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Students of Southwest Kansas College, and all friends of the institution, we come before you with the first attempt at a souvenir edition of the Collegian that has ever been. We offer for inspection and twenty-five cents a copy of the results of the combined efforts of the editorial corps and the best job office in town.

The head of the Science department classifies the Souvenir with «amorphous» rocks; the Greek professor calls it some sort of a subscript; Professor Cook says it is the mathematician's «infinite spiral;» the Art department pronounce it a piece of Pre-Raphaelitism; as soon as the History room got eyes on it, the astonished professor murmured admiringly, «The Age of Pericles.» Well, well, well,—if every one will admire it, how can we help it? It is a compound photograph of the institution. If we have failed, it is in the photography, and not in the desire to set forth old Southwestern in proper shape. We have tried to keep in mind the best interests of this, the best College in this part of the moral vineyard.

We sincerely hope that this Souvenir may be followed by a long line of Annuals, filled with cuts of winning ball teams, debaters, orators, etc., etc.

We would be glad to place this work on the desk of each professor, student and friend,—but there would be the devil to pay; so with each copy we pass the hat, and bow ourselves down and out mid the cheerful jingle of silver and the faint applause of the gallery.



SOUTHWEST KANSAS COLLEGE.

History of Southwest Kansas College.



College life flows out through a great variety of channels. Beginning at first, in a very simple source, but constantly broadening and dividing, it comes at last to form a veritable labyrinth of inter-related activities. It would be of interest to trace, from its source, through its tortuous course any one branch of college life. A resume' of the men who, at different times, have constituted the Board of Trustees, would give some idea of the general policy of the college. A study of the personelle of the Faculty from year to year, would reveal some interesting comparisons and contrasts in personal power and scholastic attainment, and would explain, in part, the growth and efficiency of the various departments: Commercial, Normal, Music, and Art. A review of the graduates of the institution, with some account of the successes that have attended them, might be conducive to a higher estimate of the value of the culture here to be had. A tabulation of the attendance from year to year would disclose variations ranging from 200 to 600. A recapitulation of the material improvements that have been added since the completion of the college building would include furniture and books for the Library, instruments for the Music department, valuable contributions to the Museum, and improved facilities in the chemical and physical laboratories. The organization, growth and achievements of the literary societies, and of the Athletic, Oratorical, and Christian associations might be recounted, and such an account would furnish significant data of the strictly voluntary activity of the student body.



INTERIOR CHAPEL VIEW

Then, too, a chronicle of the recitals, concerts, readings, lectures, contests, entertainments, receptions, and other functions of a literary or social character, might be made, and it would, doubtless, find attentive readers.

Thus, an historical sketch of any one line of college activity would, if complete and consecutive, portray, in some degree, the spirit of the institution itself. Yet, in an institution of standing, there seems to inhere something that is not the contri-

bution of any one part, or even, of all the parts—a kind of life and potency, not departmental, but preeminently institutional. Whence it appears that the efficiency of an institution is measured by the product, rather than by the sum of its related components. And it may be said further, to grasp clearly, and to portray faithfully this distinctively college life and spirit is, by no means, an easy task, especially in an article so brief as this one, of necessity is.

Southwest Kansas College is a denominational school. It was founded and is under the general control of the Southwest Kansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. It is from this fact that it takes its name, rather than from its location, for Winfield is somewhat to the east of south central Kansas. This Conference held its third annual session at Eldorado, Kansas, March 19-23, 1885. In the minutes of that meeting appears the following report of the Committee on Education, which was adopted:

«WHEREAS, We believe that the time has fully come when an institution of learning, under the auspices of the Methodist Episcopal church, should be established within the bounds of the Southwest Kansas Conference, therefore,

«RESOLVED, That six members of the Conference and three laymen be nominated as the charter members of a Board of Trustees,

«RESOLVED, That a committee of seven be appointed to select a suitable location for such institution,

«RESOLVED, That when the location shall have been determined, all lands, etc., etc., shall be vested in said body politic and corporate, to be known under the name and style of "The Southwest Kansas College.»

The committees provided for in the above resolutions were duly appointed. Among the propositions received by the Committee of Location was one from the city of Winfield, dated June 9, of the same year. This proposition was accepted by the committee, both on account of the educational and literary tastes of the citizens of Winfield, evidenced by the liberality of the proposition, and also on account of the rugged beauty of the location, which, lying at the foot of a hill, overlooks the valley of the Walnut river and the city from the north east. The Board of Trustees planned wisely for the erection of a structure, accessible, commodious, well-lighted, and imposing in design. Bishop Ninde and other eminent educators were consulted with regard to plans and improvements, and work was begun upon the foundation for a building of Winfield white lime stone, with blue stone trimmings.

At the time of the annual meeting of the Conference held at McPherson, in March, 1886, the Committee on Education reported: "Already \$2,755.27 have been paid out toward the erection of the college building. The building is 118 by 79 feet, will be four stories high, and will, when completed, accommodate more than five hundred students." The work on the building continued and in about a year it was ready for use. As it stands, completed, it contains on the first floor, store-rooms, the boiler-room, the art room, the museum, the chemical and physical laboratories, and the lecture room; on the second floor, the library, the President's office, recitation rooms, and cloak rooms; on the third floor, the chapel, the music room, and recitation rooms; on the fourth floor, the society halls, recitation rooms, and the business compartments. The chapel was first seated with desks which have since been replaced by chairs. The building was plumbed and fitted for steam heating and gas lighting.

On April 26, 1886, the Board of Trustees elected as the first president of the College, John E. Earp, Ph. D., D. D., who for seventeen years had been a professor in DePauw University. He arrived a few weeks after his election, and on May 12, formally accepted the position tendered him. To him was entrusted the weighty task of organizing a faculty of professors and instructors, of shaping the policy, and of directing the course of the embryonic institution. At once he entered enthusiastically and intelligently upon the duties of his office. During the sum-

mer he effected the incorporation with the new College, of the "Southern Kansas Normal School and Business College" of Winfield. Professors J. A. Wood and I. N. Inskeep were thus secured as members of the new Faculty. Other professors were added from time to time till the Faculty included James C. Hall, D. D., English; E. B. Waggoner, A. M., Science; O. D. Wagner, Latin and Greek; Ella G. Earp, Music; H. D. Crow, A. M., Commercial Law; C. S. Perry, A. M., Business Department; Nettie McCoy, Piano Forte; J. H. Pazel, Shorthand and Typewriting.

As the college building was not ready for occupancy when the time came for school to open, the McDougal hall in this city was rented for that purpose. Here on Wednesday morning September 7, 1886, school opened with an enrollment of forty-three. There was a steady increase in the attendance. By the Christmas holidays it had reached one hundred and twenty-one. The registrar's book shows a total enrollment for the year of two hundred and twenty-nine. In December, 1886, the Cadmus literary society was organized. It continued for several years an important feature in the life of the college. The next spring arrangements were made for the erection of a Ladies' Boarding Hall on the college campus. This building was subsequently (1894) destroyed by fire.

At the beginning of the school year 1887 the college building had been completed and was occupied by the school. During this year and the two following it, the college made decided advancement. The Faculty was strengthened by the addition of several members, among whom were W. N. Rice, A. M., Pedagogy, C. R. Thoburn, History, and Samuel Weir, A. B., B. D., Latin and Greek. The standard of excellence was steadily rising, and the college began to assume a place among the older institutions of the state.

At the annual meeting of the conference at Hutchinson, March, 1889, the number of the members of the Board of Trustees was increased from nine to fifteen, eight of whom were to be chosen from the clergy. The first class to graduate from the college was the class of 1889. Some time in the school year following (the records do not show the exact date) the Athenian Literary Society, at present the oldest organization of the kind in the school, was formed. It admits only young men. At about the same time the Belles Lettres Literary Society, consisting of young women only, had its beginning. After a term of four years' service, Dr. Earp tendered his resignation to the Board of Trustees, which was accepted and took effect April 1, 1890.

Only two months later the Board elected to the presidency Dr. Milton E. Phillips. In this capacity he developed strong personal and magnetic qualities. Under his direction the college made almost phenomenal advancement. The Model School, an adjunct of the Normal department, was established during the school year 1890-91. It has since been discontinued. The organization of the Ministerial Association, a society for the clerical students of the college, was almost contemporary with the founding of the Model School. The publication of a college paper was begun this year, and it was known as the COLLEGE ADVANCE. The students enrolled numbered 311.

School opened in the fall of 1891 with a large attendance and increased facilities. The faculty comprised eleven chairs exclusive of assistants, and the college embraced, in addition to the Collegiate and Preparatory departments, the Commercial, Art, Model, Music, and Elocution and Oratory departments. The department of Music, and especially that in the line of band and orchestral music, attained unusual prominence this year. In the spring of 1892 President and Mrs. Phillips celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with an elaborate reception at the college. This was made the occasion for the beginning of the college library. Friends and patrons of the institution, who attended the reception, were invited to make contributions of books and money. The responses were numerous and liberal. As a result a library of over two thousand volumes was begun. The collection thus made is known as the "Magdalene Phillips Library." The enrollment of this year exceeded that of the preceding one by over two hundred.

Indeed the building had become so crowded that it seemed imperative to enlarge it. Accordingly work was begun the following summer upon the foundation for an addition to the east side of the building. But the work was delayed and never finished, partly on account of the lack of funds, and partly on account of the decrease in the attendance after the next year, due to the stringency of the times.

The ensuing school year was, in point of attendance, the most brilliant in the history of the college, the total enrollment was six hundred thirteen. The college paper of 1892-93 was known as the «S. W. K. College Round Table.» A distinctive feature of the discipline of the college during this year and the one following, was what was known as the College Senate, a body composed of students and professors, which met the first Friday of each month. In opposition to a standing rule of the Faculty against Greek fraternities, an order of this kind was

maintained for awhile among the students, but it was later done away with altogether. At the close of the year Professor J. A. Wood, who ever since the founding of the college had been professor of Mathematics, resigned to accept a more remunerative position elsewhere.

