victory in this sport for '08. Every available moment during nice weather for the past month has been utilized by the team in regular practice and the improvement within this time is most noticeably a favorable one. When Mr. Salthouse joined us from K. U. and announced, the early part of January, his desire for applicants for positions on the team this year, he soon had a list of thirty two names of aspirants for base ball honor. These thirty two men entered the try-out which lasted three weeks, and the following were successful in gaining and meriting a position on the team: Sandy, pitch and short; Withers, catch; Abel, first; Dettler, capt. and second; J. Carlson, third; R. Carlson short and sub; John, 1, field; Kraybill; c. field Dotzour, r. field; Hoffman, sub; Mast, pitch. Several others have minor substitute positions, but will only play when urgently needed.

New uniforms were purchased by the team, and in their


opening game with Walden College of McPherson at the Fair Grounds on March 23rd, the appearance and playing of the M. C. boys was most pleasing to the rooters and admirers present. The score resulted favorable to McPherson College, 9 to 1.

The schedule arranged by Manager Salthouse is one of the best college schedules in Kansas, and one well worthy of the support and pride of each M. C. loyalist. The official list of games to be played this season follows:

Walden College at McPherson March 23rd
Ottawa University at McPherson on April 17th
Southwestern College at McPherson on April 22nd
McPherson County Team at Galva, on April 24th
Nickerson College at McPherson on April 25th
Kansas Wesleyan University at Salina on April 27th
St. Johns Military School at Salina on April 28th
Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan, April 29
Western State Normal School at Hays City, on Apr. 30th
and May 1st.

Kansas Wesleyan University at McPherson, May 5th.
Nickerson College at Nickerson on May 9th
St. John Kas. High School at St. John on May 11th
Fairmount College at Wichita on May 12th
Southwestern College at Winfield on May 13th
Chilocco Indians at Chilocco Okla. on May 14th
Friends University at Wichita on May 15th
Western State Normal School at McPherson May 19th
St. Johns Military School at McPherson [College Field
Day] May 30 th

Preparations are under way by the athletics for a dual track meet with some representative college at McPherson on College Field Day on May 30th. A base ball game has been arranged with the Cadets of Salina, and together with the field meet we may expect something excellent for the first inter-collegiate at McPherson.



Normals

Of all the different classes
Inside our College wall,
Is one of the Senior Normals,
That seemeth best of all.
Not for its many in number,
For only eleven are we:
Not for its prayer division,
For its nine and two you see;
Not for the wise that's spoken,
Showing the minds of them,
Who work all day at their text-books,
To steal there a golden gem;
Not for the bright happy faces
Where marks of wisdom rest,
Nor the smiles, nor the cheery voices
It seemeth to me the best.

We again had a merry social
Ere shadows grew dark and deep—
In a meadow in from the road-side,
For our class spirit does not sleep.
Light as a feather is wafted,
Free as the breezes that blow,
We spent that beautiful evening,
An evening not long ago;
But the sun slowly sinking darkened,
This one of Springtime eves,
And returning, with class spirit strengthened
By a memory that never leaves.
Merrily our yells were given
To Professors, Junior, and all
Who heard our voices ringing
As they peered from the old Dorm tall;
And as the streaks of sunset
Dimmed in the moon-beams bright,
We scattered away to our lessons
Which proves our class spirit right.

Therefore of all the different classes
Inside our College wall,
Is one of the Seniors Normals
That seemeth best of all.

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Y-a-h-o-o, Y-a-h-o-o,
Seniors, Seniors
Normals!

Chickalackawakalackaboomalacka—Bong!

1—9—0—8

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The Play for class day, to be given by the Collegiate and
Normal graduates, will be Longfellow's "Hiawatha" dramatized.



An Entertaining Recital

Monday evening, April 13th, Gladys Muir, the fourteen
year old daughter of Prof. Muir, gave a piano recital to a large
and appreciative audience in College Chapel. Tho the num-
bers were exceptionally strong for a student of her age, Miss
Gladys played them with an accuracy and delicacy pleasing to
all.



Alumni Notes

P. C. Hiebert '06 has been elected a member of the faculty of Tabor college, Hillsboro Kansas. At present he is pastor of a church in Portland Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harter '04 and '02, formerly of Chicago are now enjoying country life in Michigan.

Earnest Vaniman '04 N. will finish his work as principal of Inman Schools April 24.

Foster Cline '06 N. is winning honors in the Law School at Kansas University.

Robert Mohler '07 N. is running his father's fruit farm near Scottville Michigan.

Minnie Bartels '06 will take out her Master's degree at Kansas University this spring.

Ray Baldwin A. M. '06 is specializing in Sociology at State University.

M. Q. Calvert '04 is at present engaged in civil service in Ingle side California.

J. H. Clement '02 is nearing the close of his fifth year as Superintendent of the schools of Anthony Kansas.

Della Vaniman '05 N. has been teaching Morning Star school McPherson County and will close her work April 24.

George Kuns '04 (B. D. Univ. of Chicago '07.) is now located as pastor of the Brethren Church at McLouth Kansas.

J. H. B. Williams has accepted a position on the editorial staff of the Missionary Visitor, Elgin Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bower '03 N. have sold their farm in Oklahoma. They are now living on a farm near McLouth Kansas

Furman Cline '06 N. is a candidate for the County Superintendency of Johnson Co. Kansas.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Saylor in their bereavement in the loss of their son. The little light went out the morning of April 10.

March 12 the wedding bells rang in Morrill, Kansas when Charles Davis of the Normal '04's was married to Miss Lula

Lichty also of Morrill. We extend hearty congratulations and wish them the best of life. Mr. Davis finished his course "cum laude" in the Western Dental School Kansas City '07. This year he has been practicing in Morrill. He also gave a clinic at the Dental School.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Strickler have purchased a truck farm in Imperial Valley Cal. where they intend to make their home.

Miss Mary Pearson '06 who has been teaching school in McPherson Co. near Marquette for a year, after a short visit with friends at Abilene and College Hill left for their new home in Fort Worth Texas.

Mr. R. Mohler and wife have returned to farm life near Lyons Kansas where Mr. Mohler has been engaged in teaching school.

Miss Anna Stutzman is attending Bethany Bible Institute in Chicago not far from O. D. B.

Porter Bolinger is running a ranch in Montana.

The Art department of McPherson is under the direction of Miss Nellie Hinkson.

Mr. W. Yoder and wife are enjoying farm life near McPherson.

Helen Slosson Carter '05 is living in Windom Kansas.

Lucetta Johnson '05 and Alice Johnson '04 are teaching in the Wichita City schools.

Mr. C. D. Rasp '06 has bought a house.

Mr. Otis Vaniman is specializing in Concrete Construction of the Civil Engineering Dept. at K. U.

Miss Stella Andes '06 recently returned home at the close of a successful years teaching near Burroak, Kans.

Miss Ellen Olson '06 has returned from the spring term's work. We hear she intends to resume college work next fall.

Miss Martha Weisthaner '06 is teaching in her home town, Inman, Kansas.

Frank Kanffman has a position in a McLouth bank.

Furman Cline has proven to be a successful teacher of the school at Johnson, Kans. He hopes to secure the principalship there next year.

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