

# LIFE-WORK OF DR. MALESTER TOLD BY HILL

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of manhood and whose leadership is not challenged in old age. The thing that will stand out in his life and by which he will be best and longest remembered will be Doctor McAlester as a friend; not a friend who lives in seclusion or sits upon a pedestal, but as a man who walks beside the man in the road and helps him to bear his burdens.

Doctor Waters concluded his talk by proposing a toast to "Doctor McAlester, the friend of man."

Mrs. Luella W. Moss of Christian College, whose husband, the late Dr. Woodson Moss, was for many years associated with Doctor McAlester on the faculty of the School of Medicine, read an original tribute in verse to the guest of the evening.

Dr. J. C. Litter of St. Louis, who is a former student of the University, explained Doctor McAlester's "sterling qualities" by the fact that "his mother was from Virginia, his father from Kentucky, and he was born in Missouri," and he expressed his appreciation of Doctor McAlester for his "simplicity, his kindness and yet his fearlessness."

**DESIRE A 4-YEAR MEDICAL COURSE**  
As one of the Doctor's former students, Doctor Litter presided the event. Fulfillment of what he said Doctor McAlester has longed for many years.

"He longed to see Columbia the seat of a state hospital built by the citizens of Missouri and maintained by the people of Missouri, for the purpose of treating the poor people of the state as well as serving as a teaching institution. The alumni of the school have promised that they will see a complete four-year course in medicine established here no matter how long it takes. And the name we want to see emblazoned on the state hospital when it is built is the 'McAlester Memorial Hospital.'"

N. T. Gentry, secretary of the board of trustees of the Boone County Hospital, recalled that Doctor McAlester was one of the first persons to suggest the idea of a county hospital. "It was largely through his influence that the Parker Memorial Hospital and more recently our county hospital was obtained," Mr. Gentry said.

Dr. R. M. Funkhouser of Kansas City, who was to speak on "Doctor McAlester a Nestor," was unable to be here because of sickness. Other speakers who paid their tributes of respect and affection to Doctor McAlester included Dr. Joseph Pryor of the University of Kentucky, who was graduated here in 1876 and has been a life-long friend of Doctor McAlester; Dr. C. Lester Hall, who has been associated many years with Doctor McAlester in developing the medical profession in Missouri; Tom Bodine, editor of the Paris Mercury; Dr. W. A. Clark of Jefferson City, former chairman of the state board of health; Dr. Horace Reed of Oklahoma City, another former student of the Doctor's; and W. T. Anderson of Columbia.

**MANY SEND CONGRATULATIONS**  
Some of the many letters and telegrams received from friends and former associates of the guest of honor in all parts of the country were also read last night.

The final section of the program consisted in the presentation of a large scroll to Doctor McAlester by Dr. C. M. Sneed, president of the Boone County Medical Society, signed by approximately 300 of the guests and expressing the love and affection of the medical profession and of the Doctor's fellow citizens. The text of the scroll read as follows:

Dear Friend:  
For many years you have occupied a place of usefulness and prominence in this community and in the state. You have been an inspiring friend as well as a good physician to the afflicted. Through your many faithful students, your healing touch has blessed the lives of thousands of other sufferers. Your ideals of service and unselfishness have endeared you to a host of people in all walks of life.

Because of all these manifestations of the strength and uprightness of your character and because it is an honor due one who is still scattering showers of blessings as he pursues his upward way past his eightieth milestone, we do sincerely and lovingly subscribe our names. With a voice somewhat husky with age and feeling but fraught with sincerity, Doctor McAlester responded to the presentation of this testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by his many friends and associates.

**A RESPONSE BY DR. MALESTER**  
"I am trying to convey to each and every one of you that I really appreciate the honor given me. As it comes from those with whom I have been associated these eighty years, from boyhood through manhood, it would be pleasing at any period of life. But when I feel the sands of time slipping under my feet, this honor is especially pleasing. This manifestation of good friendship and love brings joy to my heart and memories of long ago."

"I was born the day the University sprung into existence. This existence stands today as a memorial to our fathers and mothers."