The last year of the presidency of Dr. Phillips was characterized by a tendency toward depression. During the past few years, almost unnoticed, a debt on the college property had been constantly increasing, and now it began to assume alarming proportions. Further, the attendance and support of the college were noticeably affected by the general hard times that had set in over the state. The college paper (then known as VOX STUDENDIUM) under date of March 1, 1894, announces the result of the State Oratorical Contest held at Topeka, thus: "WETZEL WINS! Winfield, first; State Normal, second; State University, third" Then follows an account of the trip to and from the contest and of the celebration of the victory after reaching Winfield. One is reminded by this event of the subsequent success of Mr. J. W. Wetzel, who is now Professor of Oratory in Yale College. Dr. M. E. Phillips resigned his office as president June 14, 1894, having, like Dr. Earp, served in that capacity for four years.

The misfortunes of the college were augmented, when, in the summer of 1894, the college dormitory was destroyed by fire. Considerable mystery still attaches to this, as also to a small fire that occurred in the college building a few months previously. There was, for a time, doubt as to whether school would open in the fall as usual. But arrangements were made whereby Professor W. N. Rice, in association with a number of other professors, took charge of the school. The attendance during the fall term was light. Early in 1895 Professor Rice resigned his position as president. During the rest of the year the duties of this office devolved upon



INTERIOR LIBRARY V.E.W.

Rev. Granville Lowther. The enrollment in all departments for the year was two hundred nine.

At the beginning of the ensuing school year the college was placed under the direction of Dr. Chester A. Place, who had been connected with the college as professor of Ancient Languages since early in 1895. Combining, as he did, strong personal character and scholarly attainment with a discreet business policy, he enabled the institution soon to regain the standing it had, in part, lost. And further, the return of material prosperity made it possible soon to abate the embarrassment of a heavy debt. The enrollment for each of the first three years of the presidency of Dr. Place showed an increase over each preceding year of some twelve or fifteen per cent.

In the fall of 1897 the Philo-Summer Literary Society was formed. Its membership is limited to young men.

The name of the organization has since been changed, and it is now known as the Delphian Literary Society. The college paper, since October, 1894, known as the SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGIAN, under date of March 5, 1898, announces that Jessie C. Fisher won second place at the State Oratorical Contest held at Lawrence. Somewhat later in the same spring the first intercollegiate debate between Fairmount College of Wichita and Southwest Kansas College occurred. It resulted in a victory for the latter. The next year the order was reversed, thus making honors even.

Thus, the college is now in the fourteenth year of its life; it has had five presidents, three of whom have served each four years; nineteen persons have been graduated from the Normal department and forty-seven from the College. Such is the summary, but for all of those upon whom, in years past, it has conferred, through the inspiration of its high ideals, the added power of conscious victory over difficulties, Southwest Kansas College holds a charm that does not and can not appear in any tabulation of fact and chronology.

"You cannot buy with gold
The old associations."

—CLAUDE F. WRIGHT.



VIEW IN CHEMICAL LABORATORY.



REV. G. LOWTHER, D. D.,
PRESIDENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Granville Lowther was born in Doddridge county, West Virginia. His early boyhood was spent in that state. At the age of fourteen years he removed with his parents to Edgar county, Illinois. In 1874 he was called to the ministry and entered the Illinois Central Conference where he remained until 1886 when he was transferred to the Southwest Kansas Conference and located at Dodge City. Since entering this Conference he has served successfully Dodge City, Larned, Wellington, Newton, and six years as Presiding Elder of the Winfield District. In 1896 he was delegate to the General Conference. During the winter of 1894-95 a vacancy occurred in the pres-

idency of Southwest Kansas Conference College and he was chosen by the Faculty as president. During the rest of that school year, he taught, superintended the school, lectured, and attended to all the duties of the Winfield District, and thus kept the school running until a suitable man could be found who could give his whole attention to the work, and then he resigned in his favor. For the past eleven years he has been a member of the Board of Trustees and for the past six years, president. He is a man who has worked and sacrificed, and one whose soul is burdened for the good of our school.

The Faculty.

REV. W. H. ROSE,
ACTING PRESIDENT AND EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY.



Rev. William H. Rose is a native of Indiana. He was educated at the Indiana Asbury University (now De Pauw). In his early manhood he taught in the public schools of Indiana six years. He was licensed to preach in 1872. He came to Kansas in 1877 and was admitted to the Annual Conference and ordained a Deacon. He has served fifteen years as Pastor, six years as Presiding Elder and is closing his second year as Conference Educational Secretary. During this time he has served his Conference as Post Master three years, Statistical Secretary ten years, and was sent as a delegate to the General Conference of 1896.

As Educational Secretary his work is in connection with the College as its business manager. Last June the Trustees elected him Vice President of the College, since which time he has been the Acting President.

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GEORGE F. COOK, PH. D.,

PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS AND ASTRONOMY.

George F. Cook was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was educated in that city, with the exception of post-graduate work, done principally in Little Rock, and a term of special work in Chicago University. For several years he practiced law in Cincinnati, having been admitted to the bar in 1886. After teaching five years he was elected to the chair of Mathematics in Southwest Kansas College, with which institution he has been connected since the fall of 1895.



LEROY T. WEEKS, A. M.,
 PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.

Professor L. T. Weeks, of the Chair of English, graduated from Cornell College in 1883, taking his A. M. from there in 1886, later doing three years' work in English at the Chicago University. Professor Weeks has been in both public school and college work, holding successively positions in Wilbur College, Lewiston, Idaho; Columbia River Academy, Grangeville, Idaho; Inter-state College, Texarkana, Arkansas; Little Rock University, and lastly Southwest Kansas College, where he took the Chair of English in March, 1897. Professor Weeks is also an ordained Elder in the M. E. church.



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 GEORGE W. MARTIN, A. M.,
 PROFESSOR OF GREEK LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.

A Pennsylvanian by birth, Professor Martin finished his college student days at the Iowa Wesleyan, with the class of '81. Almost immediately after graduation he was selected by Bishop William Taylor as a teacher missionary, and sent to Brazil. There he remained but one

year, as the failing state of his wife's health necessitated a return to this country. In '83 Professor Martin came to Kansas, and devoted himself to teaching. Two years ago he was elected to the chair he now fills, and during the last year he has taught the Philosophy in addition to the Greek.



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 WALLACE E. MILLER, A. B.,
 PROFESSOR OF LATIN AND SOCIAL SCIENCE.



Wallace Elden Miller spent his boyhood on his father's farm near Springfield, Ohio. His early education was received in a district school. He entered the preparatory department of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, in the fall of '88, at the age of fifteen and afterward spent four years in Wittenburg College, Springfield, Ohio. In June of the year '97 he graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with the degree of A. B. The following year Professor Miller spent at Columbia University doing graduate work in Sociology. In '99 he was elected to the chair of Latin Language and the Social Sciences in S. W. K. C. As professor of Latin, Mr. Miller has shown very great ability, but he especially excels in his work in social science. He is a thorough student of society. He has an analytical mind and his ability as a teacher is exceptional.

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IDA AHLBORN WEEKS, PH. B., A. M.,
PROFESSOR OF PEDAGOGY and HISTORY.

Professor Ida Ahlborn Weeks is a native of Ohio, from which state she came to Kansas in 1873. She was graduated from the State Normal (Concordia) in 1876. After experience in public and private schools she became in



1883 a member of the Faculty of Baker University, with which institution she was connected till the time of her marriage in 1894 to Professor LeRoy T. Weeks. In 1896-97 she studied in the University of Chicago, and in the following year she was graduated from Cornell College, Iowa. Mrs. Weeks' connection with Southwest Kansas College dates from the autumn of 1897.

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ROBERT B. DUNLEVY, B. S.,
PROFESSOR OF SCIENCE.



Robert Baldwin Dunlevy was born in Sparta, Wisconsin. He was educated in the public schools of his native city. Immediately following his graduation he spent four years in the University of Wisconsin, completing the modern classic course in June '93, receiving the degree of B. S. In the fall of '93 he accepted the position of principal of the public schools of Montello, Wisconsin. The following summer he took special geological work in connection with the summer school of Colorado College, Colorado Springs. During the remainder of the year he pursued the study of geology, mineralogy and chemistry at the University of Chicago. In January, 1895, he accepted the chair

of Natural Science in Southwest Kansas College, which position he now holds.

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PETER A. CLAASSEN, A. B.,

PROFESSOR OF GERMAN AND FRENCH.

P. A. Claassen was born in West Prussia. He received a common school education, and when sixteen came to America and settled near Beatrice, Nebraska. The next year he entered the Seminary at Halstead, Kansas, (now Bethel College, Newton). After graduating from there he taught several terms of district school, both German and English. Going to the Kansas Normal school he completed the Normal course and stayed one year as Professor of German. He has spent some time at the Kansas University and at Chicago University;



also a number of years in study and travel in Europe. In 1896 he was elected to his present position.

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ZENO NAGEL,

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC.

Zeno Nagel is a native of Illinois. His childhood was spent on the farm with such educational advantages as are to be had in the com-

mon schools of Illinois. He early manifested a love for music, and his rapid progress in school work as well as in piano induced his parents to



give him the very best educational advantages, not only of this country but of Europe as well, where he spent three years in Leipzig, in the study of Music.

While Mr. Nagel makes a specialty of Piano and Theory of Music, he has also had thorough training in Voice Culture and Pipe Organ in the Oberlin Conservatory. He has held the position of Director of Music in Denison College and in Greer College, where he demonstrated his ability as a thorough pianist and conductor. He was elected to his present position, Director of Music, last summer.

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C. E. LOWE, M. ACCTS.,

PRINCIPAL OF BUSINESS SCHOOL.

C. E. Lowe was born in St. Clair county, Ill. He was educated at McKendree College and later graduated from the Gem City Business College. School teaching, reading of law, and the banking business claimed his attention for a number of years. In 1889 he established the Gate City Business College at Arkansas

City, Kansas. In 1892 he was called to the Principalship of the Business Training Department of S. W. K. C. where he still presides. He has been an active Christian and a strong Methodist all his life. He is a close student of affairs and an authority on book-keeping and disputed hand-writing.



