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The origin of the word "Yankee" comes from the pronounciation of "English" by the Massachusetts Indians, who called it "Yenglises", which became "Yankees". In this country it was first applied to the Englanders; then the South applied it to the Northerners, and Europe applies it to our entire population.

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No. 8.

# The Miracle of Friendship By O. D. BUCK

We live in a universe of mysteries.

The most commonplace things are often the most difficult to understand-

The laws of nature, the operating with exacting precision, and in perfect harmony, are beyond the comprehension of the finite.

The relations existing among individuals, whether in the family, the state, the church, or in society, are equally as mysterious as those that govern the celestial bodies which move in their respective orbits thruout the boundless expanse of space.

Among these many relations one that furnishes an interesting and boundless field for thought and investigation, is that communion of souls; that calm and sedate affection; that magnanimity of sentiment; that union of feeling known as friendship.

This has well been called a miracle, not because its operations are contrary to the established course of things, or because its laws transcend the ordinary laws that govern the universe, but

because of our limited knowledge of its processes of operation.

This seemingly spiritual relationship is universal. Its field is boundless.

Mankind, the selfish and self-centered have recognized its resistless power.

A miraculous power that makes every individual realize that he is a fragment of a larger whole; an incomplete part of a more complete universe.

In ancient times friendship was considered as an integral part of philosophy.

The Stoics said it was an occasion for the display of nobility, and the finer virtues of men. The Epicureans said it was the source of the most refined pleasures of life. Aristoile called it the bond of the state, the flower of ethics and the root of politics. Plato made it the ideal of the state where mutual-confidence and unity of feeling prevails.

Ancient mythology abounds in records of noted and intimate friendships. As the race has developed, and the thot and life of man has enlarged, and his ideals become wider and more impersonal, he holds in less prominence this intimate relationship, feeling

his dependence on the divine rather

Altho in a less degree than in ancient times modern literature abounds with this sentiment which is destined to remain as long as the throbbing hearts of men send the life-blood thru their veins.

Friendships are of two kinds;—real and artificial, true and false, egotistic and altruistic, those eclipsed by adversity and those brightened by misfortune.

False friendship is a vase which when flawed by violence or accident may as well be broken, for it can never be remaired.

True friendship is a beacon light that shines brighter when the storm is raging. False friends are like shadows that follow us while the sun shines but disappear when darkness prevails. They are like a creeping ivy decaying the wall on which it climbs, yet covering it with the yerdure of its foliage.

True friends are like the orb of day which constantly sends forth its radiant beams, the obscured by clouds that intervene. They are a constant source of comfort, an ever flowing spring, lending refreshment, vigor and strength.

The language of friendship is as varied as the tongues of men. To the timid it speaks courage; to the bold, caution; to the sorrowful, comfort. To the helpless it lends assistance; to the down-trodden strength to rise; to the down-trodden strength to rise; to the diagraceful confidence to redeem. It relieves cares, raises hopes, abates fears, doubles pleasure and divides grief. It attracts toward all merit worthy of esteem, and all perfection

demanding admiration.

The fruits of friendship, as Bacon says, are,—peace in the affections, support of the judgement, and aid in all actions and occasions. It brings satisfaction to the heart because it satisfies the inherent demands of our nature. It brings satisfaction to the mind because by interchanging of views, our own ideas are clarified, our conclusions confirmed, and the personal equations of our judgments amended. It aids and sustains at all times and in all places because it gives honest counsel, true criticism, and is a safeguard against temptation.

This commerce between souls guided by reason and cemented by habit, is not an end in itself, but is the means of developing the highest arts of living. It unveils the deeper affections of the heart-by which only, we can discern and understand, by which we can look beneath the veneering of humanity and see the genuine metal of character, to see beauty even in the dull eves beclouded with tears, and in the pale face wrinkled with sorrow; to see the true as well as the false; to see the optimistic as well as the pessimistic side of life, to see things as they are and not as they appear.

