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HAVE YOU AN AIM

By MERRILL Q. CALVERT.

"There is a state in the affairs of men.
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to
fortune;

Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallowness and in mis-
eries.

On such a full sea are we now afloat;
And we must take the current when it
serves,
Or lose our ventures."

We only have one life to live. Each of us want to do our best with it. All of us wish to make the most of it. How can we best do it? How can we accomplish the most with the energies and powers at our command? Every one asks this question when he leaves the college halls but many of us are asking it now. The answer is, have an aim or fixed purpose in life. Without this failure is sure to come.

Examples of crowning success as a result of having an aim are numberless. You may say, "Energy will do anything that can be done in this world" and be brim full of it. But it takes purpose and concentration as well as energy. You may exercise superhuman energy, but if it is not expended with set purpose on some particular object it may accomplish nothing.

Have you like Horace Maynard entered college with a purpose in view? He entered with the determination of being Valedictorian of his class and thruout the whole course kept his purpose in sight. There were others just as intelligent and gifted as Maynard,—perhaps more so; but his purpose carried him ahead of his class, and won for him the honor to which he aspired. This was the first step in the successful career of Horace Maynard the statesman and diplomat.

Today thousands of college men are training on the foot ball field but there is not one of them who has not a set purpose in view. There is a goal to be won and every effort is being turned towards it. Take the sight of the goal away from the giants and all is lost. They go from the field disheartened and in despair. If you are trying to wear thru life in this hopeless condition change today; take a purpose and keep it. At the end of the year go to the observatory, turn the telescope back upon the byways and hedges and see if you do not observe a lonely prodigal who today is your comrade that refuses to have a fixed purpose.

Success in the business world is attained by concentrating your efforts upon a single thing. Behold what a single aim will do in a professional

life. "This one thing I do" cried the great apostle to the Gentiles and he resolutely and steadily refused to be diverted from it by any possible consideration men might offer him. True there were other apostles but "This one thing I do" carried Saul of Tarsus to success above them all with the result that his influence over the thot of the world today is greater than that of any other man that ever lived save Christ, whom he served.

A similar singleness of aim has put many a man in places of honor, or profit in our land and time, and that too in spite of the most forbidding obstacles. One such eminent American in one of his public addresses said, "I was born in poverty; want sat by my cradle; I know what it is to ask a mother for bread when she has none to give." His unchangeable purpose to obtain an education won for him the vice presidency and fame and renown in the legislative halls.

The situation that has not its Aim, its Purpose, was never yet occupied by man. Yes, here, in this poor, miserable, hampered, despicable Actual, wherein you even now stand, here or nowhere is your purpose; work it out. Fool! the purpose is in yourself. O thou that pineest and oriest bitterly to the gods for a kingdom to rule, know this of a truth; the thing thou seekest is already within, couldest thou only see! If an artist can paint a great picture on a bedsheet, can you not find opportunity and material in your present environment for the thing you wish to do?

Today is, for all that you know, the

opportunity and occasion of your life. On whether you have a fixed purpose today, may depend the success and completeness of your entire life struggle.

It is therefore for you to use every moment of today as if your very eternity were dependent on its decision and deeds.

"Be wise! The tide is at its height,
Which may now waft thee to the wished-for shore;

Thy home's away, and swift the moments flight:

The goal, the crown's right on, thine eyes before;

The trumpet calls to gird thee for the fight;

Hark! now it sounds; but soon shall sound no more!"



COME EARLY TO SCHOOL.

My idea is that in a large school the teacher should be among the first ones in the school after the doors are opened. There are many advantages in this, as, for example, he can then see at a glance whether the room is in the order that it should be.

Janitors are not perfect, and many times the teacher will find that the room is not in good condition and he can remedy the difficulty if he is on hand promptly. It makes a great difference with a school whether these things are carefully attended to, and though the scholars will not realize how well they are cared for if all is right, they will soon find out if all is not right.

THE GROWTH OF THE SOUL

By S. C. MILLER.