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EDITH ANDRUS DUNLEVY,
DIRECTOR OF ART DEPARTMENT.

Edith Andrus was educated in Hillsdale,



College, Hillsdale, Michigan; graduated from the Art department of that institution June, 1892; moved to Wichita, Kansas, the following August where she taught private art classes. In September 1894 she accepted the position of Art Instructor of Southwest Kansas College. At the end of three years she resigned her position and was married June 22, 1897, to Robert Baldwin Dunlevy. September 1899 she was again elected instructor of Art in S. W. K. C. which position she now holds.





J. W. DIBBENS, FORREST H. ROSE, CLARA GILMER,
PAUL J. WHITE,
GRACE ROSE, SENIOR CLASS, 1900.

The Senior Class.



CLARA M. GILMER entered the Freshman class in '97 and has completed the college course in three years. She is a graduate from the Arkansas City high school. Miss Gilmer has proved herself an efficient student in all lines. Her major is Latin, a branch in which she expects to become a teacher. She has been a useful worker in the church and Sunday school and a valuable aid in the social life of her fellow students. She will be graduated with the class of 1900 with the degree of A. B.

GRACE ROSE enrolled in the fall of '96 when Rev. Rose, the present Vice President, brought his family to Winfield for the purpose of educating his children. Miss Grace enrolled as a Freshman. She is a graduate of the Dodge City high school. Her work as a student has been very efficient. Her unselfish disposition and genial nature have made her of great value not only to the class but also to the school during her four college years. Her major study is Latin, and she will be graduated with the degree of A. B.

ARTHUR MARTIN is the latest arrival to the class of 1900. He is a son of Professor G. W. Martin who holds the chair of Greek. He enrolled in S. W. K. C. in the fall of '99, and has been a valuable addition to the school in many ways. His keen interest in athletics has made him indispensable to the ball team. He will receive the degree of A. B. after having a major in Latin.

FORREST H. ROSE, a graduate of the Dodge City high school, entered the Freshman class in '96. As an enthusiastic worker in the Delphian literary society he has contributed largely to the present usefulness of that organization. Until last year, Mr. Rose expected to make a specialty of science. Feeling, however, that his duty lay in the ministry he turned his attention to classical studies and English. Nevertheless he has made contributions to the college in biology and geology. We predict for him a bright future and a career of usefulness. He is a candidate for the degree of Ph. B.

PAUL J. WHITE enrolled as a student in S. W. K. C. in the fall of '93. He has been in school every year since that time and is now a member of the class of 1900. Mr. White is truly self-made. There have been many obstacles in his path but he has surmounted all of them and has obtained that for which he has been striving—a college education. He has taken an especial interest in Botany and has spent one summer in field-work with Dr. Lester F. Ward. He will graduate this year with the degree of A. B., having taken his major in Latin.

JOHN W. DIBBENS has been in S. W. K. C. longer than any member of the class, having come to Winfield in the fall of '91. He began with the first year of the Academy and through his English perseverance he has at last gained the coveted prize—a college education. The subject of this sketch is one of the many students in our school who have had to face the problem of making their own way or leaving college. He took the right view of the situation and stayed with us. Considering the disadvantages under which Mr. Dibbens has fought and also the fact that for several years he did not intend to go through college we think he has done nobly. He will graduate with the degree of A. B.

UPON THE HILLS.

(Thoughts after reading Auerbach's famous novel, «Auf der Hohe,» by many critics considered as being second only to Hugo's «Les Misérables» among the world's greatest novels.)

Upon the heights of love to be,—
What heaven on earth,—what ecstasy.
There breathe pure zephyrs of delight,
Up there the soul can take its flight
To whence she came,—her native home.
Oh keen enjoyment, there to roam,
Where no defilement, where no care!
Could we but be forever there!

But yet, there are still other heights,
Where on the feelings and the rights
Of others egotism tramps
And thence its own existence stamps
A wretched heap of sheer despair
Devoid of joy, reaping its share
Of misery tenfold in degree:—
Thank God, we need not there to be!

The heights of purest thought are steep,
The vales around them very deep,
There are but few who'll dare to scale,
And few of these but what will fail;
If one perchance succeed to climb
And may we reach the goal in time,
The air will be serene and fair,
And yet, he will be lonely there.

Upon the heights of station, fame,
The heights of an immortal name,
On ice-capped mountains of renown
Whence solitary to look down;
Enshrowded in a misty haze
Of legend:—where the masses gaze,
And talk and gossip, and romance;
Thank God, that I have not the chance—

To climb that dizzy solitude
Where tongues unsparing, hands so rude,
Take from a life its purest joy,
Make it of every whim the toy,
Give me a quiet, tranquil home,
Protected from life's surge and foam,
And there in peace, in love to live;
That's all I ask of life to give!

—P. A. C.

The Class of 1901.

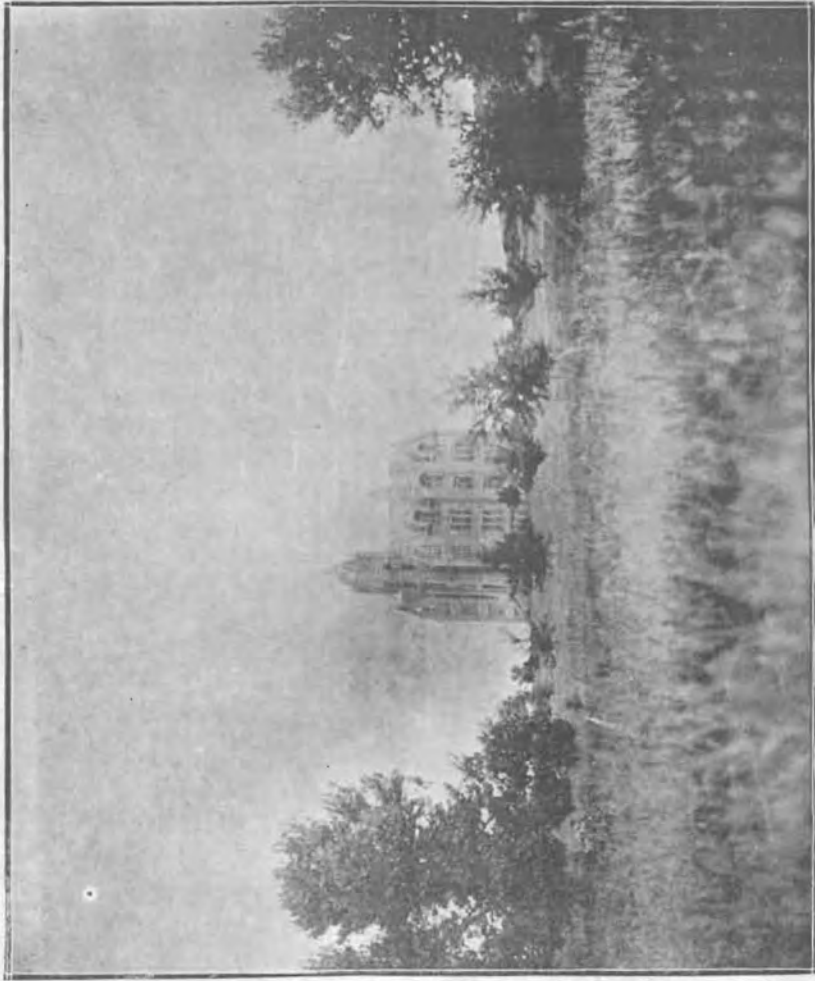


Not all the historians of this edition will write with the same motive*. The Freshman will write because of his superabundance of knowledge (?), (he is best understood as the college safty-valve)†. The man(?) from the Sophomore class will write with the intention of getting off into an empty room to hear how it will sound‡. We will excuse the Senior historian for we know this will be his last chance ever to appear in print. We, the historian of the Junior class, write because we have some pet theories which we wish to air,§ among which is this: History, in order to be readable must not savour too loudly of fact**. We will, however, inject enough truth to make our work spicy, but not enough to leave a bad taste in the reader's mouth.

It has been the custom in our college for the Junior class to give the senior class a reception. You say—how beautiful! But we wish you to take note †† this reception usually occurs during commencement week, for it is our habit to put off our most disagreeable duties as long as possible.

The average of the Juniors is about twenty-four years. We are all in sound health; have each been vaccinated; only one is married; two of us are slightly bald; not a red-head in the class; we have no whiskers, not even a mustache; but two members wear glasses; the ladies only are good looking. Among our number there are three preachers †††. One man is the son of a minister §§. We have one Fiddler, and one violinist. One of our men has won wide reputation as an orator; another is an assistant to the faculty; while still another man has a national reputation as a botanist. We regret that it is necessary to add by way of P. S. that one member will neither part his hair in the middle nor wear his coat buttoned.

- * See preface of any good work on history.
- † This we discovered last year.
- ‡ We caught him at this once.
- § Perhaps they should have been aired sooner.
- ** From a Freshman oration by Author.
- †† At no time during the year do we associate with them.
- ††† One of them is not working at the trade.
- §§ He has not yet reflected any credit upon his parents.



SUNRISE RISE VIEW OF COLLEGE.

The Class of 1902.



If you want to see a good looking set, just come into a meeting of the Sophomore class. We are naturally more pious than any other class in the college for three of us are preachers, another is a minister's wife, another is the best looking daughter of a minister, while still another is the son of an excellent minister. When our roll is called the college poet answers—present. His poetry has in several instances proved very beneficial where an emetic was needed. Two other members of the class have got so that when they write about lovely things the lines end in similar sounds occasionally,—alarming symptoms. We furnish one assistant to the Faculty—he has the place because no one else would have it. We have the best mathematician and two of the prettiest girls in the college. In the recent "Old Maid's Convention" our women wore no disguises.

One thing keeps us from giving our names in connection with this history, for the same reason we withhold our picture—namely—the old adage about names and faces. If you misunderstand us at this point you alone are to blame.