Doctor McAlester then pointed out the great contribution that state universities have made to the development of mankind. "I am not so vain or so presumptuous," he continued, "that I take this compliment all to myself. No man stands alone; especially is this so in medicine. I surely feel complimented that through me, as a member of the medical profession, you have shown your affection; con-

siderence, respect and appreciation to the entire medical profession."  
The banquet closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by all in attendance. A special train left at midnight on the Washburn connections for Kansas City and St. Louis, and many of the out-of-town visitors were obliged to leave before the conclusion of the banquet in order not to miss the train.

## PRaises CHILD EXAMINATION

**Dr. McAlester Says Law Is Most Beneficial of Any Passed in State.**

Dr. Andrew W. McAlester, State Health Commissioner, in an interview at the community banquet given last evening to celebrate his eightieth birthday, stated that the law passed by the last Legislature which went into effect on February 1 of this year, allowing doctors to teach health work and sanitation in the public schools, is one of the most far reaching and beneficial acts ever passed by the Missouri Legislature. The law creates deputy health commissioner positions in each county and makes possible the organization of corps of doctors who, acting with the county superintendents of schools, can carry on health work which will prevent disease before a cure is necessary. They will examine all school children in the primary grades so that defective and diseased children may be attended to while they are young, and will teach the children so that they will understand simple sanitation and hygiene.

"That there exists a need for the deputy state commissioners of health to examine the school children," says Doctor McAlester, "is brought out in the report of General Crowder, which shows that out of 15,030 men drafted in Missouri during the war, 14,595 were rejected on first examination as unsound. A further examination showed that of this 14,595 25 per cent could have been permanently cured if they had been examined and treated while in the common schools and 12 per cent more could have been so relieved as to have been able to earn their living. The same situation is believed to exist among girls."

"This is the first time in the history of the state," says Doctor McAlester, "that the Legislature has ever passed a law giving the doctors authority to work toward the prevention of disease and making them responsible for this work. Imperfections in the work are to be expected at first, but if the county courts will provide funds for carrying out the program of examination and education which we are planning the resultant benefit to the people of Missouri will be incalculable."

## DOUGHBOYS HAVE HOSTESSES

**Entertainments at Army Camps Improve Morale of Men.**

His highness, the doughboy, has been provided officially with a "hostess" who acts in his behalf when mother, sister or "lady friend" comes to see him. When the seven welfare organizations that were active during the war in army camps turned over their property and part of their funds at the end of the war for the benefit of enlisted men, it was with the understanding that the War Department would use them for welfare among soldiers. In compliance with this agreement, the Secretary of War directed that a woman be employed in the United States Army and that her duties be to organize and supervise a force of women under the military establishment who would act as army hostesses in military camps. Mrs. J. B. Casserly was selected to be Director of Women's Relations, and placed at the head of the army's hostesses.

Results during the last year have been the establishment of social relations between the men in the army and the women of the country. It has given the soldier an acquaintance among nice women in the towns near the camps and in hundreds of proved instances has been a positive factor in improving the morale of the soldiers.

A questionnaire recently sent to commanding generals in the Army asked the question, "Does the presence of women as hostesses in Army camps contribute to the military efficiency of the Army?" The answers have been invariably, yes.

## ASKS RELIEF WORK FUNDS

**Various Organizations Find Confusion in Contributions.**

The Near East Relief has found considerable confusion as to the proper manner of giving funds for the work which it is carrying on. The Near East field of operation is in Armenia, Syria and the Caucasus, and none of the money sent to the Central European or Hoover campaign, is turned over to it unless clearly specified that it is intended for Near East Relief.

The organization also has found in some cases that money sent in to it, and forwarded to its New York headquarters, was intended for some other fund. This necessitated the return of the money to the giver, and caused a great deal of delay and extra work. For these reasons, contributors should be very careful to send their checks or cash to the organization for which it is intended. In case they want to give to more than one cause, the amount intended for each should be sent directly to its office.

The work of the Near East Relief now includes 229 orphanages, containing 54,000 children, 11 rescue homes for girls taken from Turkish harems, 63 hospitals, 128 clinics and partial relief to 56,000 children outside of orphanages. The state treasurer for Near East Relief, Eastern Missouri division, is W. W. Smith, 1423 Chemical Building, St. Louis.

**Ship Stock to St. Louis Markets.**  
Three carloads of stock were shipped to the St. Louis markets yesterday. Abe Ridgeway shipped a car of mixed stock. Ward Shryock of Stephens shipped a carload of mules and L. B. Mann a carload of fat cattle.