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## Why Girls do not Morry so Young as Formerly

By ORRAL MATCHETTE

The question is being asked again and again, "Why are there so many unmarried women of mature years to-day"?

And why is the marriageable age fast becoming more nearly thirty-six than sixteen? Is it because higher education has dulled the sense of true wife-hood and mother-hood in the girl of to-day?

No, I think not. In the first place I do not believe it was any particular love of wife-hood or mother-hood that caused the girl of the decade just past to take upon herself the laws of matrimony at the immature ages of fourteen and sixteen years. "

One mother who has raised a large family of girls, told me that when she had finished the country school studies at fifteen, she entreated her father to give her a higher education .-

"No." he replied curtly, "I know girls of your age who are finding homes of their own." Shortly afterwards she married, but it was no particular sense of wife-hood that caused her to do so. She has been a noble wife and mother, declares that all of her girls shall have a college training, which she has so felt the need of.

Some fathers are not as ideal as they should be, either now or in past years, and the father is, the main factor in the home in as much as he holds the strings of the purse.

A certain man of my acquaintance, who owns four farms and has money in the bank, refused to buy even so much as a hair ribbon for his sixteen year old daughter. He somehow failed to ese that a girl of sixteen will receive more comfort from a bright new bair ribbon, than a woman of sixty will from the inheritance of many farms.

hifty years ago this girl would have

married, but it would not have been from any true love of wife-hood. Now she is out in the world earning her own livelihood, while her father goes on saving money to buy more land, to raise more corn, to feed more hoge, to buy more laud, and so on.

The American man's insetiable thirst for gold has forced woman into professional life, for as Ella Wheeler Wilcox said, "If the old man had not been so selfish and inconsiderate, the new woman would never have existed."

In earlier years it was not considered of commercial value to educate the daughters, for her place was in the home, and how could she contribute toward the bank account there. She was excluded from everything but household duties and making embroidery. These were not enough to fill up her large mind, and throughout her life there was a certain unrest, and a vague longing for something better. Finally she pushed her way into the world, and has been admitted to all trades and professions. :

It has also been noticeable that the girl who has been reared on the farm and has been accustomed to the monotonous routine of household duties is the one, nine times out of ten, who enters professional life, while the girl who has been brought up in comparative luxury, is the one who seeks home duties.

Seventy-five or fifty years ago the unmarried woman at thirty was considered eccentric and odd; now she possesses a charm far beyond those of her giddy years in the teens, and trips off the miles with more of ease and grace, than does her fifteen year old

There are few older women but who will say that their ideal of manhood changed with their increasing years, and that rarely would the one they held at thirty, correspond with the one they oherished at fifteen, for as a woman grows older she looks at the inner man, while in her younger days she was more apt to soudy the cut of his coat.

If the modern girl chooses to battle with the world while young, in order to earn her bread, and delay marrying until she has met the right man, who can blame her. Why should she be subject to all sorts of interdictions because she marries later in life than did her mother and grandmother before her. Allow her the privilege of choosing for herself when she is of mature years, and has had experience with the ways of the world, and the lawyers will have fewer divorce cases to handle.

In the earlier years there was no other alternative for the girl but to marry unless she would eat the bread of dependence and became an eccentric "old maid." Higher education has not dulled woman's sense of true wifely duties, for in no age of the world has the girl of fifteen possessed them. But instead, her college training has raised her standard of manhood and the culture of home life.

# The Grants of the Carnegie Institution.

The last annul meeting of the trustees of the Carnegie Institution was noteworthy for the fact that the sum of \$200,000 was set apart for scientific research during the fiscal year of 1902-1908. The institution has been working silently since its inception, but none the less effectively. The grants which have been made may be considered as a most fitting recognition of scientific services rendered by the foremost living savants. Even he whose interest in science has made him familliar with the current work of many investigators, will doubtless find among the list of men who have thus been bonored many whose names are unknown to him, but whose work is for all that worthy of encouragement.

It is impossible in this brief space to enumerate all the grants which have been made.

