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Motives.

BY B. S. HAUGH.

Every one must act, for life is action. Every act is either by force of habit or by voluntary force of will. Every act of will must have some object in view, some fore-seen and intelligible end which is both desirable and attainable. There must be a feeling of want which causes an action of will in order that that want may be supplied.

We must have the desire or subjective end and the object sought or objective end which together make the motive.

Our motives are that moving power within us which incites to action.

The thing which prompts and excites to choice.

The power which causes the will to act.

Every one makes his own motives. If there be no desire or affection for an object and the judgements are against it as undesirable and wrong the will cannot act. The object must make new desires and affections in order that the will may be clothed with motive power to act.

Since this is true that the affections and judgements tending toward a certain end or object make the motive which prompt to action it becomes very necessary that they be pure and

correct and centered upon worthy ends and objects, for as our motives prompt us so we will act, as we act so will our characters become and in the same proportion will we be of use to those around us in helping to raise the standard of morals.

The rising scale of motives in the past has been gradual yet somewhat marked. The motive which leads a person to acts which are for the gratification of selfish pleasure cannot be as high in the scale as the one which leads to an act which will pleasures to others. For example Alexander conquered the known world for the honor and exaltation of his own name. Napoleon led hundreds into battle who lost their lives to satisfy his selfish desire for conquest. While Washington led his little army through untold hardships to gain the freedom which our nation now enjoys.

So that the motive even in war has raised from one of selfishness to one of benefit to nations.

Motives in morals and religion have made some progress in this scale.

Our motives today for being christians are not so much to keep out of hellfire ourselves as it is to save others and help to establish Christ's kingdom in the hearts of men.

Our motives in getting an education are higher. Although there is still

room for improvement. We are beginning to look not so much at whether there is any more "money in it" as to whether there is not more manhood or womanhood in a mind training which will prepare for more power and greater benefit to the world in whatever pursuit of life we may choose to engage.

As teachers it is our high privilege to instill pure motives into the minds of our pupils by keeping before them worthy objects which will appeal to their affections and judgements and cause them to form noble characters.

The Royalty of Womanhood.

BY SUE S. SAYLOR.

Not to a sovereign whose "scepter shows the force of temporal power" do we pay homage. No begemmed crown no regal robe, are the insignia of the royalty to which the great and good of the world are subject, but they bow in respect to noble womanhood.

What, then, is this queenly rank, and how may it be obtained? A woman belongs to the royalty who is surpassingly good, and greatly useful to others. She is not simply good enough, and helpful sometimes, but her whole being speaks purity, her every act proclaims unselfish devotion to others.

Forgetting that there are any not worthy of the title of majesty, we view the traits of that beautiful creation a true woman.

First of all, she is pure, irreproachable. One could as easily believe snow to fall black from the sky, as to im-

pute anything immodest to her. No coarse or mean word ever passes her lips. Look elsewhere for the jealous, cruelly speaking, intriguing woman. She may be abused and misrepresented but no word of spiteful retort or unladylike act mars her serene dignity. To her,

"Sorrow and silence are strong,

And patient endurance is God-like."

She has her standard of right and wrong, and clings firmly almost stubbornly to her principles. Our queen is just, incapable of corruption, and fearless in condemning error in others. She can detect falsehood and deception with alarming readiness, but this does not mean that she keeps an eye open for faults and pounces upon another's frailties and drags them out to feast gossips. No, for she covers a multitude of sins with her gracious mantle of charity.

A good woman is the truest friend in the world. Her sympathetic interest and ready comprehension are most precious to those enriched by her friendship. You claim such a one. Did a trouble hover threateningly before you? A loving, inspired eye saw a sheen of light behind that portentous gloom. You were braced, protected and piloted to a state of gentle rest, because a woman knew!

But, ah! Did sorrow alight upon you? Then she gave you no word, for word she had none; but a hand caressed you, a tear fell with yours, and peace possessed your soul.