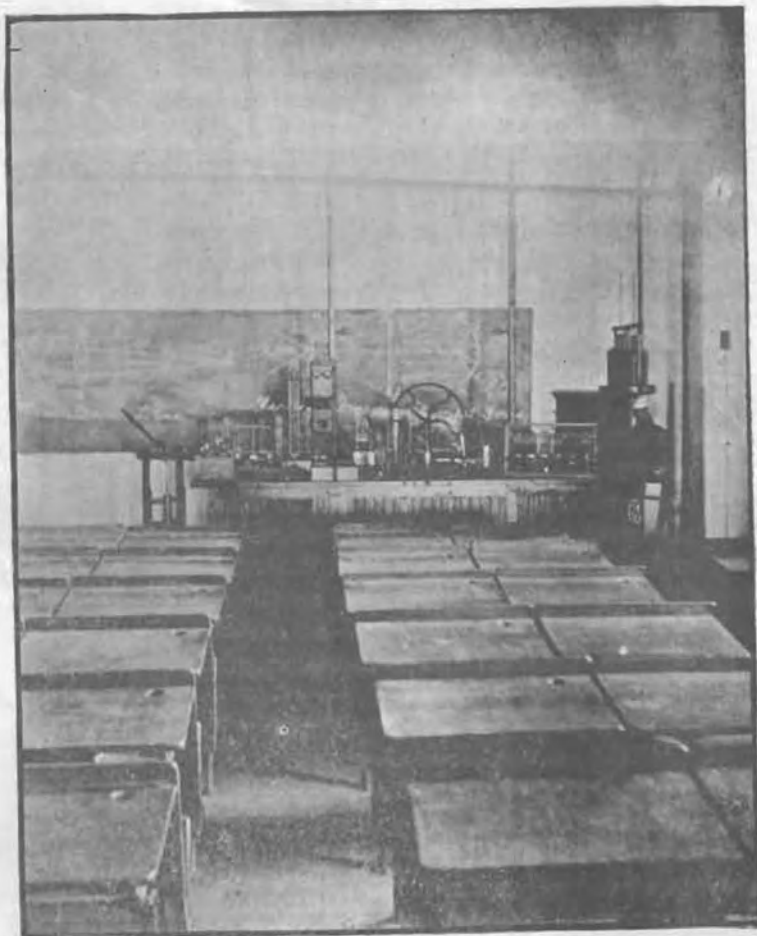
We are not an ignorant lot like the Juniors, but we don't know so much as we did last year. We have ceased to consider ourselves the most brilliant class the Faculty have ever had the privilege of instructing. We left all such ideas behind as heir-looms for the decoration of the Freshmen. Of course you have noticed that they are wearing them on the outside as WE never did.



THE MOCKING BIRD'S NEST.

Ida Ahlborn Weeks.

The mocking-bird has built a nest
Within the cedar-tree;
My Love has shown the nest to me,
And yet I knew him to decline
To show the secret of the pine
To one inspired by curiosity.—
«Ah! let the nature-prater find
His nests where'er he can
And boast thereof to all the blind;
I show my nests to loving maid
Or nature-loving man.»



INTERIOR OF PHYSICAL LABORATORY.

The Class of 1903.



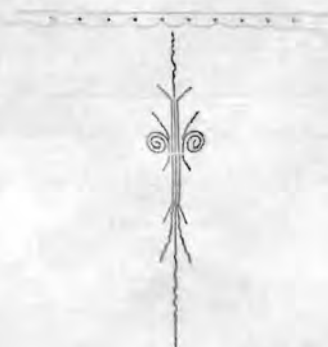
The class of 1903 have laid aside their "prep" hats, forgotten their great preferences for baptism by immersion and have joined the noble company of upper classmen. We have also paid for all the sheets which the whole prep department borrowed in the spring of '99 for the purpose of making flags. We start now with a clean record.

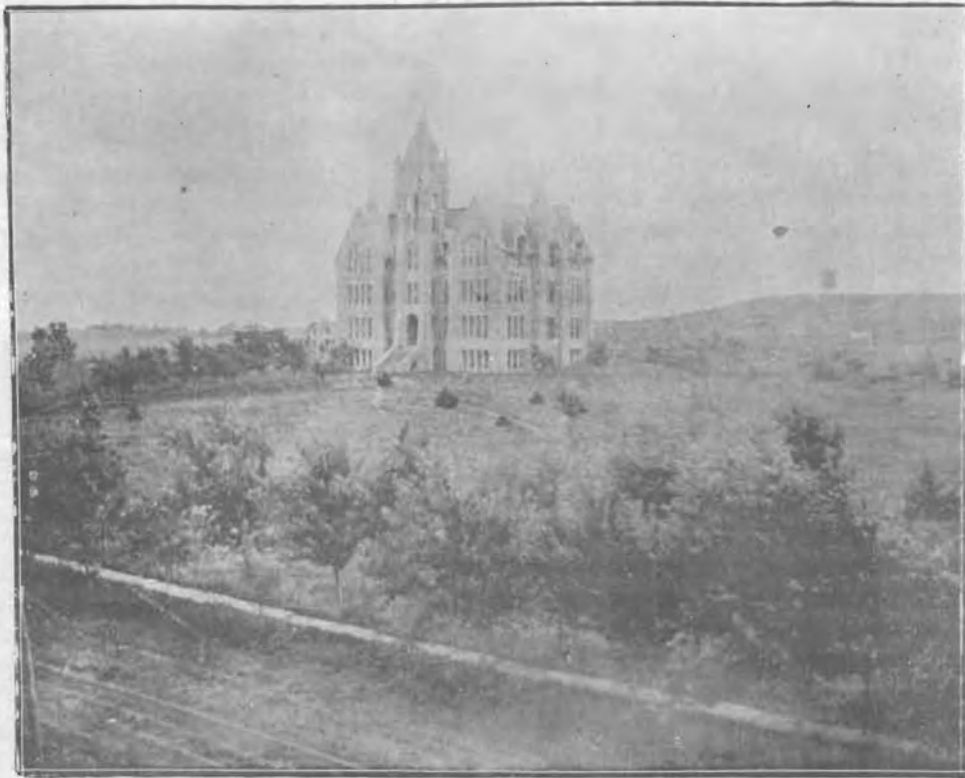
Although we do not make any special pretense at good looks we can say there is not a freckled face or a bald head in the class. As to color of hair we make no discrimination, as we believe that gray or red is as good as any — and a great deal better than none. Ask the Junior or Senior class if that isn't true.

The youngest member of this class is sixteen and the oldest is only thirty-nine. This makes the average about seventeen, perhaps somewhat less.

We are not going to say anything about brains in the class until we learn for certain whether we have any to mention. However we would like for our superiors to remember that we are still furnishing our share of orators. The present orator is the third which the Freshman class has produced in the last five years.

Nearly all the members of the class are from the academic department of our own school. However we have gladly welcomed those from other schools. We believe in expansion.





VIEW FROM FOOT OF CAMPUS.

Prepdom.



(An address delivered by Q. G. at the dedication of the Academy of Science at S. W. K. C., February 6th, 1900.)

Tremblingly we think of the great responsibility there is upon us when we undertake to give this department its just deserts. Neither the oratory of a Wetzel nor the rhetoric of a Weeks is able to eulogize sufficiently this grand and noble body of students who have written their names high on the pinnacle of fame and unfurled their banner to the breeze above that of any other department in school, even at the risk of being treed by the ever watchful Professor and stoned by the insignificant College department.

Were any other part of the school to be given its just deserts, we would have to fill but one page; but here we feel that there is not room in the universe to tell of the ambitions, the aspirations, the victories, and the successes, which crown this majestic band of youths.

Are we inflated when we say that it would be impossible for our excellent school to exist without the Prep. department? One hundred times no! but she would go down as soon as any mush-headed Sophomore or Junior ever went to the bottom of a water tank at the hands of the Preps.

Tradition has it, that long ago in the year 1899 the college department, becoming jealous of the sway of the Preps., called an indignation meeting to consider ways and means to subdue the irrepressibles, who now had conquered the whole world and were weeping for other worlds to conquer. Saith one Elder, who was two feet at the bottom of seven feet to the top, «Seeing that the eyes of the world are turned upon these, our rulers, we must subdue them or we shall not be noticed; therefore, I move that we declare a college war and kill them all.» Saith the next, «The gentleman preceeding me was very unwise in his remarks, for does he not know that for every one of these fellows we kill, two rise up to take his place? Therefore, I move, (for he was a great financier,) that we buy them off.» Then another, more wise than all the rest, stood up and said; «Dear brethern, do we not know that these dear brethren are too honest to be bought? I move that we publish libelous statements concerning them and perhaps the world not knowing us very well will believe us, and thereby we may ruin their reputation for a time and may gain control.»

So they all responded with a hearty «amen.»

Now they all lay night after night until they lied ten commandments which they caused to be published and spread broadcast through the land until every tribe and nation heard the tidings and many believed thereon; and the now celebrated college crowd gained control. But in twenty-four hours the Preps ran the whole department into the water and they were never heard from afterwards.

Tradition also says there was never afterwards a department called by that name; but by careful research, we have found that since there has been one organized by that name into which the Preps go if they are not smart enough to graduate in the regular four years' course.

«The wind bloweth where it listeth and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell

whence it cometh and whither it goeth.* So with the Preps. Their origin is shrouded in mystery and in only one place are they spoken of in the Scriptures; that is where John the Baptist came to make people prepare; so presumably they were called Preps. But they are easily distinguished by the sound, since they are able to roar far above that of any other noise in the world; and since they have such a graceful and sweet way of doing it, it is a real inspiration to any one who may be fortunate enough to hear them; and many have been the testimonies of eminent people who have gone away to lead better lives, after having heard the melodious yell, because their hearts were moved away up in their throats. We are not able to say just where the influence of this important class will end, but we are able to point with pride to its accomplished graduates and rejoice to see the world moved by these excellent young men and women.

