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## INDIVIDUALISM

By W B BOONE

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Self realization is the end of all true education. It is the individual soul that must be developed to a standard of purity and excellence the highest of which it is capable.

The possibility of evil is a necessity in the free moral agency of man; and it is also necessary that the will of man be supreme for the highest development of soul.

Future life and present happiness is not an arbitrary condition dealt out to man at the will of an all-powerful Being. There are states to which conscious individuals may develop themselves according to certain inevitable laws of the universe which the all wise Power knew to be necessary.

Man has received a soul clothed in a manifestation of force upon which we must depend for a knowledge of the universe. The best possible conditions environ its development. Therefore each should make the best possible use of such environment; and so will his actions as to bring his individual spirit to a point capable of God's companionship and love for an endless eternity. Then any system of education which tends to make all learners over one pattern is wrong. Jesuitism, Pietism and our present system of

rigid grading tend to drown the individual in the mass. This is why we look for the great men of the future to the country and smaller institutions of learning.

Man is not a machine but a self conscious being. Anything having a tendency to make him mechanical should be avoided. One must depend upon himself for the great decisions of life. "Live up to the best that God has placed within you" is the dictum to which every learner should be pointed.

When groves are made and man is compelled to walk in them, his individuality and therefore his best possibilities are dwarfed. Every man developed according to his individuality fills a special niche in God's plan. Men thus developed will not envy others, because each will realize that his calling in life is different from every other man's. In approaching the ideal each must find a place that he alone can fill. There is a place for every worthy one. If this is not so God's plan is not an all wise one.

God has made men over different patterns, then why should they endeavor to bring themselves to a certain type, casts, dressing convicts in stripes and the desire to have every one of an order or community to dress in one cut of clothing, communism, socialism any mechanical organization of church

or state which creates mechanical positions and modes of life, requiring a certain type of attainment are detrimental to the best interests of the individual and society.

Every office and position of trust should be so different from every other as the individuality of the best man that can be found to fill it.

I do not believe with Rousseau that the child must not be allowed to contract habits; thus allowing the first possible chance for individuality, but that he should as Baldwin says "make as many good habits habitual as early in life as possible." He must know something of the world in which he lives, of its people, languages and the civilization to which it has attained. When he has mastered this he will be able to project into some new and farther reaching truth or some better method of aiding humanity.

Individuality like freedom is not without law, and as freedom cannot exist except in a well organized and justly administered government so individuality attains its highest development under correct methods in the hands of competent instructors.

Marconi may not understand the anatomy of a gnat or the final explanation of the universe, but he has been able to study out laws of electrical vibration and so utilize them as to transmit intelligence what the undeveloped consider mere nothing.

Universities never made a man great; they are only stepping stones over which individuality rightly cultivated mounts into reality.

It is the self conscious personality that conditions as to what place we

shall take in heaven or hell.

God has not a mansion made for each according to a certain type, to be given away upon the attainment of a certain degree of excellence, to which if we only had attained we might stop. God rather has great possibilities and it depends upon each soul as to the place he can occupy therein.

Heaven may begin here on earth. The highest and truest end of education is the realization of a perfect self: which means the highest possible adherence to the laws of God and the ability to enjoy eternal fellowship with Him.

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## THE OLD AND THE NEW

By W T MOORE

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'Tis midnight! And a quiet, holy calm  
Rests on the solemn, silent, sleeping world:  
All nature seems enapt in dreamy mood.  
While, shining with a radiant, silver light,  
The half-full moon sinks slowly down behind  
The snow-capped western hills. All sounds  
are hushed.

The very air breathes stillness, just as when  
The stress of raging storms has passed: or  
when

Kind, gentle sleep drives restlessness away  
From tired infants, struggling with their  
pain.

But hark! The sad, deep wail of dying years,  
Sweeps through the deathly silence of the  
hour:

While tolling bells ring out the gray, old year.

The stillness now is broken, and the rush  
Of mighty conflicts comes, with deafening roar,  
Before the startled vision, and again  
We live in scenes of ages gone to rest.

It is a time when sleeping memory wakes,  
And, straining every power, brings the past  
So vividly before the waiting mind,  
That all our days within a moment stand,  
And beckon to us every act we've done,  
For good or ill, throughout the whole of life.

