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THE COLLEGE AND THE FUTURE

McPherson College opened this year with a splendid enrollment of a fine student body. The spirit of the school was never better. The work is going nicely and everybody seems happy. Our excellent equipment makes it a joy, for we feel we can do, and are doing efficient work. The religious activities are up to the standard, there being good interest in our Chapel worship, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. and student prayer meetings and other activities.

McPherson College is known far and wide, not only in Kansas and the West, but everywhere people know of McPherson College, and think of her as a "high-class Christian College." This fine reputation, based upon genuine efficiency and quality, is drawing students from many new quarters. The alumni of the College are more and more enthusiastic for their Alma Mater as they touch the larger life of human service. As the years go by, they appreciate more and more the quality of work done at McPherson, and above all, the philosophy of life they receive here that gives them the courage and optimism to solve the human problem. Letters come from those in the University stating that they are better equipped than many other students to meet the rigors of post-graduate study and university life.

These facts make us happy, and they make us feel that McPherson College, with her wonderful ideals, traditions, equipment, and standards, is assured a glorious future. Yes, she has achieved what money cannot buy, but like all spiritual values, there must be a material accompaniment. The soul must have a body to get on in this kind of a world. McPherson College has one outstanding need right NOW. She cannot continue as a fully standard college after January 1, 1927, unless in the next 12 months \$200,000.00 more endowment is raised, and

a great deal of our endowment notes of the past paid up. It is difficult, but not impossible. Twenty dollars per member will do it. If the cost of living should go up so it would cost, in the next year \$20.00 per member more, we would manage to meet it. This may seem high, but it is not impossible. A year ago, I was not prepared for a hospital and medical bill of \$600.00, but an accident in the family demanded this amount. Had someone asked me to donate an extra \$600.00 to charity, I would have quickly and confidently replied, "It is wholly impossible." But it was done. Let us hope that the extra expenses for accidents and misfortunes will not come into our homes this coming year, so we can meet the crisis of the College. Perhaps we can avoid more of these extra expenses by giving to McPherson College our quota and then pray and trust that we may guard our lives more closely. It is hard, but not impossible. It can be done; it must be done. If we all pull together it will be done. There are some folks who can spare a farm: there are others who can give bonds and stocks. All can do some genuine giving. If an extra child were in each home this coming year, it would cost more to feed and clothe that extra child than the \$200,000.00 needed for this crisis. Let each home adopt McPherson College as a member of the home for one year, and give her what it would cost to rear one child, and the College will flourish. It can be done.

Do you want McPherson College to remain on the standard list? How much do you want this? Do you want the Church to prosper? Do you want our children to get an education where all teachers are good Christian men and women? Do you value the Church of the future? Of course you do. But there is no way to meet the needs of the future church without the Christian Education of our children. The biggest thing we can do for our children is to pro-

vide for their souls—for a Christian civilization, for a live, spiritual church. McPherson College is the key to this hope.

D. W. KURTZ.

THE ANNUAL BIBLE INSTITUTE
JANUARY, 24-31

An exceptionally strong program is planned for the Annual Bible Institute which will be held at McPherson College, January 24 to 31.

R. H. Miller will give the following:

Regular—1. Sermon on the Mountain.

Regular—2. European Conditions.

Special Lectures:

1. "What it Means to Be A Christian."

2. "He that Willeth to Do Shall Know."

Dr. Kurtz:

Regular study on "Paul."

Special Lecture, "The Pietistic Movement."

John Luke Hoff on Religious Education.

1. A recentered Religious Policy.

2. A Professional Consciousness in Religious Education.

3. A Prophetic Teaching Ministry.

4. A Parish Program of Religious Education.

5. The Project Principle in Religious Education.

6. Educational Leadership for the Local Church.

Rev. E. H. Eby. A regular period on Missions.
(Other features:

Musical.

Play, "The Terrible Meek."

"The Middle Man, The Agricultural Outlook, and Farmer Movements", by Prof. Mohler.

Ministerial Problems leader to be secured.
Let every one interested plan now to be present.

AMONG THE ALUMNI

E. J. Bathurst, A. B. '22, after spending one year in the University of Iowa and two years teaching at Wessington Springs, South Dakota, is again studying at Iowa. He expects to complete his work for the doctor's degree next July.

J. Howard Engle, A. B. '21, has resigned from the position in the Neodesha, Kansas, High School, and is now serving as High School Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Tulsa, Oklahoma. In this new work Mr. Engle meets fifteen hundred boys of the senior high school and many more in the several high schools of the city.