We would not forget to mention the splendid victories of our department over the dear and loving college in the several debating contests which have been held; for since they have been desirous of choosing men who shall win in the Inter-Collegiate debate, they invariably choose Preps. Not because the College men are not smart, oh no! We would not insinuate that; but because most of them are so aged that they are too far behind the times to debate live questions, or are so slow that they can never climb upon the wagon of success.

Another characteristic of these nobles is, that they are intensely patriotic. They never let a year go by without hoisting their flag, and cultivating patriotism in the other departments of the school by compelling them to tip their hats to it.

There is scarcely a year but that the steeples of the building are honored by the sacred footsteps of this noble race, which with splendid bravery has scaled the dizzy heights to plant its flag upon the battlements of the sky, there to be kissed to snowy whiteness by the rays of the noon-day sun.

Looking at the victories of the past and encouraged by the bright hopes for the future, we say, All hail! All hail! to the young men and young women who compose this department, hoping that it shall live forever and forever, world without end.



The Normal Department.



The first college catalogue issued in 1886 provided for a normal course but the department was not organized until 1889 with Professor W. N. Rice as its first principal.

The course covered three years and included all branches required for a teacher's certificate of the first grade, also the five professional branches; with English and American Literature, history of literature, study of words, historical study of language, zoology, botany, geology, Latin, geometry, general history, political economy, history of Rome and history of Greece.

Forty-nine students were regularly enrolled of whom two were in the senior year.

In 1890, the course was made a four years' course; some changes were made in the language studies and astronomy, drawing, elocution, chemistry, and trigonometry were added, while Latin was to be optional with civics, —Roman history with Latin, and Greek history with civics.

Professor Anson Gridley, jr., was in charge and retained the position until 1895 when Professor Frank Franklin succeeded him. A model school was a prominent feature during that year.

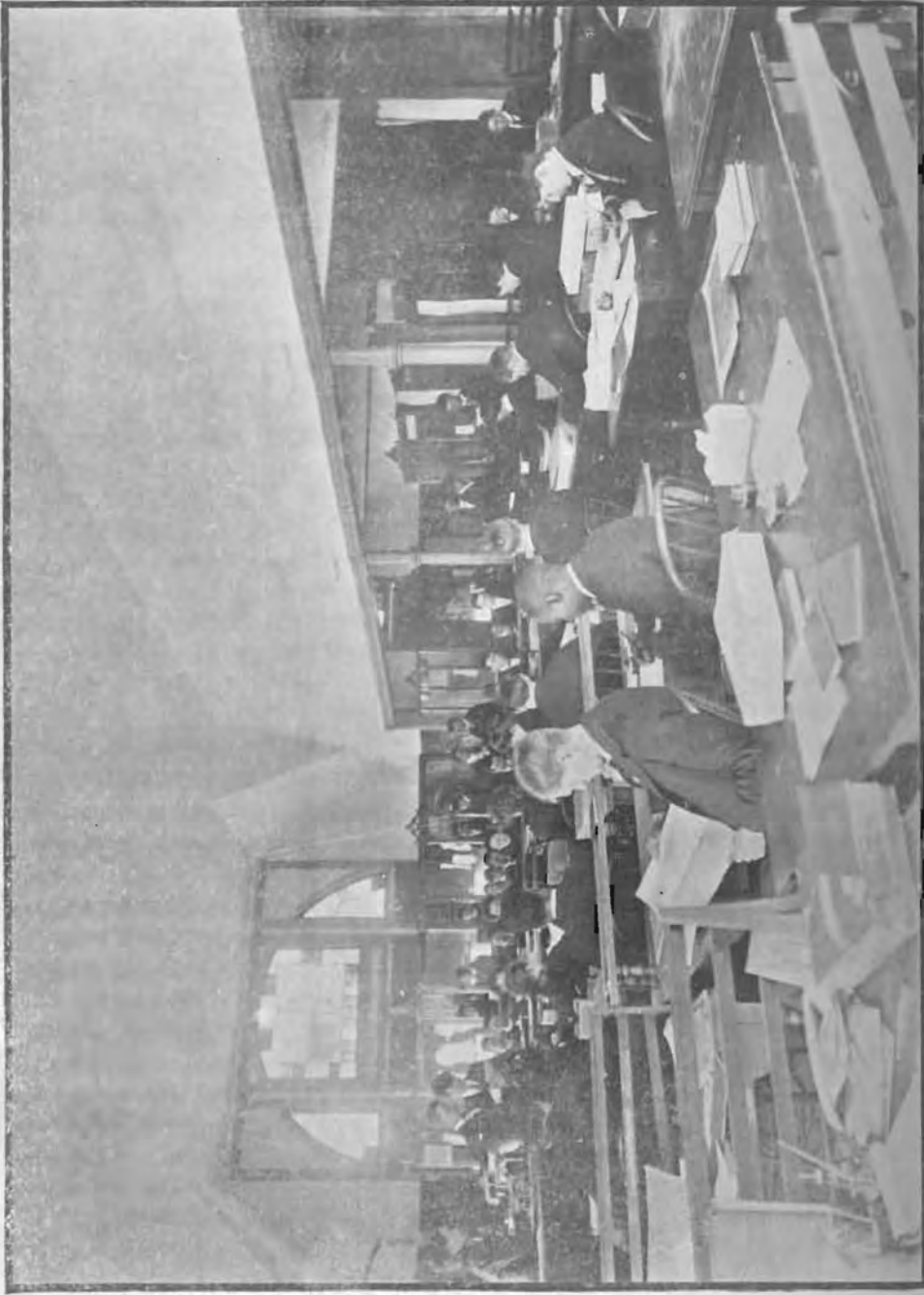
In the fall of 1895, Professor George F. Kirkpatrick became principal of the department and in 1899, Mrs. Ida A. Weeks was elected to the principalship and is still in the chair.

After several revisions from time to time, the course now consists of the branches necessary for a first grade county certificate, the five professional subjects, also algebra, general history, writing English, forensics, chemistry, geometry, rhetoric, drawing, psychology, geology, sociology or political economy, botany, zoology, applied psychology, literature, school law, and music. A graduate must also write a thesis of not less than three thousand words before a Normal diploma is granted. Graduates of the department upon passing the state examination on the professional subjects obtain a three years' state certificate, the college being an accredited one.

The enrollment for 1898-99 was forty-two and the following six graduated: Rosella M. Alspaugh, Hester H. Brown, Lulu Combs, Sardis R. Hadsell, Ella M. Melone, and Elmer E. Monroe.

One of the graduates of the S. W. K. C. Normal Department, W. M. Massey, class of '97, was appointed a member of the State Board of Education in 1899.





SCHOOL OF BUSINESS TRAINING.

School of Business Training.



C. E. LOWE, PRINCIPAL

It is the great desire for knowledge, and the fulfillment of that desire, that fills the world with competent men and women. And with all the modern opportunities it is possible for the present man to predominate over the ancient, not with the sword, as of old, but with the pen, to which the sword yields, and to which the business world cleaves.

As a business education is desirable for successful competition in any profession, schools providing a business training were instituted, and among the number was S. W. K. School of Business Training, which has the record of being one of the best schools of its kind in the west. Its pleasant environments, its good society, its healthful location, the fact that it has at the present time the largest attendance ever before recorded, and the examples it has produced,—these all make it an institution for the ambitious youth, as is shown by attendance from a distance, as well as from home.

The connection of the school with the college proper affords it advantages beyond the attainments of a private school. The association with students of the college proper proves pleasant, and strengthens the business department, and such surroundings make a young man safe here if he is safe anywhere.

The Merchants and Accountants Association, which is maintained by the Business Department, ranks among the societies of the school, and it has been made such by the continued work of the school, and by the help of Professor Lowe. The Association renders an instructive, and interesting program every Friday afternoon.

Among the features of the school is the actual business, which gives the school the appearance of a tiny world in a school. Every one is a merchant, and every one a buyer. If a dealer is cheated, it serves him right, let him be more watchful. All this helps to show that this is the interesting as well as beneficial part of the school.

Along with the actual business work, is the office work, and care must be taken here. You cannot pass a mistake unheeded, for necessarily your books must show what is due you, and what is due others. The officers, or business houses of the school are, the Commercial Bank, Exchange Bank, D. J. Commission Co., C. W. Co., K. C. W. Co., and the C. R. R. Co., which are kept busy during actual business.

The demand for men and women of business qualifications is great, often exceeding the supply from this school. Many graduates from this school now fill good positions. The teachers and school take pride in the results obtained, and hope that the future will excel the present.



GLEE CLUB.

Music Department.



II ALTOS.

MRS. NAGEL
MISS SMITH
MISS FIDDLER
MISS McMULLEN

I ALTOS.

MISS GOULD
MISS M. ROSE
MISS BROYLES
MISS SPAHR

II SOPRANO.

MISS HAYES
MISS McMILLEN
MISS GIBSON
MISS DAWSON

I SOPRANO.

MISS POPE
MISS STONE
MISS G. ROSE
MISS FOSSEY

PROF. ZENO NAGEL, Director.

MISS BESSIE MOORE, Accompanist.

Nearly every college has a Music Department, and it should have, since music is the most universal of all the arts at the present time. The history of the Music Department of S. W. K. C. is that of the school as a whole, having grown up with it from the founding of the college.

Music is a very important branch of a liberal education, and this was no doubt in the mind of the President of Yale University when he specified Instrumental Music as one of the things which every young man, as well as every young woman, should know.

The idea that music is merely a pastime has lost its popularity in most localities and the serious student is giving this branch of education his most earnest attention.

When we consider the double purpose which should always be before the person who is pursuing a course of study, namely, disciplining the mind and acquiring knowledge, we can readily see that music has an important place in the college, and also that the college is the place to study music, since the two go hand in hand.

Music stands in the front rank as a mental discipline. It stimulates the analytic and discriminative faculties, strengthens the memory, cultivates the imagination, and promotes an appreciation for the true and beautiful. No influence can be brought into a home more elevating and refining than music, when done with the right motive, that of making life to self and to others more lovely and cheerful.