—From The Old and the New Centuries.

## NO CHANCE NOW-A-DAYS

By M L CALVERT

Conditions to-day are the same as they were fifty years ago when two apprentices in rival stores met at lunch. The one was hopeless of the future. "The golden age lies behind us. Fortune making hereafter will be a freak of luck, and my dish is always bottom up when it rains. There is no chance for a fellow nowadays."

The other fellow answered, "You are dead wrong. We have the same opportunities that youth ever had. If there are difficulties, every young chap had to face these same difficulties, so that all are placed on an equality of chance, same as when the world began. None are debarred from the openings, which rise from time, in the shiftings of natural events. And right here and now I'm going to begin the proof that I am right."

To-day one of those apprentices is the head of a great firm known over more than half the United States; the other is one among his number of clerks.

Neither of these young men knew, no one knew that when they spoke, they were on the threshold of the most marvelous age in the world's history; an age of incredible achievement in science, war, wealth, luxury and national growth and power. A great company of other young men may have been forecasting the future, like themselves, with varying conclusions. Each one of them had the same "chance" at the time—and to some the "chance" must

have looked most remote and discouraging. Lincoln and Grant were in poverty and without prospect of immortal fame. Edison was a tramping telegrapher. Carnegie was a Pittsburgh messenger boy. Collis P. Huntington, the millionaire sold picks and horse-shoes in Sacramento. Jay Gould was a book agent up in Delaware county, New York. The world was all before them, and a million other young men of that time seemed to have a better "chance" than any of these.

The hopeless clerk had the same privilege as any other young fellow of inventing the telephone, or writing Uncle Tom's Cabin, or concocting patent medicines, or cornering petroleum; of building or wrecking railroads or bulling pork and wheat. The difficulty was that he did not have, first the will, second the brains.

The real difference in men is not in want of opportunity, but in want of capacity to discern opportunity and power to take advantage of it.

The young man's chances now a days depends on what he has to sell. The untrained hand, dull brain and sullen discontent has no chance, indeed, against courage and industry and willingness.

Those who control the destinies of the Twentieth Century are to-day striving against seeming insurmountable obstacles in the daily grind. The chance is open to all comers. It isn't a matter of rich man's favor, blind luck, law or changes of conditions. No coming legislation is equal to enacting laws that will make a ready made "chance" to every loafer for his

perpetual joy. Until legislation can give brains to the brainless, thrift to the thriftless, industry to the irresolute and discernment to the fool, they must continue to lament.

The youths of to-day stand, with all the help the past can give, in the dawn of a far greater age than did the youth of fifty years ago. All that we need do is to diligently apply ourselves with a determined will coupled to thrift and industry and we know not how soon we will be filling the places of those we are now envying.

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### *About Writers And Their Books*

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Mrs. John J. Ingalls has recently collected the writings of her husband, J. J. Ingalls, the Kansas Senator, into book form. Mr. Ingalls was a man of rare literary talent, though the most of his time was spent in the political field.

Lewis Wager has reprinted "The Life and Repentance of Mary Magdeline," one of the morality plays of the sixteenth century. This is the first modern reprint of the morality plays, which were the popular dramas of those days. This book will read with interest, since it gives an idea of the early drama, introduced by the church to educate the masses on Biblical subjects and out of which developed the modern drama.

The world has learned much from the English side, concerning the Boer War, but so far as reports from the Boerside of the question are concerned, we have not had so much in detail. Paul Kruger in his "Memoirs" and Christian Rudolph DeWet in his "Three Year's War" gives us the Boer's point of view of the matter.

Sometime ago, at a book sale in London, Carslake's "Gallic Translation of John Knox's Geneva Liturgy" brought \$2500.00. At the same sale a first edition of Keats' poems inscribed to B. R. Haydon by the poet was sold for \$885.00. "Distance lends enchantment."

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"Here, here, little boy," said the benevolent old man. "stop crying and act like a little man."

"Say," said the small boy, "cut out that hot air about actin like a little man. I jes' got a lickin' fer smokin'." Ex.

