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## THE NEGRO PROBLEM.

By RUBY BUCKMAN.

In the years before the war, while politicians contended and men swerved this way and that way by conflicting tides of interest and passion, the great human cause of liberty was yet in the hands of one of whom it is said:—

"He shall not fail nor be discouraged  
Until he hath set judgement on the  
earth.

"He shall deliver the needy when he  
crieth,  
The poor and him that hath no helper."

"He shall redeem their soul from  
deceit and violence,  
And precious shall be their blood in  
his sight."

So, by the terrible civil war of 1860, four million slaves were freed from bondage and three new amendments were added to the constitution of the United States of America, securing for the black man his freedom from servitude for ever more; his right to citizenship and all its privileges, and his equal right to cast his vote in the ballot-box along with his brother of whiter skin.

But now the people of the south had a problem before them which was one to tax the genius of the Anglo-Saxon race as never before in its History. The task of organizing this wrecked society and marshaling into efficient citizenship this host of ignorant negroes and yet preserve the civilization of the Anglo-Saxon race, the peerless heritage of two thousand years struggle, was one to appall the wisdom of ages.

Honestly and earnestly they set about it and, if the victorious north had aided and co-operated with them, they might have succeeded. Instead, though there were many, both southern and northern traitors, who plotted against the prosperity and purposes of the few left to do this work of reconstruction; and with the poor black man, instilled with the idea that he would no longer need to labor for a livelihood but would be given the ballot indiscriminately, with which he should rule his old master, the problem became almost insurmountable.

So, although the hand of benevolence has done much for the negro and the efforts put forth to educate him and lift him to the plane of the white citizen have not been in vain; still, to

day the problem is the most difficult one our nation has to face and at least in one respect, it has doubled itself, for according to our late census, there are twice as many negroes as when Lincoln first freed them, making the problem twice as difficult.

Among the many noble sons of the south, Booker T. Washington, the founder and principal of the "Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute for Negroes" as much as any man in the land, is accomplishing the upliftment of the race, so much desired by both North and South, and securing for the whole country the moral results which the Civil War meant to produce.

Through the press and through public addresses to the people of both races both north and south and through the very successful work which he is carrying on at Tuskegee, this black man has aroused more real enthusiasm and deep interest in the negro of our land than has existed since the first twenty slaves were brought over from their African home and sold into bondage.

The South has aided him and his fellow workers in their untiring efforts to establish schools and educate the African into a higher plane of living more than can be told and by degrees the North is also conquering its prejudice and becoming reconciled to meet the negro as an equal.

But Booker T. Washington realizes that as yet it is not in the North but in the Sunny South; the place where he was first needed and where the environments are conducive to his development, that the negro must rise;

and to make him an equal competitor with his white neighbor, he must be educated, not only in general knowledge, but as the white youth, also in technical and industrial knowledge. That the negro may retain his hold on the industries of the south, he must put into the field men and women of intelligence and skill, capable of coping with the white laborer and mechanic. He must learn to build as well as live in houses; to do the tasks about his door in a thorough manner; to do a common thing in an uncommon way.

You may ask, can a race whose disposition has been not to labor until they were flogged into it, be taught this? Not all at once, to be sure, but who can say it has not succeeded where it has been given a fair trial? It is not the graduates of Tuskegee and Hampton who are being lynched for "stealing chickens," "assaulting white folks," and "committing criminal assault." Instead they are holding positions of honor all over the south, and "The slaves chain and master's alike broken;

The one curse of the race held both in tether;

They are rising, all are rising—  
The black and white together."

Still, we need not think that, by receiving them on an equal political and intellectual footing, we are forced to receive them socially. There is no necessity in having schools for both races together. Instead, both will make better progress separated. Neither do we need to receive the negro into our churches. There must be

a line drawn somewhere and there is no evading the fact that they much prefer organizing themselves into separate denominations. Again to quote Booker T. Washington, in regard to social equality he aptly says: "In all things that are purely social we may be as separate as the fingers, yet one as the hand in all things essential to mutual progress."