We may be permitted, however, to call attention to a few scientists, the brilliancy of whose work has been bedimmed in the glamor of the more startling discoveries which have attracted the world's attention. Among the grants made to men who are not so well known to the world as they ought to be, may be mentioned that to Mr. Lewis Boss for investigations upon the motions of brighter stars, and of all stars of whatever magnitude supposed to have motions as great as ten seconds per century, and any other stars that were especially well determined prior to 1850.

New tables of the moon are urgently required for the purpose of astronomy and navigation. For a long period the problem of constructing and perfecting such tables has been delayed by an unexplained discordance between the observed motion of the moon, and the motion which should result from the action of all known bodies upon it. The exact cause of this discordance cannot be recorded, because the observations made from 1750 to 1850 have never been worked up and compared with the tables. By the aid of a grant from the Carnegie Institution, Prof. Simon Newcomb was enabled to take up this work with results that will be of benefit not only to ecience, but, to commerce as well.

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Not the least important of the chemical investigations carried out under the auspices of the Carnegie institution was the determination of values of atomic weights by Prof. Theodore W. Richards of Harvard University. Prof. Richards has submitted a memoir, about to be published by the Carnegie Institution, containing the records of his experiments on a new method of determining compressibility. By means of this method, the compressibility of bromine, iodine, chloroform, bromoform, and other substances has been determined over a rauge of 700 atmospheres.

Lastly we must mention an award of \$500 to Prof. Atwater, of Wesleyan University, for researches involving the direct determination of the amount of oxygen consumed by mans for sustailing the bodily functions.

The grant to Prof. Atwater has been expended chiefly for designing and constructing or purchasing apparatus for developing methods of determining oxygen and for tests and experiments made with the apparatus. An award of \$6,000 to Dr. Gamgee was

made for work in the same field, in order to prepare a report on the physiology of nutrition, which was the task assigned to him. He, began by inspecting Edropean laboratories and by visiting scientific men in Europe. It goes without saying that the work of Prof. Atwater formed not the least important subject of his studies.

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### WEDDING BELLS

At the home of the bride's parents, 104 Walker! Avenue, Topeka, on Saturday even ing, January 28, 1904, occurred the wedding of Miss Cleo Covert to Mr. Harry Heckethorn... They will reside in Topeka where the groom has a position at the "State Plant." We wish for these excellent young people a long and prosperous life.

At the bride's home mear Beattie, Kan., Wednesday noon. Feb., 10, 1904, Miss Mary Eby, a former McPherson College student and Mr. Enoah Studebaker were united in marriage. This young couple starting in life's journey have the best of wishes from all friends and acquaintances. They will make their future home at Fruitdale, Michigan.

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#### Students Sunday Program.

10 a. m. Preaching Services.

11 a.m. Sunday School.
4 p. m. Devotional Meetings of the
Voung Men and the Young Womens Christian Associations.

7 p. m. Preaching Services.

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## EDITORIAL

The Musical recital given by the pupils of Prof. Muir at the college on January 22, was fully up to the high standard of excellence heretofore set, and in many ways surpassed any yet given. The program was carried out without a change and without an error by any performer. Each number was rendered and deserves special mention but space forbids. Little Gladys Muir continues a favorite and responded to a well merited encore. Miss Ethel

Nash played in her easy, graceful and artistic manner and responded to a hearty encore with "The Brook in the Forest," which she played with ease. The college quartette and Orabo orchestra were much appreciated by all. Prof Muir is an earnest, enefgetic and painetaking instructor and a mater in his chosen profession. His department is crowded and it has been necessary to turn away pupils each term. We hope he will remain with our college where his work is greatly appreciated.—McPherson Republican.



We notice that Prof. A. C. Wieand, formerly of McPherson, was one of the leading lecturers during the special Bible session held at Juniata College-



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#### I Believe in Friendnology

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'Yes, you watch folks an' dey'll show what kind of frienduology dey's got. Der's some dat's so tender hearted dey can't go near no fren' what's in fliction. I's got no use for dat kind; dey hain't carin' fer nobody but derselves. "Den der's some dat neber does a kindness' cept dey puts a mortgage on it, an'y e neber gits done panyin' intrus' on what dey's done fer ye.