Teacher (giving her class a lesson in natural history) — "And now, Tommy, can you tell me what animal is the greatest nuisance to mankind?"

Tommy (of a family of five) — "Yes. Ma'am: babies."

Small things become great when a great soul sees them. Trifles light as air sometimes suggest to the thinking mind ideas which revolutionize the world. — Ex.

What is read is no more important than how we read. We are never thru a book until the book has been thru us, and only that reading is worth while which leaves a golden residuum in character. — Ex.

## *Offense To A Brother*

*By J H B Williams*

A brother offended, is harder to be won than a strong city, and their contentions are like the bars of a castle. How blessed and inviting is the neighborhood in which all people are living in union and peace and brotherly love. And it is such a relief to turn from the sight of a contentious community, and look upon a peaceable one.

Oftimes there comes to be present in the home, while brothers are yet young, a spirit of contention, a fire of hatred, malice is enkindled in the bosoms of the sons, and this fire by constant fostering grows to such proportions that, if let burn, it cannot be quenched. Not long ago a man was overheard as he was talking about his own brother. The words spoken in regard to his brother would be disgraceful to be spoken of any man. The love, which should have been nurtured and encouraged while the two boys were growing up together had been extinguished in their early life. Wrath, hatred and malice had so hardened this man's heart, that it could not feel that his brother was of the same flesh and blood. Now since his mind had become so filled with evil thoughts in regard to his brother, the more the brother would beg to be forgiven and become his friend, the more the man would rave and curse.

And not unlike the pleasant state of affairs existing in a harmonious neighborhood, is the harmonious church. All men in the church should be possessed with love since they are brothers

in spirit as boys in the family are brothers in flesh. The harmonious church is one in which each member is constantly on the alert, guarding each word and action lest it cause offense to some one else. Members, who are willing to give up some of their ideas in order to effect a compromise with others of the church.

Oftimes there are cases when the members have very grave dissensions, when the spirit of harmony and love is seemingly forgotten. These are the churches upon which prosperity never smiles, places where no healthy growth ever takes place. For the old adage, "United we stand, Divided we fall" will apply to the church as well as to the state.

Often we hear it said that men are Sunday Christians and week day sinners. Such men may curb their temper while at church and be able to shout the loudest, yet at any other time they are never able to speak a good word for their brother.

As the bars of a castle will guard the occupants from the dangers without and make them secure, so will the bars of dissension check the growth of the church and keep outsiders from uniting with it. Persons are unwilling to link themselves to an institution where all the members seem to enjoy lives better as backsliders than as fore-runners.

A man might be able to master a world, to become a mighty financier or control the affairs of a nation, yet be utterly unable to accomplish the thing nearest to his heart; that of pacifying the wrath of a wronged brother. If

cells of a prison, with strong bars guarding the entrance and thick walls of stone between, it would oftentimes be easier for them to be joined together, than for many brothers to remove the barrier of dissention that separates them from being one in heart.

All men are brothers and the spirit and ill feeling arising between them should be instantly cast away or it may break asunder the ties of love, never again to be united.

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### A RUINED LIFE

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It was only a temperance meeting, held in a large cheery hall, on one of the busy streets of an European city. The audience were mostly of the working class, who seemed to appreciate the warmth and cheerful atmosphere as well as the comfortable pews in which they were sitting. All were singing that well known song, "Thou out the Lifeline," the organist, a sweet voiced girl leading. She had a beautiful voice and it was her greatest pleasure to help her father in his work for temperance.

Several men were passing by and paused to listen. "Let us go in," said one of them, "and see what the owner of that voice looks like."

"Nonsense," said the other two, "go to meeting and a Temperance meeting at that! Come on Hastings, you will hear better music at McGuire's saloon." But Hastings was determined and promising to meet the others later at McGuire's they left him. He went in and sat down close by the door. In the clear light you could see the fearful

havoc drink had made; the haggard face, blood shot eyes, and trembling form showed that he had recently recovered from one of the fearful results of drinking, Delirium Tremens.

The young girl whose voice attracted him was singing a solo, and he seemed entranced. Surely angels could not sing sweeter than that.

The minister then commenced his sermon, telling them of one who never tires, but is able and willing to help. His face shines with love and compassion as he pleads with them, and the congregation seems deeply affected, especially the trembling tottering man in the back pew, whom few would believe was only thirty years old.