But the southerner, as yet, has many difficulties and discouragements to struggle with before he accomplishes the task he has set about.

Even while the negro of Tuskegee and Hampton was displaying the results of his labors at the Atlanta exposition of 1895, and exciting exclamations of admiration and wonder from all who visited the negro building, the question of disfranchizing the majority of the negro votes of North Carolina, which act would in all probability have put an end to all further education of the negro in the state, was being heated by discussion at the state capital.

The cause of this may be cited to the fact that when only a few thousand from nearly eight million, have received the benefits of the efforts put forth in behalf of the race, the visible effects are indeed exceedingly rare and apt to be overlooked, but "time brings changes and he that can wait and have patience can have what he will."

Another discouraging fact is that the statistics of the past few years have shown a steady increase in the number of lynchings which have occurred, about four-fifths of which have been negroes. The south must and is

learning the lesson, that the more lynching done the more crimes committed, and that this cruel and wicked method of punishment must be dispensed with. As some one has said, even Legrees never dared burn a negro to death in the time of slavery.

Then, to the white citizens of the United States; do not, while you are lending a protecting arm and a welcoming voice to the foreigner of all nationalities, forget the poor black man at your door, for you brought him here against his will and since he is here, having been taught christianity, civilization and industry in your land, he is likely to stay. So do not betray the trusts you have taken upon yourselves for we lift ourselves in proportion as we help to lift others, and the more unfortunate the race and the lower in the scale of civilization, the more does one raise one's self by giving the assistance.

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#### THE PERSONALITY OF CHRIST

By O. S. VANIMAN.

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It was not till the Roman had spread his power over the world, that the world became absolutely dissatisfied with itself. The Greeks thru the conquests of Alexander spread their culture thruout the world, and this was followed by the spread of the Roman power. People were denationalized, Gods were demonitized because they could not stand in the conflict. The old objects of love and worship were destroyed. Nothing but dissatisfaction could be the result. Mens lives were

empty and they were sick at heart. At this juncture the Jews were scattered throught the world, disseminating the idea of the one God. But their hopes seemed blasted. All traces of their nationality, in which they looked for satisfaction, were lost.

Discontent, misery and woe seemed to be the cry of the whole world, and this all in preparation for the advent of just one person; the influence of whose life alone, can bring rest, peace and joy.

Misery is said not to be the stupid immersion in a blind fate but a boundless energy of longing; and when that longing is approximated and not till then is happiness complete. But how is the life and example of any one individual the one ideal, admired and sought by all humanity? The reply is evident. There is only one person whose life is the embodiment of all things that all humanity admires, who is emblematic of all that is good and perfect. Only one person who is human yet divine. "Christ has appeared—A man who is God—a God who is man. "The nature of God as pure spirit, is manifest only in the Christain religion" Says Hegel "and man is God only in so far as he annuls the merely natural and limited in his spirit and elevates himself to God."

The one proof that we have of the completeness—divinity—of Christ's life is the attestation of our own spirits. He is the only person who never possessed one undesirable trait of character, and he is the only person that could claim a heritage to every virtue.

Here are a few of the elements in his

life, which all humanity admires and longs for, whether consciously or not. He was sincere. He absolutely believed what he said and said what he believed. This is the whole tenor of the sermon on the Mount. To the Pharisees he spoke the truth, no matter the effect. But it is easy to find flaws in those who are against us, and hard to exhibit the weakness of friends. When Peter expressed his willingness to go anywhere for Jesus' sake, instead of receiving the affection, Christ showed him his weak point, which afterward became a source of strength to him. He never flattered, nor disguised, nor concealed. He always and on all occasions sincerely manifested himself. Now grant that Jesus was sincere and he was divine. His accusers said "Thou being a man makest thyself God," he never repudiated the statement as did Barnabas and Paul at Lystra. Is Christ surpassed in honesty and sincerity by them?