So inseparable are woman and her affections, that to study one is to know

the other. We stand in awe before that sacred emotion, the life of life, a woman's love! Its intensity knows no measure, confined as it is to so few. It is the unflinching inspiration of the home. In discouragement the little woman brings hope. In uncertainty her wise loving counsel gives the strength to withstand the world's blows. There may be privations to endure then she bravely conceals her needs, happy that in this small way she may lighten the burden of the family.

A mother's love! Who can describe it? It is the divinest trait of womanhood, the most wonderful of all her affections. It responds instantly to every need of the helpless babe that calls it forth. How can she direct the little child entrusted to her towards a noble and useful mission in the world? How can she implant principles that will lead the pure soul unsullied, back to its creator? Such as these are the problems that mothers solve, and adding to them the various other duties that come with each days light, can one say woman's sphere is narrow? Why should she seek to enter the field of man when her own is so large?

Her realm is a paradise, her subjects unnumbered, her rule unlimited.

A Ruined Life.

BY EMMA F. BECKNER.

[Character sketch from Tennyson's "The Princess."]

As "sandy foot-prints harden into stone, so do actions grow into character." For this character we are responsible. The elements inherited be they for good or ill, may partly be

overcome by the exercise of the will. One who naturally possesses admirable qualities has greatly the advantage of those whose hands are clenched over greed.

Were you asking me for a type of womanly character that would be an example worth knowing, never would I cite you to Lady Blanche.

Tis true she had the fates against her. No one likes to be robbed of right. Had some one placed in your care a life to guard, a soul to shape, saying, "Do it as you like," and you had planned much, hoped more, then to have another younger, inexperienced come luring away your charge, what would your thoughts be? Do you think that within your own bosom the seed of jealous wrath would not find sufficient soil for a little growth?

Where Lady Blanche failed was in seeking to stand for an idol instead of ideal. At her feet she wished subjects to kneel. On her brow she would rest the imperious crown. Her hand should hold out the scepter, or no. The world was out of joint, she would be its surgeon. Failing in all because of misconception, to the unrighteous passion she yielded.

As a teacher in the school she was not patronized. "Her beauty is wanting," they said. Were her features as graceful as Venus herself, and the life within sullied, love, the mother of Beauty could never be seen thru the windows of the soul.

Can regular features coffin a life dyed by soot off the furnace of Hades and not be powdered with worm dust?

In the trust of motherhood, Lady Blanche was unwise. With scorpion whips of impoverished love she drove her own child from her heart, locked the door and ground the key into powder.

"Too jealous, often fretful as the wind" she won the dislike of those around her.

Those who knew her, knew to fear her. Even the Princess herself felt the cold blast of terror when those wintry eyes sparkled with frost.

Instead of willing helping hands extended to all regardless of selfish ends, "she stretched a vultured throat and shot from crooked lips a haggard smile."

Fair daughters, seeking to ennoble your sisters, remember that green eyed jealousy, cankerous selfishness, putrid hatred, these must all be sacrificed to the flames of faith, hope, love, before your hands are purified to serve the waiting world.

All things die but great, good deeds. "They with the sun and moon renew their light forever, blessing those that look on them."

Literary Notes.

Among the many poems called forth by the assassination of President McKinley, "Death Has Crowned Him as a Martyr," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, is one of the most expressive.

Kim, Kipling's Masterpiece, is out this season. Kipling has been working at it for eight years.

The magazine circulation of our

country is becoming very extensive. The largest circulation is probably enjoyed by the Ladies' Home Journal. Its circulation in round numbers is eight hundred thousand copies per month. Munsey's claim a circulation of over five hundred thousand copies per month. Quite a large list of magazines have a circulation of over one hundred thousand copies monthly. This puts a large amount of good reading matter before the public.