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# TO KEEP H. S. FRATERNITIES

**Senate Committee on Education the Kills Bill to Abolish Them.**

*By a Staff Correspondent.*

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 16.—Fraternal societies will not be abolished in the public schools of the state, the Senate committee on education decided late Monday afternoon. The decision to kill the bill came after a lengthy hearing at which parents, students and lawyers from St. Louis were present.

All of the fraternities and sororities of St. Louis were represented in the delegation, which numbered twenty-nine. Albert Chandler, legal adviser for the students, stated that as long as the high schools of the city had such a large attendance there would be fraternities or clubs no matter how much legislation was passed. He denied that the fraternities men were snobs.

Mrs. J. H. Leak, of St. Louis, spoke for the mothers of the students who belong to fraternities and sororities. She said that to her knowledge there was no discrimination between the rich and poor as to who could belong. A number of other women spoke against the bill. The students ranged themselves around the room and applauded the remarks of the speakers.

Senator Peter Anderson of St. Louis, author of the bill, was the only one present to speak for the abolition of secret orders in high schools. He contended that a student should be of mature years and mind before joining any secret order.

"For years there's been agitation on the subject," he said. "You remember there was a considerable debate here in the past when the question of appropriating money for a girl's sorority at the University of Missouri came up." The Senator was corrected on the difference between a girl's sorority and a girl's dormitory.

Considerable time was spent to show the relationship and difference between high school fraternities and college fraternities.

## COUNTIES WORK FOR PRIZE

**Forty-Two Compete for \$2,000 in Better Bulls Contest.**

Forty-two Missouri counties have entered the competition for the \$2,000 prize offered in the better bulls contest. Entries closed January 31. Pike County was first to start work on the project with six meetings last week, despite bad weather and roads. Definite schedules for February have been announced by Gentry, Nowaday, Pettis, Monroe, Grundy and Vernon counties. In this campaign the extension workers from the College of Agriculture are receiving ready assistance not only from the organization that offers the cash prize but from farmers and breeders throughout the state. Breeders of purchased cattle in some instances are offering to exchange purchased bull calves for full grown scrub bulls.

## Brasleton Before Committee.

*By a Staff Correspondent.*

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 16.—W. H. Brasleton of Columbia, superintendent of the Hamilton Brown Shoe factory, appeared last night before the Senate committee on labor and labor organization in opposition to the bill providing for an eight-hour law for all industries in Missouri except agriculture.

## BOOKS CARRY FEW GERMS

**Danger From Contagion Not Acute, Says Dr. M. J. Ravanel.**

There is a popular idea that a book which has been handled by a person who has been suffering from a contagious disease, such as diphtheria, measles or scarlet fever, will convey the disease to other people. Unquestionably this can take place under certain circumstances. However, careful investigations demonstrate that the danger is not an acute one, according to Dr. M. J. Ravanel, of the School of Medicine of the University, who is president of the American Public Health Association. During the past year studies have been made on 150 books known to have been handled by persons suffering from diphtheria. In no case was the diphtheria germ found. Where books are purposely infected with germs like typhoid and diphtheria inside the books, the germs remain for several months, and those on the outside retain their vitality also, provided the book is kept in the dark. When put in diffuse daylight, such as is obtained in an ordinary well-lighted room, these germs are dead at the end of twelve days; on books exposed to direct sunlight they are dead within a few hours. This demonstrates again what has been well known for many years, that sunlight is one of our best disinfectants. It has the power of killing practically every known disease germ in a very short time.

The disinfection of books after being brought from sickrooms is best carried out, when considered necessary, by the use of formaldehyde gas. The books should be placed in a tight box on their backs and room enough allowed to let the books fall partly open. The formaldehyde may then be generated by putting the commercial formalin on cotton in the box or one of the numerous types of disinfectants sold, using solidified formaldehyde.

## WILL ELIMINATE FLUNKING

**C. H. S. to Bar Poor Students From More Than One Activity.**

Columbia High School is going to do away with flunkers, if it can, for an every bulletin board in the main hall of the school appears this notice: "Students not passing in two or more subjects at the end of the first quarter will be removed from any office they may hold and refused active participation in more than one activity." This resolution was passed by the faculty and the Student Committee.