The death of the soul accompanying the death of the body has never satisfied the mind, either of primitive man, nor the rational thought of the modern scientist. The native Indian fails to conceive of it. The uncultured Hindu looks with contempt on annihilation. The African says it is impossible. The Darwinian, compelled to believe in the immortality of matter and force, is ready to concede to the immortality of the mind. Tennyson in all his grief, sees life continued beyond the grave.

But disbelief in the annihilation of the soul does not always carry with it the idea of continual development beyond the grave. The primitive idea of animism, rebirth, transmigration and kindred ideas may flourish without any assertion of the development of the soul. Here not a continuation, but a happy escape into some newborn child or into some other creature is the highest hope. Often too the souls are looked upon as evil spirits, restless and wandering about, until they find a new abode, or are in some way satisfied for the time. With such a conception, life on earth would mean more to one than the uncertain results of death.

Nor does a belief in the existence of a world beyond the grave imply the growth of the soul. The primitive spirit lands, fairy lands, happy hunting grounds and similar ideas could but be looked upon with suspicion. A return for a time to the earth, from such

a place could only be granted by special favors of the gods. These gods also were thought more ready to grant passage from the earth to the beyond without yielding to the claims of death than to grant a return from there.

As the idea of the developing of the soul grows the conceptions of heaven are enlarged. Hades is no longer a type of the world to come. The beyond ceases to be less and tends to be more than earth. The thinking man does not meet his grave with a horror, but he looks back of the grave and sees a continuation of the present on a larger scale.

The present has developed from all that is past. Every crude instinct or thought of the past has added its mite to the present. That the individual is a repetition of the race, is one of the fundamental laws of Biogenesis. Hence every human being holds within itself all the past accomplishments, the present achievements and the unrevealed future. In fact he is all mankind.

With primitive man and even with the heathen today the highest motive of life is to reproduce himself. The Hindu who has repeated himself in his son and has imparted to him his undeveloped idea of religion is ready to retreat into seclusion to await the claims of death. No more care is given to the culture of the soul as a preparation for anything better, but his best is all in the past.

In ages of physical and brutal accomplishments, the meek were far from any prospect of a future. Only heroes and brave warriors were thought to be worthy of the survival of the

soul. Later another set of human beings were honored with an afterlife. These were the medicine men and wizards whose tricks were imposed on the superstition of their fellows. From these immortality was attributed to others only as civilization could bring progress. The clergyman, the priest, the doctor, the poet, the sculptor and artist were all in their turn looked upon as being especially favored by the gods and that sometimes they would live in a fancied world beyond.

With each step of development in the human race the Oversoul has been revealing itself. The primitive barbarian was not ready for the perfect life of a Christ. Such a life would have been worse than wasted as an example to them. But after long ages of slow progress, such a perfect life was a stimulus for the higher and the nobler. Only the continual development of the soul can bring the perfection pointed out by such a divine life. The possibilities of the soul are limited by the physical and material, but the beyond is unlimited. Hence perfection is infinite.

sidering dropping part of the work I already have. A sees the uselessness of further urging and passes on, but cannot help noticing how his overworked friend is spending hours looking on, while the work is being done by others. They meet again; this time the question is put by B. A, how in the world do you find time to do so much? I'm not trying to do near as much as you are and it keeps me so busy. I can't see for the life of me how you do it all? Is A astonished at his friend's question? No, not in the least. He has observed the fault but is it possible to make B see it? Will he accept the truthful answer? No, he knows better. He wastes less time than those who are pointed out to him as doing something each hour. A's and B's include all men whatever their vocation. To which class are you allied? You make your own classification. You are either one of the few who play a part in the world or an unnoticed mite among the mass of onlookers. The manager is calling for more players. Why don't you prepare to take an active part? You, only are responsible for your talents and opportunities.

EARLY DAY HAPPENINGS

Two friends meet. A asks B to help in some noble work from which the personal good received would be ample remuneration in itself. The answer quick and emphatic is: Oh no! I haven't time. I just can't find time for what I am doing. I couldn't think of trying to do any more. I've been con-

Don't sit round with hangin' lip;
That is shure to floor you.
Try to git a better grip
On the work before you;
Put some ginger in your words
When you greet a neighbor;
Throw your troubles to the birds
Git right down to labor,
An' you'll notice ev'ry day
Things is comin' right your way.