A London Editor has taken the pains to ascertain the rapidity at which various English authors compose. He reported that Robert Barr, T. Frankfort Moore and W. L. Alden each write four thousand words a day; Dr. Conan Doyle writes from fifteen hundred to two thousand words; Mrs. Craigie rarely writes more than one hundred and fifty words a day.

Exchanges.

We are glad to see most of our last year's friends coming to our table again, some of which are, The Juniata Echo, Manchester Herald, The Midland, Ottawa Campus, Students' Herald, Washburn Review and many others.

The College Standard, from north Manchester, is surely up to standard this year. The October number contains several excellent productions, and the college news and society notes are very spicy and well written.

Drury Mirror came to us last month all teeming over with foot-ball notes and stories and enthusiasm.

Speaking of bashful people, why, up where I board one fellow has eaten at the table a whole month without opening his mouth.—Cooper Courier.

Woman was made before mirrors and she has kept before them ever since.—Midland.

The Lake Breeze came in a few days ago for the first time, about the best high school paper we have seen.

The Philomathean Monthly comes to us this year in magazine form, containing several well-written articles.

A few good college jokes are not out of place in an exchange column, but they should not be made the paramount issue.

If you want to be well informed, take a paper. Even a paper of pins will give you a good many points.—The Dynamo.

Every man is the architect of his own fortune and most of them are trying to build a million dollar structure on a thirty cent design.

Some folks won't mind their business, The reason is you'll find, They either have no business Or else they have no mind.—Ex.

Moments spent in making friends are never lost.—Ex.

Alumni

Theodore Sharp, a student in McPherson college during the early '90's, visited his Alma Mater a few days since. For several years Mr. Sharp was in the Civil Service work in south western portion of the United States. During the last year he has been in the employment of the government in Washington D. C. which position he recently resigned to accept one as supervisor of an Indian reservation in Nebraska. Father time has wrought but few changes in Theodore. He still is single, and in appearance the same animated youth we knew in the school room.

Miss Nellie McVey, one of our students in the early '90's is now visiting her niece Miss Ethel, who is enrolled as a music student here. Miss McVey for several years was instructor of instrumental music in Juniata College, Huntington, Penn. She resigned her position on account of her ill health. We are glad to announce to her friends that she is being much improved and may be able to carry some college work next term.

Mrs. Carrie Lichty, nee Snyder, and little son Garland returned to their home in Wellington, Kans., Tuesday after having spent several pleasant weeks with friends on College Hill.

J. G. Law writes to us from Kansas University, that he is enjoying his work in the Law college there. He has been elected president of his class, which reminds us of natural zeal and ability which he used to manifest here.

A. C. Wiesand left New York, September 7, for Naples, Italy. From there he will go to Palestina where he expects to make an extended visit studying Bible lands and Bible History.—*Junius Echo*.

Our Special Bible Institute.

The Special Bible Institute of McPherson College will be held again in December, commencing on Tuesday the 10th and closing on the 21st. The usual variety of Biblical studies and studies in Sacred Music and in methods of Christian work will be offered. These will be sufficiently different from the studies of several preceding years to accommodate those who are in the habit of attending our Bible Institute from year to year.

We are pleased to be able to announce that Elder W. B. Stover, now returning from his missionary work in India, will be with us during a considerable portion of this Institution. We expect him to commence his work (sermons and lectures) on Sunday Dec. 15, and continue with us until the close of the Institute. On Monday, the 16th, we expect to have a special missionary program. Bro. Stover cannot visit all the western churches during his short stay in America, perhaps not very many of them; but you can meet him and share something of his missionary spirit and knowledge of missions by attending this Bible Institute. This is something we may never again be able to offer you, and by only a little effort and expense you may enjoy all this

besides the other good things of this Institution.

There will be no charges for tuition. Board for the term (in private family) will cost five dollars.

Papers containing this announcement will be sent to many ministers in the west. Such will greatly favor us by announcing this Bible Institute at their preaching services.