"Der's de kind what's fond of ye while dey needs ye, an' hain't got no

membry when dey don't; an'de high kind what 't'inke dey knowe what ye needs better'n ye does yerself—all dem kind is nuffin' but pride an' selfshness-"Rea! frendnology is a blessed t'ing to hab; der hain't no self-seeking in it. It's lovin' an' pitful, lastin' an' long sufferin' like de Bible tell 'bout. "Ye on'y got to live near folks to find out if dey's got it; ye don't need to feel der haids"—Woman Homes Missious.



#### Irving Memorial Debate Contest.

On the evening of Jan. 16, the Irving Memorial Literary Society held its annual contest in debate. For about twenty minutes before opening the audience was entertained with a large variety of rhymes which the supporters of both sides were repeating at the top of their voices.

The question discussed was; Resolved that Sunday observance should be compulsory in the United States.

The affinative was supported by Merrill Q. Calvert and H. B. Hoffman; and the negative by O. D. Buck and O. S. Vaniman.

The debate showed careful preparation on the part of the contestants. They held the closest attention of the large and crowded audience. The ball the packed, failed to accommodate all and many had to be turned away at the doors.

Supt. Sinclair, Rey. Schnacke and Lawyer Grattan were the judges. Their decision was in favor of the affirmative.

The prize was a half years acholar-

ship which has been given by the Alliance Exchange Co. to further this works

A contest in oratory will be held in the near future. These contests given by our literary societies are a great incentive to a higher grade of literary work.

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## FREE BIBLE STUDY

The people of McPherson and adjoining counties have an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with the bible, a study of acknowledged importance but not extensively studied.

The McPherson College since its organization over fifteen years ago has maintained a bible study department, which in the last few years is becoming one of the strongest of the thirteen different departments of the school. During the past school term which closed, over thirty students were enrolled in this department. This does not include those enrolled in the Y. M., and Y. W. C. A. of the school. The subjects taught last term were O. T. History, Isiah, Life of Christ, "Charch History, Christian Theology, Hebrew and N. T. Greek. Several new studies were added at the beginning of the new term which began January 19, among which were O. T: Laws and the Teachings of Jesus. Very few schools maintain such a strong course throughout the year. Often schools conduct a Bible Normal for a few week. In Mc-Pherson College the normal continues throughout the school year. And each year students from the college go out

into life with a broader and more comprehensive view of the bible. Prof. Frantz, president of the school devotes his entire time to this work. He has several assistants to help him. Prof. Frantz is a safe and liberal teacher; he teachers how to think and not what to think. Tuition in this department of the school is free, the department being supported by donations and by the school

A number from different states have come to McPherson to avail thomselves of this excellent apportunity to study the bible, while a number of the citizens of McPherson take a study or so in the bible department. Visitors are at all time cordially invited to visit and investigate this department of the school.—Opinion.



### ADVERTISING. By J. F. BOWERS.

Advertising is one of the mediums in which the business men carry on their business; in fact we may say it is the principal one.

The art of advertising has advanced very rapidly during the past ten years and today, we see the art of advertising in all of the leading papers, and in almost every style,

The possibilities of the right kind of advertising cannot be over satimated. The business man puts an ad. in the paper; he expects to receive something in return—trade. One cannot conceive of any other way to get the goods before the public in such a satisfactory manner.

The methods of today far exceed those of the past. Teday large firms have men who do nothing but write ads, while in the past men, hesitated in paying out money for advertising expecting to get their returns later on, but today men invest thousands of dollars in advertising and could not run their business without it.

Honesty if advertising must be considered. Many men swindle their customers by ads, but the large firms cannot afford to deal dishonestly with the public. Men would soon loose their trade. J. F. BOWERS. one of the students in the advertising

class, McPherson College.- Daily Re-

publican.