An invitation was given for any who desired to tell their experience, when he rose up and said; "I can testify to all your pastor has said concerning drink. I began with the social glass of wine in my friends' homes. All of my friends did the same and I believed I could stop whenever I desired. But my appetite for drink grew rapidly and before I realized my danger I could not live without it. My father holds an honorable position under the King and I have had every opportunity to make a success of life but I spent my time idling and indulging in all the vices a son of rich parents are surrounded by. Father's and Mother's hair whitened not by age, but sorrow for their wayward boy, and when after a prolonged spree I raved for weeks in delirium tremens I returned to my consciousness to hear Mother was dead; her last words were prayers for me. I had killed her whom I loved. Yes I loved her even in my most sinful days and it was for her



sake that I had tried to overcome my appetite. Oh, how I suffered no one will ever know. I struggled and fought my craving for drink desperately for two months only to fall again and yet again. Now recovering from the fourth attack of the result of hard drinking.

It is two years since I left home. Father has no idea where I am. To-night I intended to barter my coat for drink and finish this life of torture, but hearing the singing I came in. Your words of encouragement have stirred a faint hope in my heart that even at this late hour I may get help." The man's story made a wonderful impression on the audience. His attenuated, trembling form which he was only able to hold up by clutching the back of the pew in front of him, and the agony his face showed he suffered, were heart rending to see. In his weakened state the excitement had been too much for him and he sank exhausted on the seat. The minister asked him to come to his home where he could receive the care he needed until other arrangements could be made. He wished to induce the young man to return to his home. He was so weak the following day that he was compelled to stay and they finally decided for him to stay till he was strong physically. How hard he fought his old enemy. Sometimes when the craving was so strong, the sweat drops would stand on his brow, and he would cry, "Oh it seems as if I must give up. Hell itself could not be worse than this."

The three little children of the minister were so much comfort to him. He seemed to derive strength from the innocent children who saw nothing

but the good in the suffering man. When ever he went out on the street he took them with him. None would dare tempt him, nor would he go where they might be harmed.

Thus several months glided by. The struggles he had to go through at first were becoming so much easier, and high hopes were entertained for his complete recovery. His father had at last induced him to come home, and it was arranged that he would go the following week. That evening he went out by himself, only two blocks away on an errand; met one of his old companions who enticed him into a saloon. The smell of liquor aroused his appetite and he could not resist. None noticed any thing wrong when he returned. He was restless during the evening, but they thought he was tired from the long talk he had with his father. The taste he had had of whiskey that day roused his appetite and during the night he stole out, pawned his coat and vest and brought two bottles of whiskey home. The next morning the children becoming impatient to see him ran into his room, but came hurrying back saying that Uncle Hastings was cold and wouldn't wake up. The parents went in and found him dead. The bottles lying by his side bore mute testimony of the cause. It was only another bright young life blotted out, only another broken hearted father and almost disheartened friends of the temperance work. But the minister never lost heart and the work was not lost, for many took warning from the lesson that had been worked out and ended so sadly.

It was the commencement of the Temperance League in Europe which is doing such a grand work to-day among the poor struggling men who are bound by the chain of drink.

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## E D I T O R I A L

One of the greatest problems that confronts the college student is that of specialization, or at what time in the college course should one elect only such studies as bear directly on his life work. The average youth will say that four years is too long to spend in securing a liberal education if he is then to take some special course; and it is this fact that is keeping a great many young men and women from entering college at all. They say that the four years time and the vast amount it requires in getting a liberal education would enable them to get a good start in

their chosen work.

Many of our schools are trying to overcome this difficulty by advocating for the benefit of such students, a two years college course after which they may enter their special studies. While we do not wish to discourage any one from taking the regular four years course, we believe that if the student will take two years of solid college work before specializing, it will be vastly better for him in the end, than if he should begin his specialty without the general training.

One of the greatest mistakes that the average youth makes in considering the value of an education is in regard to its relation to his financial success. The greatest benefit of a college education is not the number of dollars and cents it will bring some day. It is a fact that one's capabilities for making money are greatly increased, but the main purpose of a college training is to form character, and develop complete manhood and womanhood.