The Anarchists' View of Education

The editor of *Liberty*, some time ago, presented the following opinions of representative anarchists upon the subject of education:

"The anarchists do not believe that education should be furnished to the children by the State. We have no objections to philanthropic efforts in that direction—people voluntarily combining together for such a purpose—but we do object to public schools supported by compulsory taxation."

"The anarchist believes that education does little or nothing in the direction of forming the morals of the people. It puts weapons in the hands of those who are criminally inclined, and instruments for good in the hands of those whose inclinations are good. Whoever is educated has power, and that power may be used for evil or for good."

"As to what education a child should have, the answer is, the education that it wants. Any one who feels the need of higher education has the opportunity to strive after it and find the means of getting it. Educational enterprise

should be, like any other, a commercial one. It offers what is wanted to those who want it at a competitive price; those who want little education will buy little, those who want much will buy much."

The Aim of Modern Education.

Perhaps we shall the sooner see the aim by first clearing the ground a little, and disclaiming some of the ends proposed for education. My own list of unadmitted ends is somewhat long. I do not, for example, set as the object a good citizen, a successful bread-winner, a wise father, an expert mechanic, a keen lawyer, an eloquent preacher, a skillful physician, a learned professor, a prosperous tradesman. Some of these ends may be good enough in themselves, but they are not the proper end of education; because they are secondary, minor, special ends. We are pretty far from the mark when we mistake for education any training which has a partial and special end in view. To erect any of these ends into the end, and declare it to be the goal of education, is to fall by the wayside, and deliberately to turn one's face away from the New Jerusalem of the Intellect.

The end in education should be the major end. It should be the very biggest thing in life, the most general and far-reaching good the mind can formulate. We cheat ourselves if we express the end any less catholic than this. It may include good citizenship, wise parenthood, successful bread-winning, literary or technical skill, but it is not

any one of these things. The greatest thing in life is *life*—life in its fullness and totality. It is this that education should set its face toward. Its end should be wholeness, integrity, and nothing less than this. It is false to its mission if it turn aside into any of the by-paths of convenience, of industry, or even of accomplishment and erudition.—C. H. Henderson.

As was hoped by all the students and friends of the college, we have a good lecture course again this season. Much of the credit for this course is due Prof. Miller and his committee whose untiring energy and efforts have secured so good a course. The first number of the course by Dr. McClary on, "The Mission of Mirth," was given on Wednesday evening, Oct. 30. The only kickers are those who would not go. Just ask those who attended whether the lecture was worthy its place in the course.

The Y. W. C. A., program given in College chapel Oct. 29, was highly appreciated. One of the striking features of the program was a tableau representing Faith, Hope and Charity. The proceeds are to be used to send delegates to the State convention at Ottawa, Nov. 17.

A social was given by Miss Fern Kuns Oct. 24, in honor of Miss Adams, the State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. Those present report a very pleasant evening.

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EDITORIAL.

As the first term has now drawn to a close, we are made to think how truly *tempus fugit*. The year one-fourth gone and what have we gained? Just pause for a moment before taking up the duties of the new term and see whether you have become stronger, or wiser, or nobler, by being here. Some, no doubt, have merely made a good start for the year's work; many others have just entered school; but may not all, new students as well as old, begin the new term fully determined to obtain all the good possible, not only from our books,

but from the athletic grounds, the society halls, the chapel exercises, the religious meetings, etc. Some of our best lessons are gleaned from sources outside of the regular studies, altho they should receive due prominence. It is a good thing to make a program of your daily work. Observe a plan in the distribution of your time. Every hour will then know its proper employment and no time will be lost. Idleness will be shut out at every avenue, and much good will result from the discipline of systematic study. Somebody said, "Well arranged time is the surest mark of a well arranged mind."

Bro. Stover's Lectures.

Please read elsewhere in this paper the announcement of our December Bible Institute and the course of sermons and lectures by Bro. Stover of India. Tell your friends all about it. Many of them will want to arrange to hear these sermons and lectures.