In the Missionary Department
By E. H. EBY.

Nine classes are now in active work studying the history of missions and the lives of pioneer missionaries.

Knowledge is the sure road to interest; interest leads to prayer; prayer ends in giving; giving finds its highest consummation in personal consecration.

On Sunday afternoon of the 7th the young men of two classes gave reviews of the lives of two modern apostles of the Gospel; A. Judson and T. Coan. These are wonderful lives. You should read them. Wouldn't you like to have us send you the biographies of these men with others? Send us twenty-five cents and we will send you a good biography of six of God's ministers of light in the dark corners of the earth.

Not only the students, but the old folks have taken up the study of Missions. Three Home study classes have been organized and good work is being done.

Did you ever read about Allen Gardner the sailor missionary? He was a hero. Let us send you his biography. You will be a better man or woman for reading it.

The church is a coin of divine minting; on one side is the image of Christ; on the other, the map of the world. To mar one side is to deface the other.—Lawrence.

Your interests in Christian Missions is a good indicator of your interest in

Christ. Indifference is the great open crime of the church.

Soul winning is the first business of every true Christian. Are you putting first things first?

P O I N T S

Be on time always.

Never skip recitations.

Be honest at all times.

Character is man's best capital.

Be loyal to your class and to McPherson College.

Be respectable and you will be respected.

The best students do not study on the Sabbath.

Be systematic and have a regular task for each hour.

Don't neglect your social life, but,

Be careful of your friendships.

Don't be afraid of the library.

If you don't read while in college you never will.

The largest room in the world is the room for self-improvement.

Don't brood over the past, or dream of the future, but use the instant in doing something.

Take part in all the activities of college life, you are going thru college only once—make the most of it.

The lucky man is the one who grasps his opportunity.

Stop and add yourself up at the close of each day and see if you have anything to carry over. If you have nothing but ciphers to carry over, something is wrong somewhere.

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ENTERED AT THE POST OFFICE OF M'PHERSON, KANSAS, AS SECOND CLASS MATTER.

E D I T O R I A L

The Bible Department is doing fine work this year. Prof. Frantz devotes his entire time to this department and has three assistants. In this department tuition is free and we depend entirely upon free will offerings for the support of the instruction in the Bible Department.

McPherson College has recently printed a booklet containing the opening address to the Faculty and Students by Rev. Schnacke. It is a very fine production and well worth reading. Any one writing for it will receive a copy.

The winter term has opened with a large increase in the enrollment which far exceeds that of any previous year. It pays to spend the dreary winter months in college where there is life and activity. Come and learn what we have in store for you.

A glance at the present history of last year classes brings a feeling of satisfaction to our hearts.

We notice that every member of the academic class is enrolled in school again this year.

The normal graduates, with one exception, are either pursuing a higher course of learning or imparting the ideas they have obtained to others. The collegiate classes of the past two years are likewise engaged.

Certainly there is no greater joy in a teachers life than the knowledge that those who have been under his guidance have prospered and are filling good and lucrative positions.

Mr. Greeley said: "Go west young man." This was, no doubt, good advice, for the west was then in the lead. Times changed and a later author very appropriately said: "Go south young man." Things have continued to

change and today, I say the time has come, my friend, to go to college.

All you invest there is bound to have a show. So go to college, young man, while you have a chance. You will find it the best place in the world, with more opportunities than exist anywhere else. It is the place for young men who are willing to work and have patience to wait. There, wealth is to be gathered and fame to be won. There, happiness is in store for each one, who will be true to himself and do the best that he can.

Go to College, young man, go to College and be foremost in the race of life.

LITERARY SOCIETIES

IRVING MEMORIAL.

The Irving has had many distinguished persons among her members. We look to them, they look back to her with pride. Irving possesses the true literary spirit and her officers and members work with zeal for the promotion of the literary standing of the college to a higher standard of usefulness.