Pres. Thwing says of the college graduate; "if the college has done its duty to him, and he has done his duty to the college, and to himself, he is a gentleman. He is also a thinker. He is also a noble citizen. He is also more or less of a scholar. But supplementing these elements and mightier than any of them, the boy who has gone to college a boy, and has come out of college a man, is fitted for life."

### The College Dormitory

One of the principal factors in a college training is that experience known as "living in the dormitory." The stu-

dent who has "gone thru" college without this experience has surely missed a rare treat and an excellent means of social culture. To many the college dormitory represents an important element in college life. No small share of the good of a college course to the student is the intimacy of the friendship which it promotes. When men have their lodgings under one roof and within one set of four walls, they come into those relations which tend to promote strong friendship. To study the same subjects, to eat at the same table, to sleep and to dream under the same conditions, to meet together in the evening prayer meetings,—all these represent means for causing men to give inspiration, culture and education to each other.

While, in the dormitory system, there may be some disadvantages to the student, such as being deprived of some of his time and privileges that he might otherwise have, yet on the whole it is better for him to live at least a part of his time in the dormitory.

### *The Irving Hall*

Irving Memorial Literary Society may now congratulate herself that the object of her desires and aspirations of the past few years is about to be realized and that is the possession of the new Irving Hall. This beautiful room which was given us a few years ago by the faculty which we have long been devising means to furnish, will soon be ready for occupancy.

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## EDUCATION

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The great end of education is to discipline, rather than to furnish the mind; to train it to use its own powers, rather

than fill it with the accumulations of others.

—Edwards.

Education does not mean teaching people what they do not know; it means teaching them to behave as they do not behave.

Ruskin.

If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

—Franklin.

Observation more than books, experience rather than persons, are the prime educators.

A. B. Alcott.

Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither justice nor freedom can be permanently maintained.

Garfield.

An industrious and virtuous education of children is a better inheritance for them than a great estate.

Addison.

Education is the cheap defense of nations.

Burke.

A human being is not in any proper sense, a human being until he is educated.

—Mann.

The best education in the world is that got by struggling to get a living.

Wendell Phillips.

Education commences at the mother's knee, and every word spoken in the hearing of little children tends toward the formation of character.

Ballou.

If we work upon marble it will perish; if on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, and imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something that will brighten to all eternity.

Daniel Webster.

A photographic copy of the fourth patent issued by the United States was recently secured by the authorities at

Washington, who have been recently engaged in a search to recover some of the oldest papers. The whereabouts of the original of this one is not known. It was granted on January 29, 1781, and was issued to Francis Bailey, of Philadelphia, and covered a process for "performing punches." The document bears the signatures of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Edward Randolph.

On October 21 Prof. Cunningham delivered the Huxley lecture, discussing the subject of right-handedness and left-brainedness. So far as evidence goes it seems probable that right handedness was a characteristic of man at a very early period. It is an inherited quality in the same sense that the potential quality of articulate speech in man and of song in birds are inherited possessions. Investigation shows that right-handedness is due to a transmitted functional preminence of the left brain, and this factor prevents an oscillation of the excitation from one side to the other in those curious cases in which the right and left sides of the body are reversed and the thoracic and abdominal viscera transposed. The greater part, it not the whole, of the motor incitations which lead to articulate speech go out from the speech center in the left cerebral hemisphere. Left-handed people speak from the right brain.

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### Y. M. C. A. NOTES

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It was recently decided by a unanimous vote to enroll our Mission Band in "Our Missionary Reading Circle" since they have adopted the same course of study which we are pursuing.

A public program will be given in the near future by the athletic committee to secure funds for further improvements in our gymnasium. Our young men are learning that it is just as essential to develop their physical powers as it is to train the intellect.

There is no game equal to basket ball to exercise all the muscles of the body and at the same time not overtax the muscles. Our team recently defeated the Manhattan team by a score of 24 to 11.

Our Mission Band has increased so that it has been necessary to form another class. Mr. Reuben Mohler is chairman and Miss Grace Smith secretary of the new class. Three recitations are held each week and another class may be yet formed.