The Ladies' Glee Club and Ladies' Double Quartette are two features of which the whole College may well be proud. There are sixteen ladies in the Glee Club, and with Professor Nagel as Director, excellent work is being done. The Double Quartette consists of members chosen from the Glee Club; and the sweet strains of «Cowen's Bridal Chorus» or «Bellini's Parting Hour» will linger long in the minds of those who heard them.

The work of the department is divided into five grades. Beethoven's and Mozart's Sonatas find their way in the third, fourth and fifth grades, while in each particular grade pieces by Moskowski, Mendelssohn and other noted composers are favorite characteristics. Back with his inventions and fungus, Kramer with his Etudes, Heller with his Tarantelles, Schmitt and Biehl with their favorite finger exercises, Kullak with his wonderful octave studies, all play a very important part in the work. By careful study of the composers here named, together with many others, added to such advantages as the pupil's rehearsals, public recitals, and the use of the college library,—who could dispute the thoroughness of the course?

The department as a whole is well governed and arranged; and it will be safe to prophesy that at the end of the year no more popular department will exist in the college than that of music.

Art Department.

Mrs. Edith Andrus Dunlevy, Instructor. Though painting and sculpture were much practiced by the ancient Greeks, it is not a lost art. The school of Art is by no means a department of minor importance in Southwest Kansas College. A thorough course is given; beginning with pencil and charcoal drawing, and embracing Crayon Work, Water Color and Oil painting, and Wood Carving.

Special study is given to the study of casts and still life. Sketching from Nature and Studies in Drapery receive due attention.

Out-door sketching is practiced, and many of these sketches are painted in oil or water color.

Enlarging portraits receive careful study, also portraits from life, the work being done in any medium.

Wood-carving is a special feature, and is taught with such accuracy that the most unattractive pieces of wood are transformed into delicate bric-a-brac, or some useful and artistic piece of furniture.

Mrs. Dunlevy, a graduate of Hillsdale College School of Art and a pupil of Prof. G. B. Gardner, had made quite a success of her work, before she accepted, in 1896, the position she now holds. Since that time she has kept her work up to the highest standard.



CORNER IN ART ROOM.

The Literary Societies.

Delphian Society.

Literary Societies, as well as men and nation, have not a course of unbroken tranquility; and the Delphian Society is no exception. Adversities have been many and severe, yet out of each she has emerged more fair and nearer her high ideal. It was in the autumn of 1897 when Prof. George R. Kirkpatrick, then of the chair of History, attentive to the needs of the young people under his care, took steps to the organization of a Literary Society. To him is due in large measure the success of the undertaking. His criticism and advice were of the greatest value.

The first meeting was called to order by Prof. Kirkpatrick Nov. 20, 1897. Committees were appointed and on Nov. 23 another meeting was held at which a Constitution and By-Laws were adopted and an election of officers was held. The name chosen was Philo-Sumner Literary Society. Ladies and gentlemen were admitted to membership. Through the first year the society met with the usual encouragements and discouragements; but the year was closed very successfully. Then the next fall the real struggle for existence began. Many of the members did not return to school. The night of the first meeting found a few assembled; but there was needed one more member for a quorum. There were but two more members in town and at last one of these was found. New members came in gradually; and slowly but surely strength was gained.

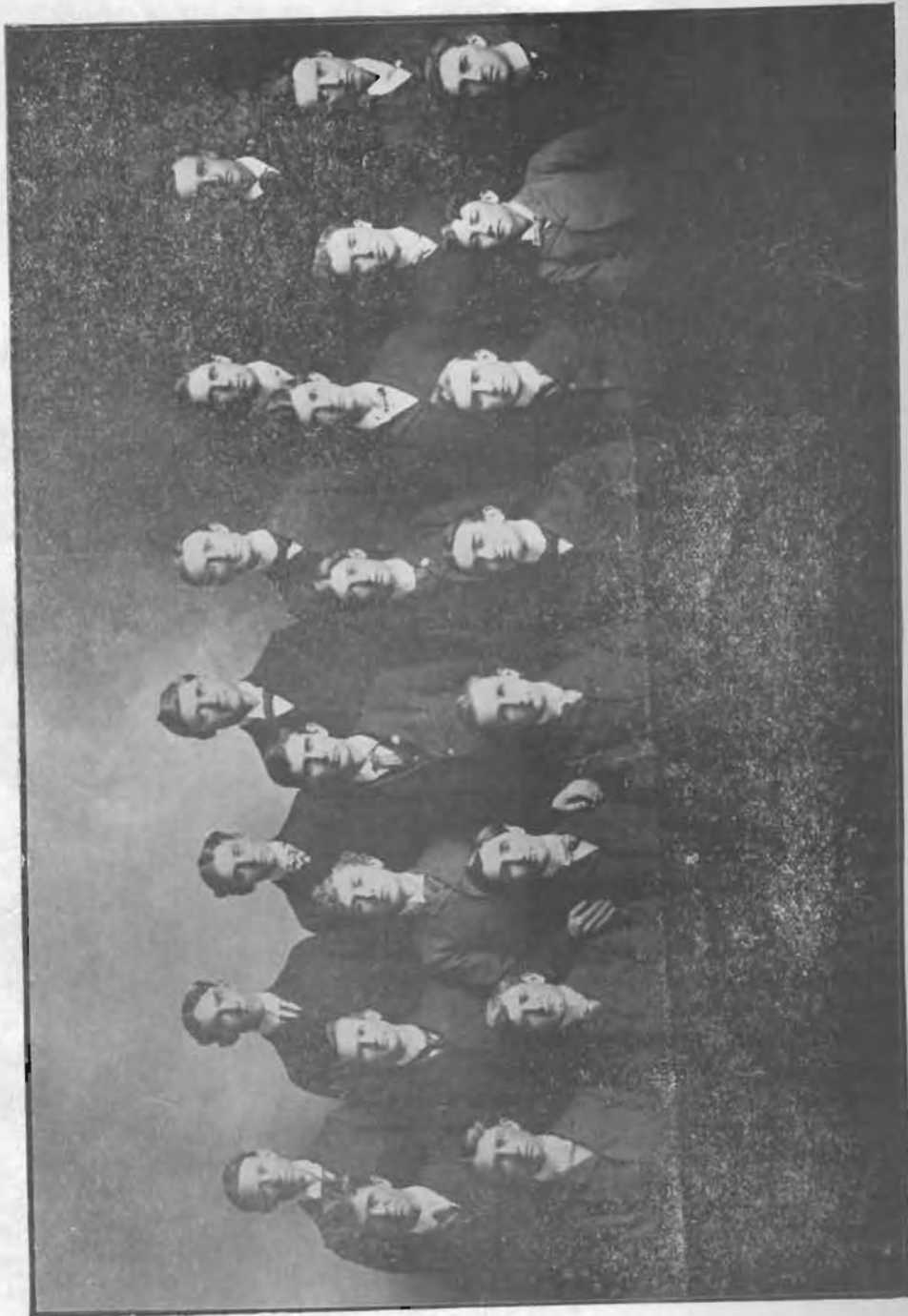
A new Constitution and By-Laws went into effect March 31, 1899 and some important changes were made. The membership limit was decreased to twenty four and the membership restricted to boys. The name was changed to Delphian Literary Society. A charter was granted under the laws of Kansas in 1899.

The society holds a meeting every Friday night during the school year. The exclusive use of a hall has been granted by the Faculty and efforts are being made to furnish it. Special attention has been given from the first to debating. Every program has a debate and at every meeting there is opportunity for the members to speak in the irregular debate. The highest rank in the Inter-Society Debate for the year 1899-1900 was won by Mr. Burnam, a Delphian.

The following members have served successively one term each as president: Arthur Knox, Forrest H. Rose, Edward Burnam, T. L. Parker, B. H. Pope, C. C. Lowther, J. E. Rose.


The society is stronger in every way than it has ever been before. There is better work being done and the spirit is better. The members are farther advanced in their school work and the working order is excellent. During the year the society has, in connection with the other societies of the school, conducted a very successful lecture course, employing some of the highest priced talent on the platform.

Below is a list of the members for the Winter Term of 1899-1900: J. Q. Adams, G. H.




DEL PHIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

Broyles, Edward Burnam, J. Dahlem, R. A. Felton, R. M. Felton, W. L. Johnson, W. P. Kennedy, C. C. Lowther, Bert Lynch, C. R. Marlow, G. E. Marteeny, Thos. Maxwell, W. C. Moore, R. E. Morgan, H. W. Newland, A. C. Pepoon, W. E. Phillips, B. H. Pope, W. A. Revis, Forrest H. Rose, J. E. Rose, Ralph S. Scheewin, J. W. Thompson, E. M. Wilson. Honorary, Prof. W. E. Miller.



Athenian Society.



The Athenian Society was organized in the fall of 1889. Shortly afterward the board of trustees of the college offered the societies then in existence the use of the two south rooms on the fourth floor of the building under the condition that they would properly furnish them. The Belles Lettres joined with the Athenians and together they fitted up the south-west room with brussels carpet, hanging lamps, a fine office desk, chairs, etc.

The organization of the society is after the manner of the House of Representatives of the United States with the name of speaker applied to its presiding officer. The other officers are as follows: Clerk, attorney, treasurer, sergeant-at-arms, three consuls and a board of directors. The speaker, clerk and attorney hold office for one term and the treasurer holds his for the entire school year. The other officers are appointed each term by the speaker.

The Athenian Literary Society has always stood for a high grade of work. Each member is required to act upon the program every two weeks; the productions consist of orations, readings, debates, etc., they are criticised by the attorney.

The organization has numbered among its members many of the best students of the school. It has produced nearly all of the orators for the state contest, among whom was Mr. Wetzel, who won in the contest of '94.