The Columbia High School has decided that in order to do away with loafing around the school building, no one will be allowed on the grounds or walks surrounding the high school or Jefferson School, or in cars on Rogers street between 1:10 and 2:30 o'clock. Anyone failing to comply with this rule will be dismissed from school. W. I. Oliver, superintendent of schools, said, "Loafing or drinking, and we are trying to do away with it. Of course we can only

## AMERICAN SCHOLARS EXCEL

**Surpass English Honors Men in Same Examination.**

*By United Press.*  
CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 14.—The facts concerning American Rhodes scholars, their preparation, records and careers are contained in an article prepared by Professor R. W. Burgess of Brown University, in the American Oxiann, published today.

The average age of the Rhodes scholars, at the time they enter Oxford, is 22 years and four months. Most of them have taken at least the A. B. degree in an American university; only 14 per cent have had less than a full college course, while 19 per cent have had one or more years of graduate or professional study. Forty per cent have represented their colleges in one or more branches of college athletics.

A comparison of the record of the men who study for honors with the entire body of English students taking the same examination, shows that the Americans take more firsts than the English honors men, and in firsts and seconds together their lead is still greater.

## EUROPEAN BOOKS ARE CHEAP

**Many Valuable Private Libraries Are Now for Sale.**

This will be an excellent year to buy books from France and Germany, according to H. O. Severance, University librarian, as many private libraries have been thrown on the market and the exchange is favorable between the United States and these countries.

The private library of Dr. Karl Binding, famous professor of German penal and public law, is for sale. It is one of the most representative of this line in Germany and contains between 2,500 and 3,000 volumes.

Last April a book listed at 10 marks would have cost 72 marks in this country because of an export tax of 500 per cent and an adjustment tax of 20 per cent. A book listed at 10 marks now only costs 33 marks in this country. This, however, does not apply to second-hand books, of which the University has received a number.

Most books listed for sale deal with science, forestry, literature and law.

## AG CLUB SENDS LETTERS

**Copies of the "Fourteen Points" Are Mailed to Legislators.**

The Agricultural Club has mailed more than a thousand copies of the "Fourteen Points" drawn up by the club last week, accompanied by a circular letter. These letters were mailed Saturday morning. One was sent to each newspaper in the state. Copies were also sent to each representative and senator at Jefferson City and to other men in

## Favors a Pure Tobacco Law.

*By a Staff Correspondent.*

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 16.—The bill prohibiting the sale of tobacco, snuff, cigars and cigarettes, in an adulterated or misbranded form received a favorable report from the committee on criminal jurisprudence yesterday.

**Son for Prof. and Mrs. DR. Scott.**  
A son was born to Prof. and Mrs. DR. Scott, 1117 University avenue, yesterday at Parker Memorial hospital.

## MEETINGS

Miss Jessie Burrall of Stephens College will speak to the Y. W. C. A. at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon on "Prayer in Action." This week's meeting will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium.

## 45-YEAR-OLD JOURNAL READY

**Constitutional Convention of 1875 Kept Record Just Printed.**

"The Journal of Missouri Constitutional Convention of 1875," Volume I, compiled by Dean Isidor Loeb and Floyd C. Shoemaker, has recently been published. It is a Missouri centennial publication by the State Historical Society of Missouri.

The following extract from the preface gives the purpose of the volume: "For forty-five years Missouri has been governed by the constitution, framed in 1875. It is, therefore, surprising that the official journal of the convention that drafted this document has been practically inaccessible until now, owing to its having been preserved only in its original manuscript form. The journal is only less important than the constitution itself. To insure the safety of this record from possible destruction of the original and to make it accessible to the citizens of the state, the Fifteenth General Assembly of Missouri appropriated funds for its publication by the State Historical Society of Missouri."

The work was completed in last July. One hundred years ago on July 19, 1820, forty-one delegates formed and adopted Missouri's first constitution. The publication then is a contribution to the observance of the centennial of Missouri. Volume II of the same work will be published next month.

## Methodist Meeting Postponed.

The regular monthly meeting of the Young People's Missionary Society of the Broadway Methodist Church, which was set for this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of Miss Marguerite Barnett, was postponed until the following Wednesday at the same hour, at the home of Miss Betty Mae Baker, 307 Waugh street.

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