Mr. Arthur Rugh of Ohio a traveling secretary of the student volunteer movement accompanied by Mr. Boynton state secretary of College Y. M. C. A. spent two days with us and gave us many practical suggestions and aroused a new interest in Mission work.

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### COLLEGE NOTES

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The Irving Hall solicitors who canvassed the city and College Hill and non resident friends, have already raised about \$200 and hope to increase it to \$300. New furniture has been ordered, and the dedication services are to be held about March 10th. When completed we will have one of the finest society halls in the state. Words cannot express our great appreciation of the hearty support and liberal giving of our many friends. We cordially invite you all to attend our meetings whenever you can and see the work we are doing.

Mr. Chas. Westrick of Dubois, Neb., has enrolled in school.

Our Mission Band has grown to such proportions that two classes have been formed. A beginning class have taken up the "Knights of the Labarum" and the advanced class the "Geography and Atlas of Missions."

It was decided to enroll our entire membership in "Our Missionary Circle."

The Junior normal class have organized by electing W. O. Beckner President; Anna Stutzman, Secretary and W. H. Yoder, Treasurer. This promises to be the largest normal class in the history of the institution.

The Collegiate class '04 perfected an organization by choosing E. H. Eby, President and Mary Frantz, Secretary. Indications are that this class will be composed of not less than ten members, being more than double the number of any previous class.

Mr. Stewart, accompanied by Mr. Gibson representing Underwood & Underwood, spent several days contracting with the students to sell views during summer vacation. By this means many of our best students support themselves while in school. Mr. Eby, who is manager at this place, contemplates conducting a crowd to Washington and Oregon again this year.

The class in Logic are having some very interesting discussions. Kant's "Critique of Reason" stands the test and still remains abstract.

The Senior class have secured Prof. Kemp to give an entertainment on March 7th.

The McPherson Oratorical club gave an excellent program in the College chapel on Friday evening Jan. 30. Over 200 were present and all are unanimous in pronouncing it the best program of its kind during the year.

Prof. Addison Ludlum formerly, Superintendent of schools in McPherson, was a welcome visitor last week. He gave several excellent talks to the students both in chapel and in the class room.

Among the new students are Harvey Snowberger and sister of Mo. C. H. Carrier, Robert and Mary Mohler of Red Cloud, Neb., Jacob Thiessen, Homestead, Kans., Amanda Ebbert, Kansas City; G. W. Nichols, City; Newton and Luther Stotler, Texas; Ella Raskam and Miss Christianson.

We just recently learned of the marriage of Mr. Harvey Brown to Miss Phillips which occurred at Carleton, Kans. on Christmas day. Mr. Brown will be remembered by many of our older students, who join us in wishing him a happy and prosperous journey in his new relationship. He is principal of the Carleton school.

On Wednesday Jan. 28 Miss Anna Ebbert was joined in wedlock to Mr. Fred Brown of Kingman, Kans. We extend the usual congratulations and bespeak for these happy people success and enjoyment.

Miss Ida Saylor was called home by the serious illness of her father who lived only a short time after her arrival. We extend to the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy of their many friends.

The M. C. D. S. have issued a challenge to the Irving Memorial Society to meet them in friendly debate on the last Saturday evening of this term.

Mr. Dan Crist of Quinter, Kan., visited friends on College Hill last week.

Elder S. H. Meyers of Weiber, Kan., spent a few days at the college in the interest of the Mission Band of N. W. Kansas and Northern Colorado.

Grandpa Reber has not been well for some time.

We neglected to mention in our last issue that students in the Oratorical department expressed their appreciation of the work done by Mrs. Sargent by presenting her with a beautiful Madonna for a Christmas present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Studebaker were called home by the death of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Enoch Studebaker. Mr. Studebaker has the heartfelt sympathy of his many friends on College Hill in his sad bereavement.

Over 30 copies of the American Revised version of the Bible were purchased by our students this month.

Mr. Chas. Eyer returned to his home at Dallas Center, Iowa, on account of ill health.

Mr. Geo. W. Nichols a former student has enrolled as a student. Mr. Nichols has been doing military service for Uncle Sam during the past three years and has traveled over thirty thousand miles, but says there is no place like McPherson College.

