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## WHY STUDY LITERATURE?

William Dean Howells says "Literature is Life." The sum total of all Literature, good and bad, expresses the thoughts, passions, and sentiments of the human race so far as these may have been recorded.

So soon as we teach the child to read, we give him the power to read the meaning of life. This power he very early learns to exercise in some form. He will read something. It may be the daily newspaper, the magazine, the novel, the Bible, anything; but we may rest assured that he will read something.

Children generally do not have any clear conception what they should read. They have not been taught by their parents nor by their teachers to distinguish between the good and the bad in literature. To them literature is something which is to be studied in the College, of which they have no means of knowing anything until they come in contact with it in the High School and in the College.

The form of Literature which is available is the daily newspaper, or in case it is not to be had, the Weekly furnishes the material. The latest divorce scandal, the re-

cent sensational murder, the newest of everything is read with the greatest avidity. It is in the daily and it is put there to be read.

Is it any wonder that our youths grow up to give additional material sensational in its character, with which to supply the daily of tomorrow? We reap what we sow, and where we do not sow, weeds will most likely cover the ground.

The child needs to be given good wholesome literature so that he may be enabled to think the thoughts of the best men.

This teaching must begin very early in life, and it must be in keeping with the development with the child's mind.

It must begin with the fairy tale or the fable because he lives in a fairy land and his playthings are real live beings with mouths and tongues that are able to say things. To take him out of his realm and make him deal with facts is like transplanting a tree which is native in Kansas, into a mountain country. It will dwarf.

There however comes a time when this world of fancy must give way to a real world of real men and women in it. The two change places so gradually that he becomes an idealist. He ad-

mires the man who does things. He becomes a hero worshiper. In harmony with this change the literature which he reads must be changed gradually from the fanciful to the real. He must be taught to look to noble men and women for his ideals.

Hence his reading now ought to be largely biography of the best type. William E. Gladstone once said: "Sixty years ago I read the Life of Washington, and I was forced to the conclusion that he was quite the greatest man the world had ever seen. The sixty years that have passed, have not changed that impression, and to any Englishman who seeks my advice in the line of his development, I invariably say: begin by reading the Life of Washington."

The youth at this age will best appreciate the Bible if he is directed to read the stories of the heroes of the Bible. As the youth grows still older this heroic element takes on a different form. From the admiration of the great men and women around him his thoughts now begin to turn to love. He now begins to admire the girl with whom he associates. This transaction when it takes place normally, is just as natural and needs to be regarded as just

as real as the former one.

In order that he may have high ideals here as before, his literature now needs to contain the love element. The sensational and the trivial must be entirely excluded. *Evangeline*, *Enoch Arden*, *The Broken Heart*, *The Widow and her Son*, *Hiawatha*, and many others of like high ideals will elevate his aspirations in love.

The field of literature which now opens to the pupil becomes more cosmopolitan. If he has been carefully taught thus far he will have formed a taste for good reading by the time he has finished his grade work provided he has not been crowded. With such a training he will have little time for the sensational in the Daily, and no use whatever for yellow-backed literature.

Good literature, in whatever form, must necessarily present high ideals to the reader because it contains the best thoughts of the best people.

In the realm of poetry there is much beauty that wastes on the desert air of public opinion because we fail to educate this sense of beauty. Alexander Hamilton Mabie says that it takes sweetness and life to make poetry. Fiction presents much of truth and beauty which is of incalculable value in developing character, but here much is lost because we do not train properly and in a great many instances the story is all that the reader gets.

It is a current idea that one needs to study literature in order to be cultured. True, but the study is of infinitely more value in giving strength of character. To have known and to have the thoughts of master minds leaves an indelible impression for good.

## AN EDUCATIONAL OUTLOOK

Conscientiousness is the virtue of morality. It is man's best standard set by himself for his own guidance. To be dependable, to be thoughtfully sincere, to live our best thoughts into deeds,—this is the education we are endeavoring to realize today. We have long since learned that mere smartness is no guarantee of right living. It is not what one knows, but what one is that makes effort worth while. The conscientious man is the gold of the republic. He is the standard by which to measure all others. He is not for sale, nor is he in the market to purchase others. To be above price—that is the privilege, it is the need of each one. Thus only may we look for the reforms so essential to the uplift of the republic.

Every illiterate in the republic is a menace to the republic and a reproach upon our system or lack of system in education. We can scarce explain to one unacquainted with our conditions how it is possible to maintain our civic life when illiterates are allowed to share in the determining influence of that life.