Following is a list of the present membership: Louis Allen, B. H. Bowman, H. Bailey, D. Beach, J. M. Burket, C. Corrie, E. E. Dale, Jesse Fisher, J. R. Ferguson, G. B. Gosch, L. R. Hoff, R. R. Hamilton, O. Huddleston, C. A. Kitch, L. H. Kleinsteiber, I. J. Leatherman, A. Martin, R. Monroe, W. H. Oerke, P. Parker, H. H. E. Pohl, G. T. Renner, H. L. Snyder, R. Shidler, E. M. Smith, W. Von Schrititz, M. White, P. J. White, C. E. Wright, C. F. Wright, Professor L. T. Weeks.

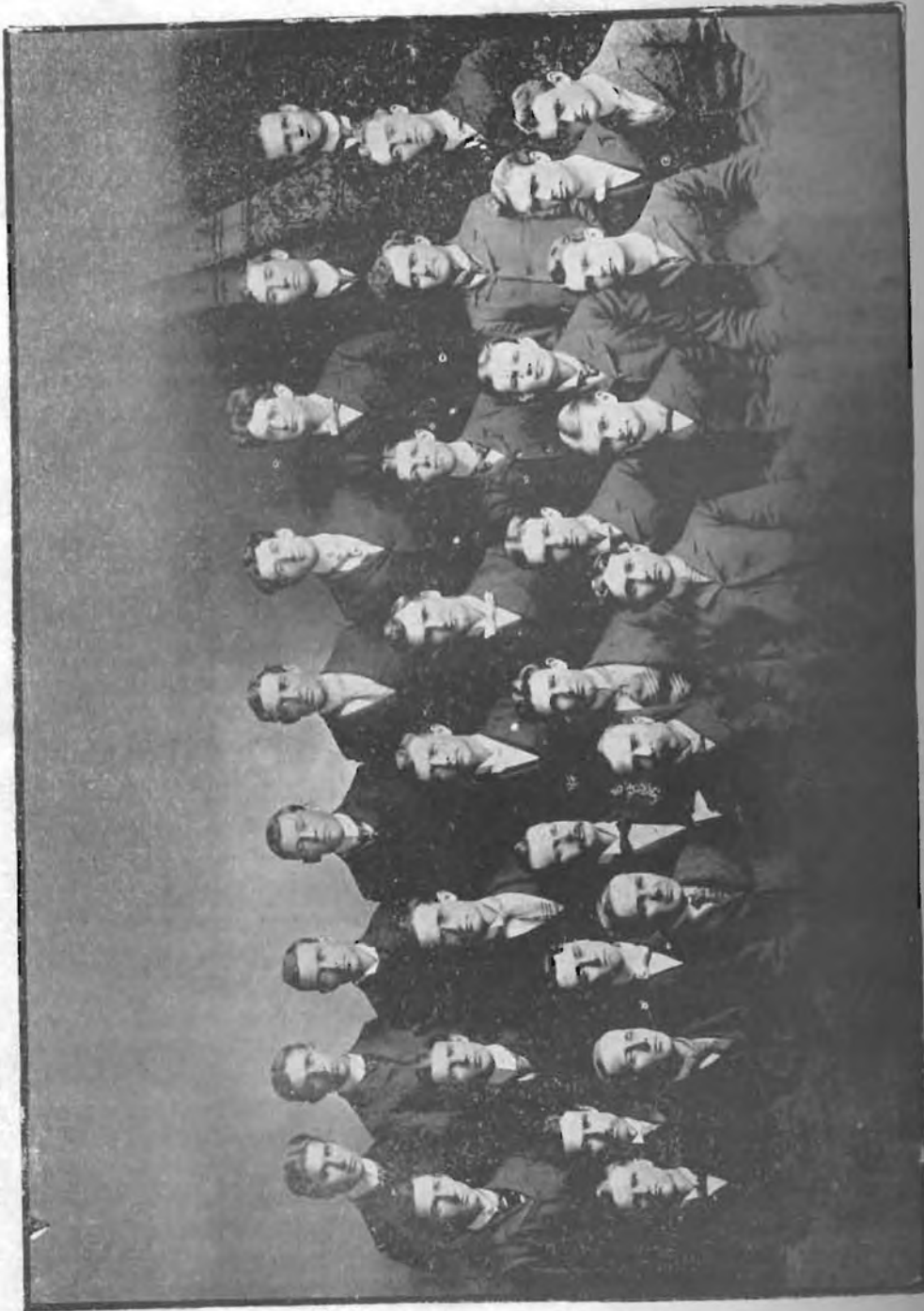


Belles Lettres Society.



The Belles Lettres Society was organized in January of 1890, and hence has just passed the tenth mile stone.

Amid ideal and homelike surroundings, modest and retiring genius was discovered and



ATHENIAN LITERARY SOCIETY.

Its establishment was the outgrowth of an urgent need of the young women of the college. Of the then existing literary societies, only one admitted women to its membership. The constantly increasing enrollment of the school, together with a marked advance in curriculum requirements, began to demand not only better and larger opportunities but of a character not offered in mixed societies.

The announcement, read in chapel by the President, Dr. Earp, that a meeting would be held looking toward the organization of a ladies' society resulted in a large attendance of representative young women of all classes. The meeting was held in the dormitory parlors, where they continued to be held during the remaining terms of the year. The usual preliminary steps were taken, and the second week found an enthusiastic company of nineteen young women working in a well organized literary society.

The motto «Nulla Festigia retrosum», the colors, scarlet and gold were chosen, and officers chosen as follows: President, Pearl G. VanDoren; Vice President, Caroline Hess; Secretary, Ada Guthrie; Treasurer, Eva Benton; Musical Director, Nellie Monroe; Critic, Mrs. M. B. McBride. Later, The Belles Lettres Journal became a most interesting feature of the programs, and short stories, poems, and eulogies of no mean order, found expression thro' its columns.

The records for April of '90 give a vivid and humorous account of the resolving of the society into a court of impeachment and the trial of the President and Secretary for certain alleged dereliction of duty.

There are also recollections of programs of varied character—domestic economy, architecture, musical composers, illustrated by typical compositions, Mother Goose, as well as the customary anniversary programs, being among the more conspicuous.

In the fall of '90 the meetings of the society were moved to the college to be held in the room since then known as the Athenian-Belles Lettres Hall.

During the spring of '91 these two societies furnished the room, which was the first furnished society hall in the college. From this time the Belles Lettres was increasingly popular and prosperous. An invitation from the Athenian Literary Society to unite them under one organization and name, was warmly debated in open session, but after mature consideration it was decided that the work of the society could be best accomplished to continue a separate organization.

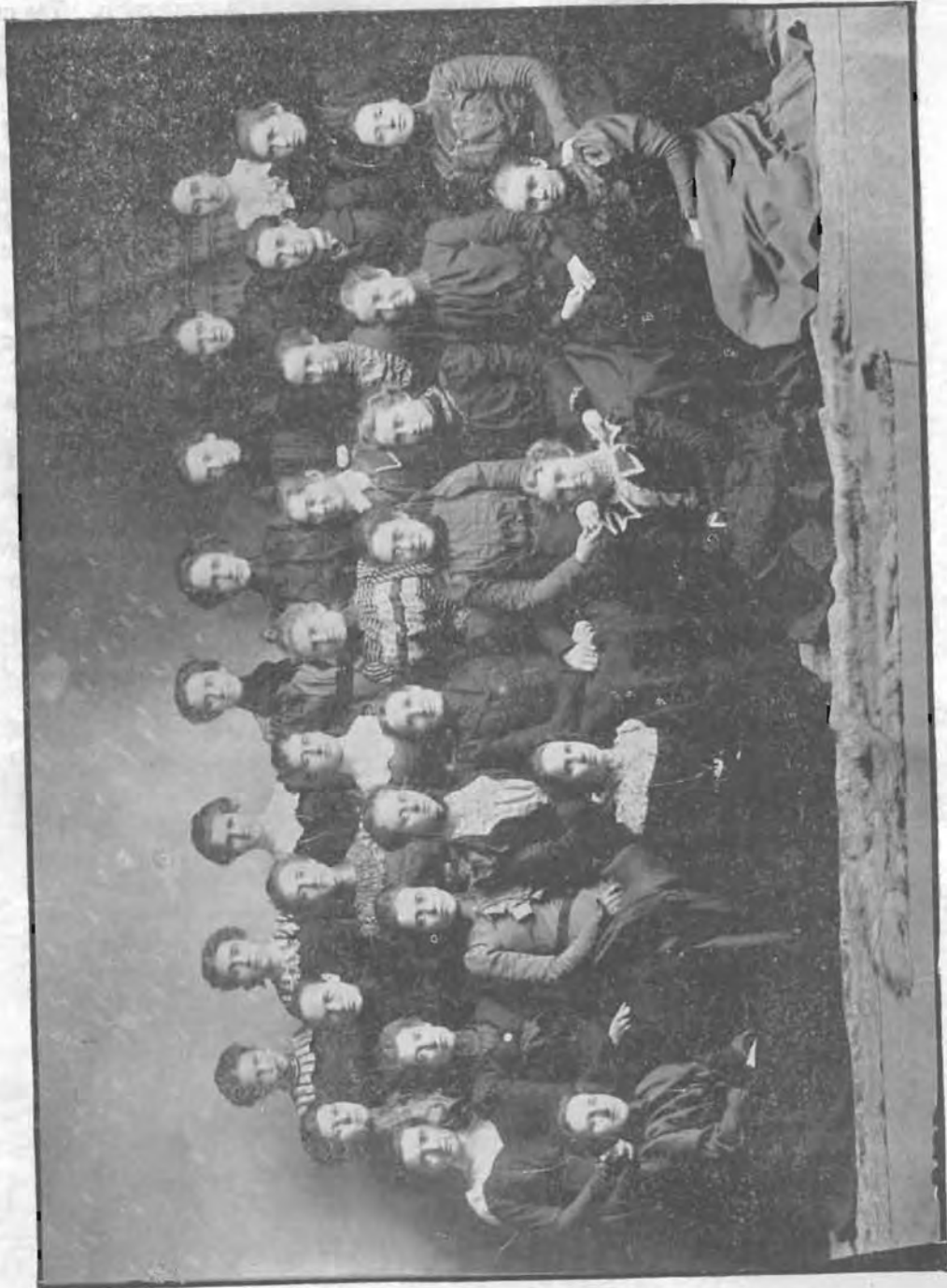
The fall of '94 presented a combination of untoward circumstances and then began a period of comparative inactivity extending over a period of almost three years.