One who knew Thomas Chalmers wrote of him "In simplicity he was a child. By simplicity we do not mean simplicity of the head, of that he had none; but we refer to a certain quality of heart which gives a directness to all actions, and a certain beautiful unconsciousness of self an out going of the whole nature as seen in children."

Simplicity is well defined as "that grace which frees the soul from all unnecessary reflection upon itself." The marvel of Christ's simplicity was that it was a selfless self assertion. His mission on earth was to reveal God thru himself, and yet he did this selflessly, simply declaring his divinity,

but with divine simplicity, humility, and self suppression. Jesus was a profound thinker yet he put his truth in words that all could understand.

One of the first tests of true greatness is humility. Jesus had it in a marked degree. He shunned popularity. He took every measure to keep his miracles from making him famous. He never gratified those whose only motive was curiosity. His only motive was sympathy for those in need and to relieve suffering. He repeatedly rejected the popularity of crowds for the simple faith and confidence of the few.

Jesus' expressions sometimes seem egotistic and boastful but when compared with the testimony of his real life, they become insignificant. One of the best demonstrations of this foundation virtue, was when his disciples had been disputing as to who should be first, and Jesus came in and found them in sulkily silence each unwilling to acknowledge himself the servant of the others by performing the menial act of hospitality, that of washing the others feet.

So we might enumerate and illustrate indefinitely, such virtues as unselfishness and personal dignity, love and generosity, tenderness, calmness, interest in nature, courage, sinlessness, etc., etc., and each pointing to his divinity.

Another element in the personality of Christ, is the strangeness of his emotions. Some men become excited at most anything. Gen. Grant is said to have been calm under all circumstances. Christ was touched by that which sometimes seems trivial to us,

and again he remained apparently unmoved under seemingly abnormal circumstances. The explanation is, that he saw things in different relations than we do. The standard of comparison was different. He was greatly touched by physical need and suffering. Recall the widows son at Nain, the raising of Lazarus, and multiplied healings of sick and injured. He was appreciative of the good he found in others. Simon's confession brot forth the reply, "Blessed art thou Simon-Bar-Jonah" etc. While on the cross he kindly recognized the thief who was crucified with him.

Again Christ's knowledge was super-human. He is alleged to have known where a fish could be caught, with a coin of a certain denomination in its mouth. He knew that an ass and a colt, that had never been ridden, were tied at a certain place and that the owner would let it go. He knew who touched him in a great crowd. He knew as if by intuition. He knew in his own self-consciousness, not needing to reason inferentially or to seek testimony of his senses. Christ's knowledge was so complete, that only on a few occasions did he ask anything, as if all were not clear before his eyes. He asked how many loaves of bread were in the crowd. Where Lazarus was laid; he came to the fig tree expecting fruit and found it barren; it is not supposed that on these occasions, however, he did not know, but that he had some lesson for those around him.

He told Simon who he was and gave his history the first time he saw him. He declared that the fickle minded

would become firm as "Rock." His insight was divine. "All things have been delivered unto me of my father."

Christ never hesitated to express his authority and his connection with God. Especially is this true in his sermon on the Mount. The people said of him "He speaks as one having authority and not as the Scribes and Pharisees." He promises things for the kingdom of God as if he had a full right. He unhesitatingly scatters blessings broadcast, in the beatitudes, implying that he had the power to grant them. Surely no one can accept his teachings even if restricted to the Sermon on the Mount and deny his divinity.




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### *The Woman of The Twentieth Century*

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Every woman is a daughter of Almighty God, as every man is his son. As the same sky bends over both, so the Heavenly Father places around his sons and daughters alike, the arms of his protecting love. He has given them varied labors, but the same capacities for intellectual, moral and social advancement have been equally bestowed upon them. History shows that no nation can enslave its women, but it insures its own barbarism. Every student of history clearly perceives that the advancement of any nation is marked by the progress of its women. Woman holds in her keeping the happiness and welfare of the world. Emerson says, "A fair test and measure of

civilization is the influence of good women."