We want citizens who cherish a true home life, who are industrially sane and busy, who cherish the sweeter amenities of our social life, who love the state well enough to preserve its ideals entire, who understand that democracy can spell only universal intelligence, and who honor themselves by honoring God with loyal service. To accomplish this is the work of the educator in the republic. The school alone cannot do this work. The Sunday School, the Y. M. C. A., the allied church societies, the press, the pulpit, the public library, and the home must cooperate if the ideal is to

be made the real, as it should.

If you were to seek an explanation of the marvelous advance of Japan among the nations of the world you would find it most surely in the Emperor's decree of 1868: "It is intended that henceforth education shall be so diffused that there may not be a village with an ignorant family, or a family with an ignorant member." That explains Japan, the nation that today ranks next to first in the percentage of pupils of school age actually in school—namely 98 per cent. The working out of such a splendid result in our own country would make us in reality what we fondly hope and patriotically declare ourselves to be—the greatest nation because the best educated in all that makes for the highest civilization of the race.—M. G. BRUMBAUGH, in *Juniata Echo*.

## McPHERSON COLLEGE SUMMER NORMAL

Our summer Normal opens May 29, 1906. We expect a large enrollment at the beginning of the term. Our summer Normal of 1905 was a success, and we expect this year to out number all previous ones. The work given is the regular college work. All grades received during the term can be applied on a state or life certificate, and if you have any back studies that you wish to work up, you can find no better time or place than during our summer Normal. McPherson College students are in demand. The Normal work will be in charge by one of the regular college professors, and we are sure that you cannot find a Normal that will give you as much as you will be able to get here. If you do not have one of our catalogues, write us at once and get one. The program will be arranged to meet the demands

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give you an Education. We only ask that you  
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Special Inducements, write us.

McPherson Kansas.

of the students that come.

Our Business and Shorthand courses will be opened also. If you wish to secure a good business education, you can find no better place than at McPherson College. Our courses are up-to-date in every respect, and the instructions you receive will help you to any kind of a position.

Any time you would like to know anything about our work will you please write us, and we will gladly give to you the information. Let us know what kind of work you will want to take up. We are sure you will be pleased with our methods after you have investigated them. Write us without delay. We expect to hear from you.

McPHERSON COLLEGE, Kans.

#### REVIVAL REVERIES.

For the past four weeks McPherson and vicinity have been stirred by the eloquence and power of Evangelist French E. Oliver of Chicago. A tabernacle erected for the purpose with a seating capacity of 3000 is often inade-

quate and many are turned away. About 500 have confessed their sins and decided to live the Christ life. While most of these are young people yet many whom the churches were unable to reach have made the wise choice.

Rev. Oliver is a clear, logical and convincing speaker and his earnest conscientious manner carries influence which is felt by all. He is fearless in denouncing evil of every kind and in all classes and makes no compromise with sin.

A chorus of 300, many of whom are college students, under the leadership of Prof. Alexander also of Chicago, lead the singing. Fred Siebert, who accompanied Rev. Torrey for many years, also takes an active part in the services. A grand work has been begun and we trust will continue to be a great blessing to our city.

#### Will Have a Sewer System.

Among the many improvements in contemplation for McPherson is a sewer system. The Surveyor has been at work for some time and the plan is a feasible one. Mayor W. J. Krehbiel, councilman L. C. Criner and city engineer H. A. Rowland have been delegated to visit Eureka, Coffeyville and other towns to inspect their systems. Many new residences and sidewalks are being built and several new business enterprises are planned.

#### Entertained The Seniors

The Junior Collegiates entertained the Senior class on the evening of Valentine day with a "Festival of Hearts." After several very pleasing contests the boys displayed their skill or rather lack of skill with the bow and arrows. An elegant three course supper was served and each one was given a souvenir of the occasion.

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And do a man's part in the work of life?  
I look about and see gray headed men  
Bending beneath the load of daily toil.  
I ask them why Dame Fortune has not smiled  
Upon their efforts to achieve success,  
And they can only answer with a sigh,  
"Alas when young I did not use aright  
The golden days of Opportunity,  
I planted seeds of Idleness and Vice,  
And now I reap my harvest of Regrets."  
"To be or not to be"—this problem I must  
solve,  
And the solution must be made TODAY.  
Procrastination of one single day  
Makes one day less for Preparation.  
The world today is offering great rewards  
For those who are prepared to do.  
Its high-grade work effectively and well.  
It will not tolerate incompetents,  
But must and will have well trained minds—  
Minds that possess the will and power to DO.  
To be or not to be a great success  
I must deserve the great rewards I seek;  
I must prepare for action and then ACT.  
I must possess the sterling qualities  
That "give the world assurance of a man."  
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Misses Lulu Wickersham and Florence Shackelford who teach in the High School visited the College recently.

Among the High School girls who recently visited at the college were Ida Johnson, Gertie Cline and Sarah Jacobs.