In '97 a re-organization was effected with slight changes in the constitution and the colors were changed to yellow and white.

Since this time the history of Belles Lettres has been one of conspicuous success. Its members are almost universally found among the 100 per cent. students and no organization of the school has claimed more prize winners.

Miss Madeline Southard '99 was chosen by the faculty to represent the school in the S. W. K. C.-Fairmount debate in '98, Miss Ella Malone, in '99 occupying a like position was said to have made the speech of the evening. Miss Clarice Hales, '03, won the same place the present year and the society confidently expects her to achieve distinction for herself and reflect great credit on Belles Lettres.

The rolls of membership would reveal names of many now in foreign lands and some have gone to join the choir invisible. There have been many difficulties, hindrances and losses and wayward failures, but coming up out of great tribulation the Belles Lettres Society gives assurance of steady growth, continuous development and well-merited honors in the future.



BELLES LETTRES SOCIETY.

Christian Organizations.

Y. M. C. A.

The Young Men's Christian Association as it stands today was organized in the fall of 1898, with the following officers in charge: Jesse C. Fisher, President; E. F. Sitterly, Vice-President; C. W. Meyer, Recording Secretary; Claude F. Wright, Corresponding Secretary; Alva Wooldridge, Treasurer.

The Association purposes to do a noble work among young men—to accomplish, in a word, the well-balanced development of Body, Mind, and Spirit. Aside from the regular devotional meetings held every Sunday at 4 P. M., two classes in the devotional study of the life of Christ are maintained.

During the summer of 1899, Chas. A. Kitch, then president of the Association, was sent as delegate to the Lake Geneva Conference. Claude F. Wright was delegate from the local Association to the Annual Convention of the State Association held at Ottawa, November, 1899.

The officers for the ensuing year are: Chas. Lowther, President; W. A. Revis, Vice-President; Boyd H. Pope, Secretary; Jesse Rose, Treasurer.

Y. W. C. A.

In Southwest Kansas College the demands of the spiritual nature have ever been given due attention. To meet these demands among the students an Epworth League, a Wednesday evening prayer meeting, a noon-day prayer meeting, and a Ministerial Association, have been maintained for a number of years. While none of these could be dispensed with, a need has been felt in religious as well as in literary circles for societies exclusively for the different sexes. The Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. have been organized to satisfy these demands.

The Y. W. C. A. came into existence less than a year ago, but already its power has been felt among the young women of the school. It is an organization whose main object is the development and growth of the Christian young woman, and the conversion of the unsaved. In the

society are a number of consecrated and devoted young women whose highest ambition is to do the Master's will. These have realized that girls can best be influenced by girls. They mingle with new students, make them feel at home, and invite them to their meetings; they endeavor to strengthen the ones who have recently begun the Christian life and are yet timid; and they show a loving interest in the unsaved and invite them to Christ.

As the State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. visits the College from time to time, she makes helpful and encouraging suggestions, and her visits tend to bring the girls into touch with those of other schools.

Every young woman in the College should become identified with the Y. W. C. A. either as an active or associate member. When a young woman contemplates attending college she would be wise to choose a school which fosters such institutions as the Young Women's Christian Association.



THE OAK.

Strong—armed and tough—fibered;
No bay-window hybrid,
But rugged, and able for bearing world weight.
Rough-barked and deep-rooted,
Storm-tested, and suited
To rafter the church and to pillar the state.

Give us of thy sturdy strength,
Steadfast old Oak,
The stern, unfaltering will
That lets no angel go until at length
The dawn of victory's day be broke
On field and hill.

Beget in us thy beauty,
Truly fine;
Beneath a bark uncouth kept fair;
Souls grown sweet by doing duty;
Hearts whose jewels best shall shine
By century wear.

Give us of thy soothing shade,
Proud tree,
The noon sun's burning ray
Has withered many a tender blade
That cooled the path in dewy glee
At break of day.

And when we've done a soldier's part,
Endured the blast,
And earth her own receives;
Still keep us near thy mighty heart,
And let us rest at last
In the shelter of the leaves.

(The Oak is the emblem of the Amphictyon
Society of Cornell College.)

—L. T. WEEKS.

Athletics.



Basket Ball.



At the beginning of this school year the Athletic Association in casting about for a game that would take the place of base ball, while that game is out of season, and one that would fill the gap that the absence of foot ball makes in our school, hit upon the happy medium of basket ball, which has proved to be a wise selection and a general favorite with the students, as in the objectionable features of foot ball have been done away with while it still keeps in trim the muscles used in the sports.

B. H. Bowman has been elected manager of basket ball and already three strong teams have been organized, the Athenians, Delphians and Commercials. At least two ladies teams will be organized as soon as the National rules for ladies' basket ball are prepared. An excellent ground has been fitted up on the Campus.



Base Ball.

Situated in Southern Kansas, S. W. K. C. has a climate most productive of athletic spirit; for out door games may be played throughout the school year with seldom an interruption of more than a month.

At the beginning of this school year the Athletic Association was reorganized with John Phillips as President, Donald Beach Secretary, and Will Carter, Treasurer. For numbers and enthusiasm it excels any organization in the school. Mr. Arthur Martin has been elected Manager of the base ball nine, and the success of the team the past season confirms the wisdom of the selection. The ball nine the past season has kept the pennant of this section at its proper altitude and from the first game with St. John's of this city to the last with Oxford and their imported pitcher, S. W. K. C. has steadily held the front. The gentlemanly behavior of our boys has won the respect and admiration of every opposing team.

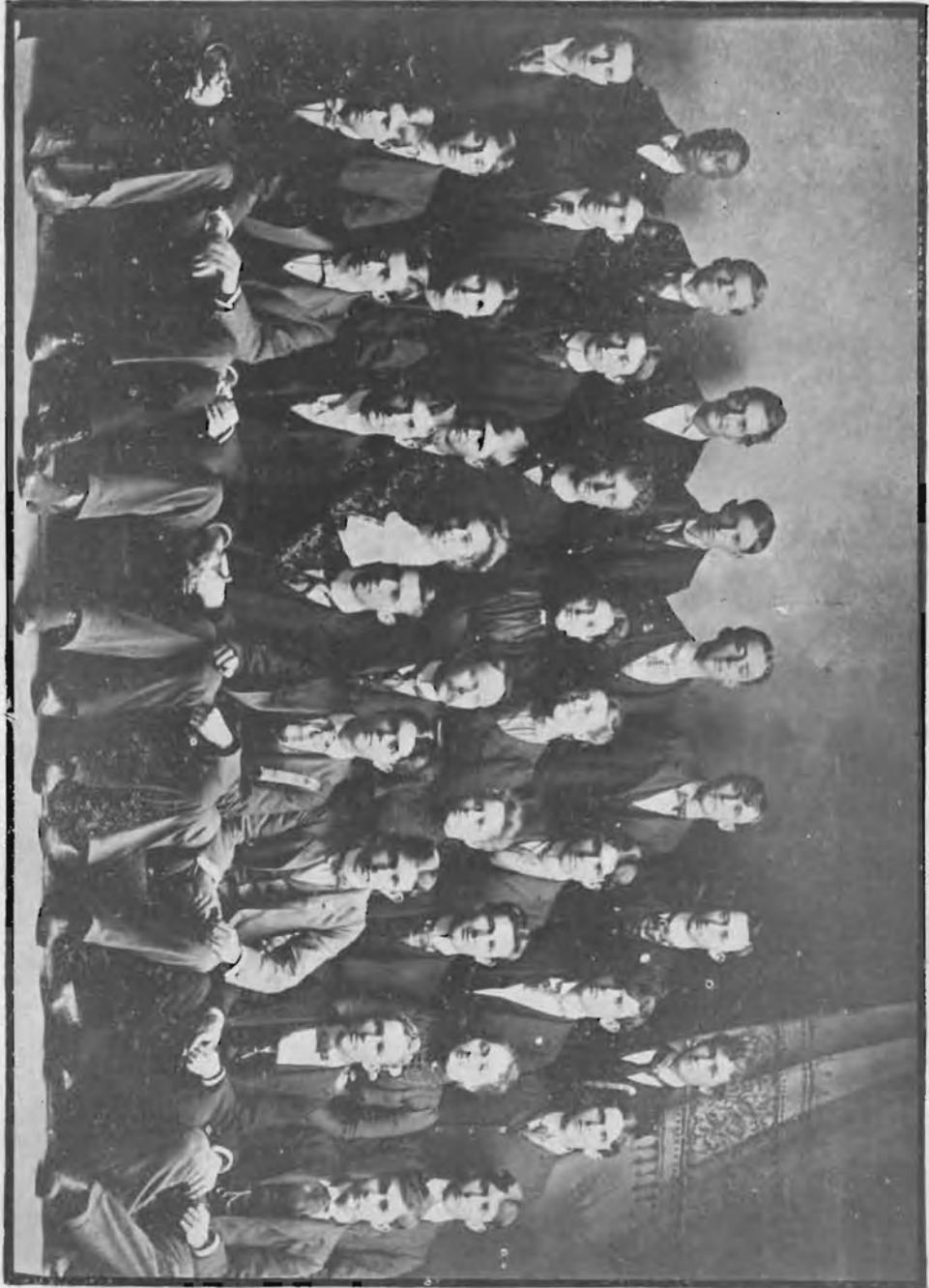


Tennis.

Tennis has a greater number of devotees, and has aroused more enthusiasm than in any previous years of the school. It is due to the efforts of the tennis committee of the Athletic Association, composed of Professor Miller, Arthur Martin and Donald Beach. The present accommodations have become inadequate, and at least two new courts will be laid out at the opening of the season.



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