We are at the dawn of the twentieth century which is opening with brilliant prospects from the large number of women still living who are actively engaged in good works and noble reforms, giving fair springtime promise of a century in which a glorious harvest shall be garnered, while women and the race advance towards high moral, intellectual, and even physical development. The young women of today will be the matrons of to-morrow. With all their advantage of becoming good women, they will blossom and beautify the world with their presence; as it has well been said, "A good woman is the loveliest flower that blossoms under heaven."

If the women of the past two centuries could have looked down the years with a prophetic vision, their lonely and unsatisfied souls would have been amazed at the quantity and quality of the intellectual work of the women of today. If the veil were lifted from our eyes and we were to stand face to face with the women of the century, how vivid the contrast between this, "Our Century," and the time, when in the Asiatic nations women were slavishly subordinate, and excluded from the advantages of education. The worth of woman is appreciated in this century now as never before. No longer held in base subjection of heathen countries and excluded from the blessings of culture, she now enjoys in all enlightened nations, excellent facilities for education. Her sphere is growing larger; her education



goes beyond a narrow circle of dainty accomplishments; and with cultivated mind she now takes, and will take a place of wide influence in society, and stands by her husband as his friend, his counselor, and his equal. A noted author says, "Let the ladies of a country be educated properly and they will not only make and administer its laws, but form its manners and character." It is not half so important that our legislators be wise, as that our mothers be so. Where we see a nation of noble and educated women, we see a noble and educated nation. Will not the women of the Twentieth Century be so educated that they can be spoken of as strong in will, thought, action, love, and resolution? Women of the Century with all their advantages of culture in the many schools and numerous associations organized for their advancement in an intellectual way, will have been trained to some great and good end, taught to live for something, and have some grand and noble purpose in life.

"Are the many advantages of learning and culture to be afforded only in the Languages and Natural Science," is a question in the minds of many. To this very important problem can be given this answer: No, indeed; the women of the Twentieth Century have begun to realize that it matters not what may be a woman's ambition in life, nor what line of work she has laid out for herself, there comes a time in every woman's life when a knowledge of domestic science and the health laws of mankind and womankind prove

invaluable to her. Among the many solutions of this important problem, the Women's Club organized for the study of things pertaining to the life of every woman take a prominent part, besides the many colleges having in their curriculum a course in Domestic Science. All honor to the practical College bred woman of the Twentieth Century!

"Woman's empire, holier more refined,  
Moulds, moves and sways the fallen  
yet God breathed mind,  
Lifting the earth-crushed heart to hope  
and heaven."

Altho men differ about women's intellectual capacities, they agree in ascribing to her the order of moral and social qualities. The women are the morality and religion, love and sociality of any nation. Whatever may be the custom and laws of a nation during the Twentieth Century, the women will decide the morals. The many organizations that are formed among mothers, wives, and sisters for a purer and better social life among humanity will yield an influence not to be measured. The women of the century will be more able to live lives of usefulness for having belonged to these organizations than those of past centuries. Instead of Whist and Dancing Clubs, to which women of the past century belonged, clubs for the formation of well rounded characters are being organized such as Reading Circles, Library Clubs, and all organizations of like nature.

As years advance the same social standard for men and women will be

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## E D I T O R I A L

On the annual opening of another school year we are accustomed to congratulate ourselves on the work our predecessors have done in building up the institution.

The foundations of our school were nobly designed and conscientiously laid, but a foundation is only a beginning after all. If the college idea of education is to prove a success we who

are to reap the benefits of this years work must not fall one whit behind those who went before us.

Our times demand as loyal patriotism, as sublime unselfishness as the days of previous years.

It is good to rejoice in what has already been achieved, but let us devote our time to measuring up the standard raised by those who have passed out into the fields of active life, and if possible leave our standard a little higher up the rugged heights, that it may be an inspiration to those who are looking up for a guide.

The indifferent student is never a good student. Do not get the idea that things are sure to go along smoothly, and that any way it is no concern of yours. The first requisite of a good student is to feel strongly that you cannot avoid a sense of responsibility. We talk of the dangers of anarchy, but all the anarchists in the country today do not begin to menace our institutions like the indifference of the good.