## The Receiver of a Gift Becomes the Apologist of the Donor

The Omaha World-Herald telegraphed Miss Tarbell, at an admitted authority on Mr. Rockefeller's methods and motives to ask her for her opinion in regard to Chancellor Andrew's proposition that the State University of Nebraska accept a donation from Mr Rockefeller to be applied to the ejection of a building to become the property of the university.

NISS TARBELL'S REPLY.

New York, Jan. 28 - To the Editor of the World-Herald: In my opinion the chief duty of an institution of learning is to train young people to think things through their legitimate conclusions, and to inspire them with moral courage to fit their conduct to those conclusions.

Money is one of the minor necessities in making honest thinkers and courageous actors It is useful in an educational institution only in the hands of, men who prefer to do without it rather than to dull the conscience of faculty, students and friends by compromising with any kind of moral or intellectual subterfure.

If the acceptance of the gift from Mr. John D. Rockefeller brings with it tacit recognition of the commercial principles which he has employed with more conspicuous success than any other man in the country; if it closes the mouth of any man in Nebraska to the corruptive influence of those principles, no greater calamity could befall the University of Nebraska than to accept his money.

· Human experience seems to show that the receiver of a gift becomes sooner or later the apologist of the donor and his methods. Where there is a possibility of such a result, jealous regard for the moral atmosphere of the institution makes the refusal of the gift an impertive duty.

IDA M. TARBELL.

#### NEWS NOTES

G. A Elemming one of our former students is located at Bensey, Ok. He is conducting a very successful general merchandise store.

Mrs. Mary Needles has returned from Idaho and occupies her cottage on College Hill.

A new stock company has been organized for the purpose of erecting and

conducting the Swedish Mission college in McPherson. Work will commence as soon as the pledges have been renewed.

Bro. J. E. Young of Beatrice, Neb, gave us a pleasant call on his way home from Newton, where he held an excellent series of meetings.

"I wish," the boy said, "I could eat a pie like mother used to make." On Saturday evening the Y. W. girls gratified these desires by giving a pie social, which was well patronized.

Prof. J. A. Clement assisted in conducting the County Teachers examination last Saturday. There were twentyeight who took this examination.

Misses Lizzie and Susie Neher were called to their home at Rocky Ford, Colo, by the sudden death of their little brother who died as a result of accidental injury received while playing ball.

Mr. W. Ward one of our students, substituted as teacher four days for Miss Hilda Rostine who was sick.

Mr. Leo Pollak recently took a picture of the College students. He also made a special rate to students for one week on small cabinets of which about fifty students availed themselves.

Mrs. Shirley of Missouri, is visiting her son and daughter both of whom are in school.

Rev. Rample of Hillsboro, visited with the German students over Sunday and gave four excellent discourses.

Prof. S. J. Miller, F. H. Crumpscker, W. O. Beckner and E. B. Eby are conducting some excellent S. S. conventions in various parts of the county.

Eld. Perry Beckner has recovered from a prolonged illness and the still weak, we trust he will regain his usual good health.

We notice that ten of the teachers on the program for the County Teachers' Association to be held in the city Feb. 20, are former students of McPherson College.

Mrs. L. R. Fuhr of Meade county visited her daughter who is attending college:

Rev. Geo. W. Burgin has moved his family from Indian Ty. to College Hill. He has purchased the Slifer property northeast of the college. Mr. Burgin is another student in the Bible Department.

Quite a number of students went to Lindsborg Feb. 4th to hear Madam Nordica sing. They report a very excellent performance.

Supt. Wm. Sinclair of the city schools was elected superintendent of the Coffee, wille schools at a salary of \$1500. His resignation was accepted and Supt. R. M. Killion who has served eight successive years at Rosedale was chosen to succeed him. We welcome Prof. Killion in our midst.

J. E. Studebaker spent several days at home in Anderson county and helped to conduct the County Teachers examination at that place.

The Salvation Army are conducting a very successful revival meeting in the city, at present; over 200 have been converted so far.

Our enrollment now is almost 400; the Commercial ball is full and overflowing. Several are already making arrangements to attend school next year. The prospects are that next years attendance will exceed this altho this year has broken all previous records.