Contest.

The Essay and Declamation Contest was held on Saturday evening, Nov. 9, in College chapel. A large, appreciative audience assembled to enjoy the program which proved to be the best one of the year. Four essays were read and four declamations rendered. The contestants had all made excellent preparation and the race was such a close one, that altho only two of the eight were awarded prizes, all were warmly congratulated for their efforts.

Following are the names of the contestants and the total grades as decided by the three judges:

Essays.—Mary Frantz, 1094; Alvena Baker, 1069; Emma Beckner, 1050; S. C. Miller, 1087.

Declamations.—Alice Weaver, 286; Dessa Kuns, 271; Dottie Wheeler, 268; U. A. Loewen, 258.

The Y. M. C. A. Convention.

The State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. was held at Fort Scott Oct. 24—27. Nine of our boys attended and received such a spiritual uplift as to create a religious awakening in the whole student body, upon their return. The strength and encouragement our delegates received by the close contact with earnest, wholesouled christian men at the convention, will contribute largely to the religious work to be done in this college. Of the nine who attended from here, only one was not a Christian, but he upon returning applied for membership to the church at this place. This to some extent, the good that the organization is doing for our colleges. Perhaps the highest phase of the association work is the Bible study. Of the seventy-five members in our association here, sixty of them are engaged in daily private Bible study.

This is bound to have a good effect on college life. It is hardly possible for one to go very far astray, who begins each day in communion with God, and studying his word.

For a great share of the improvement in religious work in our college during the last two years, we have to thank the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations.

The Boy of To-Day.

Ten years in the history of the West is a quarter of a century of Eastern progress.

All boys enter life with appetites and passions common to humanity. These should be their servants and never their masters. It is possible for the American boy to attain to a fair education, even though he may lack the means, for nowhere in the world is more done for the education of young men than in our own country. He who has an ambition for a studious life and a desire for education and fails because of poverty, must be singularly lacking in knowledge of the help that are provided for him, or in the force of character necessary to secure them.

The boy of to-day comes into life with the genius of Anglo-Saxondom in his blood. Every nation has a nation of its own. The genius of Greece was a genius for art. So superbly developed was the art of Greece, that the remains of the Greek masters are the teachers of our art students to-day, when they have exhausted all modern instruction. The genius of Rome was for law. The genius of Anglo-Saxon is a genius for power.

Theodore Parker used to say that the average American boy, from the time he was twelve until he was eighteen, was a barbarian. and when people disputed it, he would answer, "If you doubt it, ask their sisters."

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We have added twenty-four well bound volumes to our library this term.

The price of a practical education should not be regarded as an expense, but as a most profitable investment. The age of our students this term has varied from fourteen to fifty-four years.

The Kansas special teachers federation convenes Nov. 29-30, 1901, at Topeka, Kans. Mr. S. B. Fahnestock, will read a paper on business penmanship.

"Time never stops to sleep or dine,

But on and on with steady flight

He keeps untired by day and night.

And boys and girls ere yet aware,

Find threads of silver in their hair."

If any little word of mine,
May make a life the brighter,

If any little song of mine,

May make a heart the lighter;

God help me speak the little word,
And take my bit of singing

And drop it in some lonely vale,

To set the echoes ringing.—Ex.

PATRONIZE THE**College Notes.**

Did you hear about the contest?

Prof. Muir's concert November 22.

Frank Daugherty from Nebraska is among the new students.

M. O. Kilmer, has taken charge of a school over near Marquette.

Prof. Harnley spent a few hours in Topeka, on business, recently.

Arrange to hear Bro. Stover Dec. 15 to 21, at McPherson Bible Institute.

Mrs. Sargeant is able to meet her classes again after her recent illness.

Our next term begins Nov. 12. The prospects for a much larger attendance are good.

Miss Sarah Garst who has been visiting in Oklahoma returned home this week.