It is easy enough to applaud a flowery speech, to throw up your hat when the band plays the college song, and feel stirred to your hearts depth by the sight of your institutions pennants fluttering against the blue sky. But these things are only sentiment, and sentiment is not all that is needed in this practical world. There are plenty to do the shouting. How many are ready and willing to do real service.

## *The Woman of The Twentieth Century.*

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demand. Then the woman, whose influence is the sheet-anchor of society, will demand and make a social paradise, thru whose portals no one with an evil stained soul may enter.

The strong cords of tradition and custom by which woman was bound have been broken and she is now free to do whatever she is best fitted to do. Ever since "Adam delved and Eve spun" woman's right to labor has not been denied, but only within the past few decades has she been admitted into the walks of life where she can become a wage earner among men. With a purpose to exalt womanhood and secure its rights in the world of industry, every self-supporting woman will stand in her place, proud to be a help, not a hindrance, a producer as well as a consumer, and glad to take her part in a forward movement involving the welfare of woman and so of the race. Whenever a new industry or calling has been opened to women, the pioneers have been made to bear more or less unpopularity and scorn; but they have made the way clear for those who follow, so that now it is generally accepted that the woman's sphere is wherever she can render efficient service. Women will attain skill in their chosen work and learn to do whatever they have to do as well as it can be done. Woman's courage and perseverance have already conquered many obstacles to her success, and will in the end conquer all.

But we ask, "What has come into

the lives of women that has wrought such a change, so that the life of the woman of the Twentieth Century is so much different from that of her sister of a few centuries ago?" Can we not answer this with the one word "Christianity?" Did not Jesus Christ come into this world to save woman as well as man? Men heartlessly deserted him in the hour of trial, but women followed him shedding tears of sympathy. Woman, alone, pushed her way thru the mob to the foot of the cross, and there poured out her prayers for the world's dying martyr. Woman embalmed his precious body. Woman first greeted him when he broke the bonds of death and triumphed over the grave.

(CONCLUDED IN OCTOBER NUMBER.)



## *WEDDING BELLS.*

At the home of the bride near Nickerson, Mr. Chas. Trostle and Miss Bertha Price, were joined in marriage by the Rev. F. H. Crumpacker at high noon. Immediately after the ceremony and congratulations they sat down to a bountiful repast. After dinner they went to the Battery home where at 8:30 Miss Avies Battery and B. S. Trostle were made one for life. F. H. Crumpacker again officiating. A lunch was then served and the party spent the early evening in social chat. In the evening the happy young couple started on a wedding tour through Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Trostle have rented a house on College Hill and will enter school in a few days.

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## NEWS NOTES

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Mr. Clyde Ballantyne, a commercial graduate of McPherson College informs us that he has a good position in Ind. T., with a salary of \$1000 per year, with chances of increased salary.

If there should be any of our subscribers who have failed to receive their paper regularly, we ask them to inform us that all errors may be corrected at once.

Mr. Menno A. Vesper, a former student and successful teacher, entered the University of Kansas as a medical student this month.

Mr. J. D. Hildebrand of Mound City, Mo., accompanied his daughter Lulu on her return to college and is visiting relatives on College Hill.

Everything indicates that this will be the best year in the history of McPherson College. Over 250 students are now enrolled and new students arrive daily. Every department shows an increase both in numbers and interest and the grade of work done. There are few institutions to be found which sustains so high standard and such thorough work and none offers superior opportunity for the development of strong christian character, without which we hold that any education would be a failure. We earnestly solicit inquiry and request that you visit our college before you decide where you will attend school.

Prof. F. G. Muir, who has charge over both the instrumental and vocal music, is kept very busy these days. He has over forty students in instrumental music, and a number taking voice culture, and has organized a large chorus class which

promises to furnish some excellent music for public programs and entertainments. Prof. Muir has won an enviable reputation as an instructor and being always courteous and painstaking in his associations with his pupils he has endeared himself to all. He has also much skill as an artist and has found time even in his busy career to paint many beautiful landscape and floral designs with which he decorates his parlor and music room. Mr. Muir has been with McPherson College from the very beginning and we trust he will ever remain with us.