Young man, young woman, are you filled with the valor of a literary society, can you enumerate a few of the many things she has in store for those desiring to broaden their college life? Book learning is not enough; our natures clamor for a chance to give our knowledge a practical test. This Irving encourages among its members and emphasises to prospective members.

A literary society awakens new ideas, stimulates greater effort, broadens our

views in every phase of life, teaches us self-reliance, creates a common bond of sympathy between its members, and together with all these virtues, is the best promoter of social intercourse between all classes of students. Can anyone afford, in all his college training to miss the opportunities for development offered by a literary society?

Irving is growing not only numerically, but in interest and in its sphere of usefulness. The orations treat of the vital and practical problems with which the people of today are contending. The subjects for debate are those agitating the minds of the public and are animated with the spirit infused into them by the enthusiastic debaters. Irving promises to wield a moulding influence thruout the future time.

You are cordially invited to visit us in Irving Hall each Saturday evening.
M. Q. C.

EUREKA.

The college has in the past supported two literary societies besides the German society. The Elite and the Irving, or the beginning and the advanced. As the school has grown the need of another society has become evident. The intermediate students of the school formed the "Eureka" society. It formed an entirely new constitution giving as the reason for its existence "a more uniform classification of society workers" and "opportunity for more individual work along the various lines of literary work." Although organized less than two months ago it is showing a very progressive spirit. An octette, which is supported by the society and takes daily training supplies

most of the music. Another important feature is the parliamentary drill conducted each evening by the society attorney. The regular work of the society consists of original work in composition and debate. Besides it gives special attention to recitations and oratory. A superior grade of society work may in time be expected from members of this society. F. W. C.

ELITE.

Great interest is being manifested in the Elite Literary Society this year; altho most of the students are just beginners they seem to appreciate and realize the value of such training and are putting forth every effort to make it interesting as well as beneficial.

The society has a larger membership than any other in the school.

F. R. C.

A LITERARY PROBLEM

To the first one sending in a years subscription for the "RAYS OF LIGHT" together with a correct list of the English and American Poets quoted in the following poem and assigning the right lines to each author, by the 25th of December, 1908, we will give a reward.

LIFE.

Why all this toil for the triumph of
an hour?

Life's short summer-man is best a
flower;

By turns we catch the fatal breath and
die;

The cradle and the tomb, alas! so
nigh.

To be is better by far than not to
be,

Thoughtful man's life may seem a
tragedy;

But light cares speak when mighty
griefs are dumb;

The bottom is but a shallow whence
they come.

Your fate is but the common fate
of all;

Unmingled joys here on man be-
fall.

Nature to each allots his proper
sphere:

Fortune makes folly his peculiar
care.

Custom does reason overrule,
And throw a cruel sunshine on a
fool.

Live well, how long or short, per-
mit to heaven,

They who forgive most, most shall
be forgiven.

Sin may be clasped so close we can-
not see its face;

Vile intercourse where virtue has
no place,

Then keep each passion down, how-
ever dear,

Thou pendulum betwixt a smile
and a tear.

Her sensual shores let faithless
pleasures lay,

With craft and skill to ruin and
betray.

Soar not too high to fall, but stoop
to rise;

We masters grow of all that we
despise.

Oh, then renounce that impious
self-esteem;

Riches have wings, and grandeur

is a dream.
 Think not ambition wise because
 'tis brave,
 The paths of glory lead but to the
 grave.
 What is ambition? 'Tis a glorious
 cheat,
 Only destructive to the brave and
 great.
 What's all the gaudy glitter of a
 crown?
 The way to bliss lies not on beds
 of down:
 How long we live, not years but
 actions tell;
 That man lives twice who lives the
 first life well.
 Make, then, while yet ye may your
 God your friend,
 Whom Christians worship, yet not
 comprehend.
 The trust that's given guard, and
 to yourself be just;
 For live we how we can, yet die
 we must.

Quotations From New Books.

The right ideal of life is a brave and full obedience to goodness; to true goodness, not to conventions of crowds, least of all to the low standards of men, who are afraid to be strong in righteousness. —A Young Man's Questions.

Observation begets knowledge, and knowledge is power.—The Schemers.