Mr. Ellery Mosier one of the Commercial graduates of the class of '01 is with us again.

Harrison Miller came up from Oklahoma to attend a wedding and spend a few days with us.

Do not forget our December Bible Institute. See elsewhere in this paper for special announcement.

Mrs. Weaver received a visit from her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson the last week.

Messrs. J. H. and J. A. Clement received word recently that a brother-in-law, in Ohio, was dead.

The faculty are spending all their leisure time being thankful that Halloween comes but once a year.

The girls are learning to play basketball and seem to enjoy it more than tennis. It is certainly good exercise.

Anna Strickler and baby Harold have returned to their home at Ramona, after visiting her mother at this place last week.

Some of the students in Prof. Shirk's Geometry class are beginning to think they didn't care much for Geometry anyway.

The Love-feast held in College Chapel on Saturday evening Oct. 25, was well attended. Over two hundred members communed.

Mr. E. H. Neher one of last year's class of commercial graduates writes that he has a good position as book-keeper for M. Kent & Co., grain shippers, of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The regular Bible normal will open on Tuesday Dec. 10, and close Dec. 21. There are to be several very valuable features which no one can afford to miss.

Nine of the Y. M. C. A. boys went to the State Convention held at Ft. Scott. They report an excellent meeting and a royal good time.

The first of the Series of contests to be held by the Irving Memorial Society was given on Saturday evening Nov. 9. This is one of the interesting features of Society work. Especially for the contestants.

Effa Kuns started Monday for Porto Rico where she has a position as teacher. This is the second one of our students to obtain an appointment in the New Possessions.

Three things you can get by coming to McPherson, Dec. 10 to 21: The regular class work of our Bible Institute, sermons and lectures by Bro. Stover of India and a visit to the college in its era of greatest prosperity.

Prof. Fahnestock's favorite chapel talk is about as follows:—"I would like to have the names and addresses of all those whom you think might be induced to attend college. You know if you want a thing you must get after it. I tell you it pays to advertise."

Prepare for the Oratorical contest!

Examinations will soon be at hand.

Congratulations to Irving Memorial Society!

Miss Ethel Bixby of the class of '01 visited with us a short time recently.

Eld. Davis of Morrill visited his son who is attending school.

J. G. Sargent is reported as improving. Surely he has the sympathy of his many friends and they are glad to hear of his improved condition.

D. P. Hutchinson and wife and baby Kenneth of Kansas City spent several days visiting at Prof. Miller's last week.

The College Mission Band rendered an interesting and instructive program on Sunday evening, Nov. 10.

Miss Effie Kuns, one of the many who have graduated from McPherson college, has received an appointment to teach in the Phillipines and left for her new field a few days ago.

The State Convention of the Y. W. C. A. takes place this year at Ottawa, Ka. The delegates from the association at this place are, Misses Laura Harshbarger, Mary Frantz, Margaret Bishop, Dottie Wheeler, Flo Ramage, Fern Kuns and Mrs. Anita Metzger.

Prof. Fasnacht recently visited at his home at Conway Springs for a few days.

Many new students are coming in this term among whom are: Miss Howell, of Plevna, Miss and Mr. Saffeld of Canton, Mr. Clark of Tenn., Miss Garst

of Conway Springs and Miss Bowers of Louisiana.

We are glad to welcome some more of our old students of last year; some are, W. A. Howell, Tom Tantfest, Lucius Bowman, Anna Friesen, P. J. Loewen and Erwin Frantz.

A good game of base-ball was played on Saturday Nov. 9, by the College team and the City nine, resulting in a score of 10 to 9 in favor of the McPherson boys.

The result of the election of officers of the Irving Memorial Society for the ensuing term was as follows: Frank Kauffman, Pres; Anita Metzger, Vice Pres; Della Macomber, Sec; O. S. Vaniman, Treas; E. M. Studebaker, Christ; E. H. Eby, Critic.

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