The Normal class has put on its blooming colors and now occupies special seats in the chapel exercises. This class is not only a good one in size but contains many strong intellectual members.

Last Monday about fifteen of the Salina Y. M. C. A. boys accompanied by one of their professors visited us. They were on there way home from the state

The Eureka society gave a Boys program which was very good. It showed that the boys are able to do some good literary work. Next month the gris will display their abilities.

Before this issue reaches you our students will have enjoyed listening to a first class musical. The Senior class has again demonstrated its worth and secured the Orpheus Company to stop and give us new inspiration and encouragement, such as none but artists are capable of rendering.

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

The Y. M. C. A. now holds it meetings in the "Irving Hall."

Last Sunday the delegation gave a report on the State Convention: this report was very interesting, instructive and helpful. The meeting was open to all and the Y. Wa attended and took home some practical lessons; the hall was full.

#### MCPHERSON COLLEGE LEADS.

Prof. H. . J. Harnley and over thirty young men from the college are in attendance at the State Convention of Y. M. C. A. at Newton.

McPherson has one of the best College Associations in the state and in Bible study and Mission study it leads all colleges in America in percentage of enrollment.—McPherson Republican.

We take the following from the Evening Kansan Republican of Newton, Jan. 29. "McPherson College. a Dunkard institution, is more largely represented at

the convention than any other educational institution. Thirty young men from that school came down yesterday afternoon on the Missouri Pacific and another large delegation, including several members of the faculty, is expected this atternoon. Nearly every male student at the college is a member of the association and fully half the membership will be here for the convention. Last year the college sent 27 delegates to the convention at Leavenworth." "Twenty of the young men from Mc-Pherson College are here to derive profit from the meetings though not delegates. They pay their own expenses and will stay the convention through. All are active Y: M. C. A. workers.'

Four new classes have been started in Mission study.

A new class in Bible study has been organized under the leadership of Miss Hinkson.

The reading room is now well furnished with carpets, curtains, books, magazines and papers; it is a very pleasant and instructive place.

About 50 are now enrolled in the bible study classes.

The visiting committee under the direction of Miss Stump, have been doing very efficient work. No one is afflicted with sickness without being immediately called upon and all necessary assistance rendered: this has done more to cheer and brighten the occasional sick rooms in our school than any thing else.

Miss Jacobs addressed the association on "The Trained Deaconess as a Lifes work."

The missionary committee are preparing to give a public program; all the numbers of this program will be by girls who are taking bible mission work.

## ALUMNI NOTES

Mr. C. E. Law visited at the college several days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Yoder from Monitor

Mr. and Mrs. I.D. Yoder from Monitor were visiting friends at the college several days recently.

D. E. Bowers held a basket supper and entertainment at his school house to raise money for purchasing a library for the school.

O.H. Slifer gave a spelling and ciphering contest and basket rupper for the same purpose. This is the second one for Mr. Slifer this year and he is getting a nice library started in his school.

Rev. F. H. Crumpacker conducted a Sunday School meeting at Conway Saturday and Sunday.

P. A. Kane closed a very successful term near Inman, Kan,

Miss Ruby Buckman '03 is preparing to give a program at her school in the near future.

## EXUHANGES

The Rays of Light from McPherson, Kan, are very bright. The "Poems" contain some quite witty sayings—The 'Agis, Northfield, Vt.

It is generally the idle who complain they cannot find time to do that which they fancy they wish.—University Log-Book!

It is better to wear out than to rust out. The surest way to get that big job you are hoping to have some day, is to

do your best with the small job you have

No matter whether it be vice or virtue that we cultivate, the marks will be seen on the face, as it is the index of the character.—Weslevan Advance.

The person who is always on time is not any more lucky than most 'people. But he has made it a 'habit to be punctual and has also formed, the habit of overcoming obstacles that would be sure to hinder others.—The Owl.

We should love knowledge for her own sake and for the service and pleasure and power she gives to character, but for nothing else.—Cottey College Chronicle.

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