The world is full of people who hate to think, and because they hate to think they go into things blindfolded, and come out with blighted hopes and broken hearts and blasted lives.—Revival Addresses.

When a man has been buffeted by one blow after another, he finally recognizes that it is better to be beforehand and know how to parry the next.—Good-Bye, Proud World.

Such as are thy habitual thoughts, such also will be the character of thy mind; for the soul is dyed by the thoughts.

O! son! look not upon the gold
 No matter how it glistens, look above
 And the free air full absorb,
 The breath of liberty, the food of life and love!—Quentin MacDonald.

"That book to many eyes doth share glory,
 Which in gold clasps in the golden story."

GERMAN DEPARTMENT

The German Department has been favored with a number of prominent visitors recently.

Prof. J. F. Duerksen attended the conference of the Menonite Brethren church in Nebraska and brot back an excellent report of same to the German students.

Rev. D. F. Bergthold, a former student, was selected at the recent conference as a missionary to India; he will start for the field in about eight months.

Rev. H. S. Voth, another one of our good students has been chosen as traveling evangelist in the Menonite church.

J. H. Voth is pursuing a theological course in Rochester, New York.

J. J. Frantz leaves us to accept a school in Oklahoma.

D. L. Shellenberg, '03 is teaching a successful school near Inman.

Frank Wiens, another one of our German graduates is pursuing a higher course in York College, Neb.

P. H. Liebert, a graduate of the oratorical department is now attending the Columbia School of Oratory in Chicago.

Lizzie Hiebert, a graduate of the German Department, who went to California for her health, is now at Lordsburg and reports rapid improvement.

John Harder of Windom visited us recently.

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT

This department is more crowded than ever before in the history of the institution. Prof. Muir has more than he can do and the new chorus class has been assigned to Prof. Haugh.

Some of the new students enrolled are: Misses Simenson, Minnie Johnson, Lyda Johnson, Lulu Andes and Mrs. Eiselein.

Miss Nellie McVay, a former student is teacher of music in Lordsburg College, Calif.

Mrs. Lillian Forsee-McLaughlin, is singing in the South Anderson church of Chicago, Ill.

Miss Nellie Slossen teaches music in Fresno, Calif.

Mr. Johnson, from Iowa, has enrolled in our department.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

Both the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. choral class, which meet twice each week, are doing well under the direction of Prof. Haugh. As a result a marked improvement is noticed in the music of the devotional meetings of the associations.

The Y. W. C. A. held a very successful circle meeting Sunday afternoon.

Mr. W. S. Sperry, State College Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., addressed the boys Sunday on "Jesus the Light of Life". He opened the week of prayer for

us in the most impressive manner.

Both associations are observing this "Week of Prayer," with much interest and good attendance.

The athletics are receiving new interest, now that the basket ball season is approaching.

The first number of the Y. M. C. A. lecture course was given by Rev. Rose.

EXCHANGES

The William Jewell Student, and the Bethany Messenger contain some good interesting articles.

The youth who does not look up will look down; and the spirit that does not soar is destined perhaps to grovel.

College doesn't make fools; it develops them. It doesn't make bright men, it develops them.

Juniata Echo.

"You wish a position?"

"Yes, sir."

What can you do?

I can do almost anything?

"Well, I have no use for any one who can 'almost' do anything. I prefer some one who can actually do some one thing thoroughly."

NEWS NOTES

David Bowers and wife of Indiana visited relatives and friends on College Hill.

Prof. G. M. Treadway of Canton, was among our callers a few days ago.

Harry and Mable Suffield both last year students visited their Alma Mater.

D. R. Yoder of Goshen, Indiana was a welcome caller at College.

Miss Hattie Mae Netzley was called home by the death of her father near Rockford, Neb. Miss Mary Frantz accompanied her.

Miss Maud Marron of Gypsum, a former student spent a few days with her brother and friends at the college.

Miss Rose Sperline of Sabetha, Kan., has enrolled as student.

Jas. Stutzman of Ill., spent a few days with the family of D. Vaniman.