MURRAY—YODER. On Thursday evening Sept. 16, at 6:30 p. m. at the home of the bride's parents near Monitor, Kan. occurred the marriage of Miss Laura J. Yoder to Mr. Harry Murray of Great Bend, Kan. The bride is a former student at the College and later a successful teacher in the public schools of the county. The groom is a stanch young farmer, and a man of sterling worth and noble character and well worthy the prize which he has won. We wish them a long and prosperous journey in their new relationship.

Prof. D. H. Arnold, a former teacher and student of the college, arrived here from Colo., bringing his household goods overland. He will be principal of the Conway schools this winter.

Miss Orpha Morris returned from an extended trip to Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., New York City and Niagara Falls. She will resume her work in the city schools.

P. A. Kane, a normal graduate, class of '02, is getting \$65 per month in a country school south of the city.

While in the office of Co. Supt. T. O. Coons recently, we learned that nearly sixty teachers now employed in the

county were former students of McPherson College.

Geo. Edgecomb in the civil service examination last spring ranked first. He is now employed in the Post office as substitute during the vacation of Abbie Bomberger. He will teach during the coming winter.

Misses Edith and Ethel Allison and Linna Cottingham are attending Washburn College.

J. E. Schmidt, teaches the Buhler school this year.

Mr. Thos. Eisenbise of Morrill, Kan., has rented the Gernert property and moved his family in the same. He intends to take the full Bible course in the College. He brought several students with him.

Rev. Jesse Shamberger of Sheridan, Mo., spent a few days at college and left two of his daughters in school.

McPherson College opened Tuesday morning with an enrollment exceeding that of any previous year. After a song President Frantz gave a short address of welcome to students and friends. This was followed by prayer, after which Rev. Schnaacke of the Congregational church gave the opening address. His subject was "Work and Character." He clearly showed how one must conform to the law of work in order to win success.

The law of work is a natural one building strong character and he who tries to shirk this law is a social parricide or assassin. The address was listened to with closest attention by the students and friends and the inspiration given by such a helpful address is sure to have a lasting benefit. After the address the work of enrolling was immediately commenced. The present indications are

that this will be the most successful year in the history of the college.—McPherson Freeman.



## ASSOCIATION NOTES

Our president, P. C. Hiebert and E. H. Eby attended the Lake Geneva conference and received much enthusiasm and practical information which they very generously impart to all the boys. The policy and plans for the year's work have been carefully arranged and we feel certain that this year will bring us even better results than previous years and will be characterized by depth of spiritual life and desire for the salvation of every student.

The Y. M. C. A. held their first annual social for the boys on the first Wednesday evening of the school year. Over seventy-five men were present; as each young man entered, a paper was handed him on which was written his name and address which he pinned on the lapel of his coat. A half hour was spent in handshaking after which a short interesting program was carried out. Then each old student escorted a new student to the Dormitory dining-room where refreshments were served.

The Y. W. C. A. held a social for the girls on Thursday evening at the pleasant home of Mary Pearson. Each new girl was given a booklet on which was inscribed her name. Then the others each took ribbon and tied upon this booklet and formed the acquaintance of the new girls. After a short program, refreshments were served consisting of fine delicious Kansas peaches.

However the greatest event of the

This year finds our Alumni well represented among students and teachers of the College.

Among the students are Misses May Frantz, Anna Newland, Margaret Goodwin, Corda Clement, Anita Metzger, Mr. and Mrs. Eby, Messrs U. H. Slifer, J. E. Wagoner, B. S. Haugh, P. O. Hiebert, O. S. Vaniman, H. A. Horton, F. H. Crumpacker, J. J. Frantz, E. D. and R. W. Baldwin.

Miss Dottie Wheeler will teach in the Primary Department of the Morganville schools. She spent her vacation at home this summer.

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