The German library has been increased by the addition of "Meyers Konversation Lexikon" in nineteen volumes. It was purchased by the German students.

Mr. John Stump of Miami, Texas, recently visited his daughter who is in school.

Mr. J. C. Ullery has purchased the Bert Coover lots, and understands he intends to build this spring.

Mr. C. M. Beisfield sold his beautiful residence to Mr. Holmes of Canton, and has moved out on a farm near Burrton. We regret to lose such good people.

For years we have been living in hope and anticipation of occupying our new Irving Hall, and now our hope is soon to be realized. At a recent meeting a committee was appointed to secure funds

and purchase the furnishings.

## ALUMNI NOTES

Mrs. Ratie Dyck was visiting with her brother D. E. Bowers, and friends on College Hill recently.

Mr. Slifer of the city is at present in Roswell, New Mexico, in the Pecos Valley, visiting his son H. C. Slifer of '00. H. C. says he has found a good climate and is improving in health.

Mrs. H. J. Berkebyle of the city was at the point of death a few weeks ago, but is recovering rapidly from her illness, and is able to be up and around.

Hanson & Forvs have sold their hardware store in this city and have located at Inman in the same business, taking possession the first of this month.

Harrison Miller has started a bank at Hinton, Oklahoma, and Herbert Caldwell of '00 is running a grocery store at the same place. Mr. Caldwell is also Pres. and Mr. Miller Pres. of a newly organized commercial club at that place.

The gentlemen's dormitory of Botsourt College, Va., was recently burned down and efforts are being put forth to rebuild it. Within twenty-four hours after it was burned \$1500 was subscribed toward rebuilding it. Prof. Gilbert's property was only about fifteen feet from the burning building.

On the evening of Jan. 28th, occurred the wedding of Miss Anna B. Ebbert to Mr. John T. Brown at the home of the bride's parents near Kingman, Kan. Miss Marie Ebbert and Miss Emmert attended the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will make their home in Colorado.

John Burkholder, a former student of McPherson College, and Miss Clara Dierdorff of Dickinson Co., were visiting friends on College Hill recently.

Geo. M. Lauver is expecting to graduate from Lincoln University this year, taking his A. B.

Miss Emma Homer of '01 is expecting to be in school before long to finish her course in elocution with this year's class.

Theodore Snowberger is located on a farm in Skidmore, Missouri, and is doing well. His brother, H. Snowberger from Banner, North Dakota, has entered school this term.

Prof. Ludlum, formerly Superintendent of the city schools, visited the College recently and gave us a good chapel talk and also several talks in recitations. He lives at Topeka at present and is engaged in insurance business.

Miss Dora Sherfy is teaching her second term in the primary schools of Oakland, Kansas. She has taken a two years course in Kindergarten training since she left Mc'herson.



## EXCHANGES

The New Year numbers of our exchanges were all very interesting,—some showing a marked improvement over last year.

The Susquehanna contains several excellent articles this month, and it has a plan that other papers would do well to use, and that is, having articles that are short and to the point.

Education in a true sense should succeed in making its possessor modest, for the educated man is he who realizes how little he knows in comparison with what there is yet to be learned.—College Standard.

We are glad to add the Oracle to our lists.

Teacher.—Johnnie, this is the worst composition in the class, and I'm going

to write to your father and tell him.

Johnnie.—Don't keef if you do; he wrote it fer me—Progress.

Small boy.—I want to get a bale of hay.

Dealer.—What do you want 'with hay? Is it for your father?

Small boy.—No, sir. Its for our horse.—Ex.

First Monkey.—'And man was once our equal?"

Second Monkey.—"Yes; but look at him now! Long ago he lost his tail, and now he frequently loses his head."—Normal Pointer.

We are glad to note the improvement in the Bethany Messenger; the January number is excellent.

Pres. Eliot, of Harvard, recommends ten hours of study, eight hours of sleep, two of exercise, and four devoted to meals and to social duties to students.—Ex.

To be thrown upon one's own resources is to be cast into the very lap of fortune.—Franklin.

We who despise small things shall perish little by little.—Ex.

It is not wrong for a man to make money. It is wrong for him to use it selfishly or foolishly.



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