Mr. Willie Bowers of Texas, a Commercial student, has accepted a position as book keeper in his brothers store, but says he will return for the fall term next year.

Calls continue to come for competent stenographers. It is impossible for us to fill them all.

Mr. Isaac Murray of Roanoke, La., a former student is visiting his college friends.

Eld. H. R. Taylor of Lordsburg, Calif., visited on College Hill with a view of locating; he is well pleased with our county, and we trust he will soon be with us.

John W. Snyder is building an addition to his beautiful residence near the college.

The matron has recently placed a piano in the dormitory parlor.

W. S. Strickler, '03 Commercial, has a position in the Lost Springs Bank.

Arthur Puckett of Buffalo, Kan., who completed the Commercial course last year, has entered to take up short hand, and typewriting.

Miss Price from Astoria, Ill., entered school this term.

C. A. Loewen, a graduate of the Oratorical department is doing fine work in the Literary department this year, and expects to attend the Columbia School of Oratory in Chicago next summer.

Mr. Gish from Texas has entered school again.

Two barrels of Ohio applebutter have been received for the benefit of the dormitory students.

J. E. Studebaker, former graduate of the Academic department will complete the Normal course this year. He is a member on the examining board of Anderson Co.

About thirty new volumes have recently been added to the pedagogical library.

Prof. Gustafson has about a hundred students in his advanced chemistry class at K. U.

The two story house donated to McPherson College by Bro. and Sister Kuhn just opposite the southwest corner of the campus is nearing completion.

Margaret Bishop, normal graduate, is in Chicago attending the Nurses Training School.

Prof. S. J. Miller was re-elected Sunday School Secretary at the district meeting for the district of Southwestern Kansas, Eastern Colorado and Northern Oklahoma.

Rev. H. M. Barwick and family, formerly of Ohio, now of Assiniboine, Canada, expect to locate here in a week or so.

Mr. Curtis has returned to complete the Commercial course; he brought his sister and her friend along. They will be in school also.

Mrs. Fahnestock held a reception at her home Wednesday evening for the

class in Constructive Study in the Life of Christ."

Rev. Bruce Miller of Darlow, has enrolled to prepare more fully for his life's work.

Kansas State Teachers Federation and State Association of Book-keepers, meet in Wichita this year. We notice S. B. Fahnestock has a paper on, "Social Life in the Commercial School;" he also is State Secretary of the National-Federation.

W. O. Beckner was elected Secretary of the County Sunday School convention and F. H. Trumppacker Sup't. of Home department.

The students in the dormitory were agreeably surprised one morning by being furnished with silver knives, forks and spoons.

The McPherson Sunday School obligated themselves to the amount of \$5.00 to help send our state secretary, J. H. Engle to the International Sunday School convention to be held next spring in Jerusalem.

Messrs David and Chas. Weaver of Scott Co., spent several days with friends and relatives in this vicinity.

A large delegation attended the district meeting held recently at Conway Springs. They report an excellent meeting. Geo. E. Studebaker, formerly of McPherson was chosen to represent the District on standing committee. The next meeting will be held at the college.

Miss Corda Clement has entered school after her long vacation.

Prof. J. A. Clement paid a visit to his brother J. H. who is Supt of the Anthony schools during the vacation between the two terms.

Miss Myrtie Miller Netzeley from Nebraska was visiting her parents on the hill but her visit was cut short by the unexpected death of her father-in-law.

Harrison Miller is still engaged in the banking business in Hinton, Oklahoma. He spent a few days recently visiting parents and friends on the hill.

Miss Margaret Goodwin has been in the last term but will soon leave for Hoisington, Kansas where she will teach an eight months term of school. That city is just about to complete a \$12,000, school building of ten rooms, which accounts for the school term opening as late as it does.

F. G. Kauffman resigned his position in the city schools and accepted a better one in Ohio.

Dr. E. H. Kasey of Windom, Kansas and Miss Alveda Almgren of this city were married at the home of the bride on the evening of Nov. 4. They will make their home at Windom where Dr. Kasey has established a good practice in his profession. Dr. Kasey is a graduate of the Normal department here and we congratulate him in his new relations.

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