Mrs Mertie Netzley and son Ralph left for their new home in Nebraska, where they will farm the coming season.

Mrs. A. Hutchinson is having a barn built upon her property on College Hill. Prof. and Mrs. C. J. Shirk now occupy the residence.

Rev. O. S. Ricker who represents the society for the Friendless, addressed the students at the chapel Tuesday. He is always a welcome visitor.

David Weaver, a former student is visiting relatives and friends for a few days. He is enroute from Iowa to his home at Scott City, Kansas.

Elder J. J. Yoder and Elder M. J. Mishler of Monitor and J. P. Dresher of Lyons came to McPherson Monday to meet with the Mission Board of S. W. Kansas and Colorado.

Principal Murphy of Hutchinson and his corps of teachers visited the city schools recently and expressed themselves as highly pleased with the work that is being done.

Prof. S. J. Miller represented McPherson College at a meeting of delegates of all the State colleges to adopt a uniform standard of admission into the collegiate courses. The delegates met at Topeka, March 10.

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P. H. Hiebert a well known student and graduate of the oratorical

department has accepted a lucrative position with Albaugh Bros. and Dover, Wholesale Co. of Chicago. About a dozen of our former students are now with this company.

Prof S J Miller gave his excellent address on "Literature in the Public Schools" to a large appreciative audience in Irving Hall. He has given this lecture in a number of the adjoining towns and it has received favorable comment. Prof. never does anything by halves.

Pres. Frantz has given his lecture on "The Successful Life" on several lecture courses. He was also on the program for an address before the McPherson County Teachers' Association. Prof. Frantz is a general favorite wherever he goes.

The College is at present supporting two well organized base ball teams. Several others will be organized soon, then you will have to see these teams play for championship. The boys have something to work for now; Mr. J. F. Laderer of this city has promised a silver cup to the champions. This cup is to remain in the institution and from year to year will be held by the best team. We appreciate the interest Mr. Laderer takes in the boys.

**You should attend the summer Normal which begins May 29th.**

Harry Weiss enjoyed a pleasant visit with his parents recently.

The Underwood & Underwood boys have organized their canvassing or training class.

Prof. Shirk has added to the Scientific Laboratory more expensive apparatus.

McPherson College is never forgotten or slighted when the good things are passing around. Mr. Kenneth C. McArthur, one of the Y. M. C. A. men, addressed the students in two sessions on Bible study.

Mr. P. V. Wiebe an '06 Normal had the pleasure of entertaining two of the Lehigh business men Saturday and Sunday, March 10th and 11th, J. V. Wiebe, brother of P. V. and B. Pauls, manager of the Burkholder Co. of Lehigh. They attended the union meeting in town and returned to their place of business Monday morning.

If you intend to continue attend the spring teaching.

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Mrs. Hope and her daughter, Nannie, left for Herington Thursday where they will spend a week visiting friends and relatives.

Our Matron was sick for a few days, but she is up again. We lose many kind words and pleasant smiles when Mrs. Stauffer is unable to be with us.

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The Y. M. C. A. report a very interesting meeting last Sunday afternoon, their subject was "Influence." Prof. H. J. Harnly has consented to address them in the near future.

The Senior Elocutionists have met with much success in presenting their entertainments to the public. They will give their next entertainment at the old Hayes school house Monday evening, March 19th. You don't know what you miss when you fail to hear this Class.

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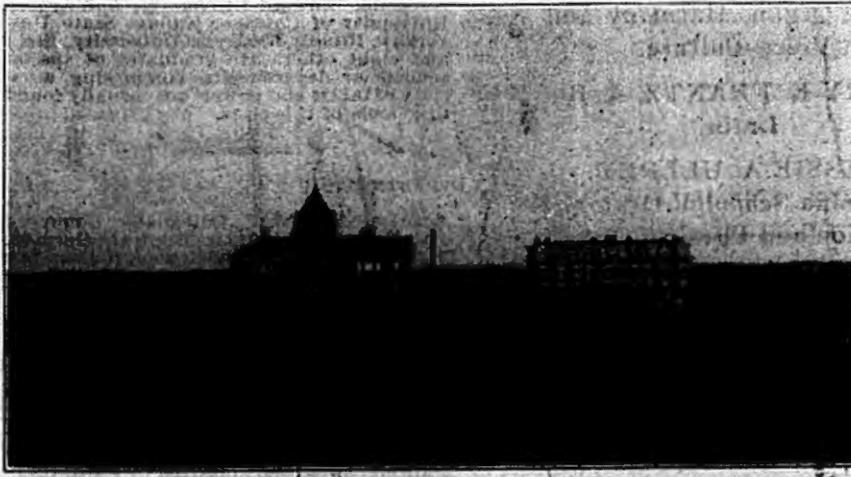
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