Alice N. Vogt, A. B. '17, returned in May from Ceylon, where she had been teaching for three years under the American Board of Foreign Missions. Miss Vogt is now teaching in the Education Department at North Manchester College.

Miss Grace Brubaker, A. B. '22, is employed as a Y. W. C. A. secretary at Bisbee, Arizona. Miss Brubaker's work is confined chiefly to the clubs among the high school girls.

R. C. Frantz, A. B. '21, has been made superintendent of the Home Telephone Company at Conway Springs and Argonia, Kansas.

Leslie Blackman, A. B. and B. S. '22, is continuing his studies at the University of Delaware.

Ray Vaniman, B. S. '23, had the serious misfortune of losing his right hand in an accident with a shotgun recently. Mr. Vaniman is teaching at Hoisington, Kansas.

William Earl Breon, A. B. '25, is serving as pastor of the Church of the Brethren at Huntingdon, Indiana.

Nine college graduates of the Class of 1925, are pursuing courses in advanced educational institutions: Jay Eller at the University of Washington; Mabel Griffin at the University of California; Harold Lundeen at the Art Institute, Chicago; Layra McGaffey at the University of Kansas; Emmert Pair at the Conservatory of Bethany College, Lindsborg; Harold Strickler at the University of Michigan; E. J. Unruh at the Rochester Theological Seminary; Herkie Wampler at Kansas State College, Manhattan, and Earl Morris at the Kansas City School of Pharmacy.

Two important reunions of Alumni were held in connection with the meetings of the Kansas State Teachers' Association in November. Twenty met in Wichita for a banquet and fellowship meeting. Orville D. Pote, A. B. '23, had this meeting in charge. Field Secretary Ray S. Wagoner was the chief speaker. D. E. Brubaker, A. B. '24, assisted by Miss Sadie Glucklich of the Rocky Mountain Summer School, planned the Salina reunion. Eighty-one graduates and former students attended this meeting.

Ernest Sherfy, A. B. '24, is pastor of the Church of the Brethren at Wichita.

Carl Schneider, A. B. and B. S. '24, and Grace Ebaugh, A. B. '24, were married September 27. Their home is in Liberal, Kansas.

Paul E. Sargent, A. B. '24, and Rowena Vaniman, A. B. '23, were married September 26. The Sargents will live in McPherson.

Miss Minnie Mugler, Music '24, is teaching in Bridgewater College.

Jessie Carter-Johnson, A. B. '23, and her husband, E. S. Johnson, have sailed for India, to take up mission work under the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions

J. Clyde Forney, A. B. '19, has taken the pastorate of the Church of the Brethren at South Bend, Indiana.

McPHERSON CONTRIBUTES TO THE REVOLT AGAINST WAR

An enthusiastic young people's conference for the consideration of international problems was held at the college on October 23-25. Scores of representatives from the various colleges in this part of the State attended the meetings. Besides student discussion groups, a Fellowship Banquet, and messages from state Y. M. C. A. secretaries, some masterly peace addresses were delivered by President Kurtz and Kirby Page. In these messages was pictured most graphically the menace of certain prevailing conditions and movements to the perpetuation of the human race. On the other hand, there is gradually developing an enlightened public conscience with regard to these problems, and the future of our nation and other nations is hopeful, on one condition, i. e., that the Christian forces of all lands unite in one creative enterprise under the banner of Christ, for the purpose of eradicating man's greatest enemy—war.

Men and women are practically unanimous in denouncing war **in general**, but there is not unanimity of opinion in denouncing a **particular** war. It is difficult to realize how any human being can put Christ in khaki or can visualize Christ with a bayonet in his hand, and yet that is logically involved in the philosophy which many hold even today. In 1916, 119 officers were giving military training to American college students; in 1925, 745 officers and 1000 enlisted men were giving military training to college students, and this training has also been extended to high schools. This year, 75,000 college students and 40,000 high school students are being drilled in the uniform three hours each week and in many schools this drill is compulsory. The War Department tells the parents of these boys: "It is not to make soldiers out of your boys" but only to give them efficient physical training. The War Department tells the drill masters: "Always remember that the men are the material being trained and moulded for the work of battle. They are being trained to be soldiers and the model should be actually before them".

When the mass of people learn some of the actual facts about the last war, they may become more enthusiastic in their opposition to war **in particular**, as well as war **in general**. The series of articles by Prof. Barnes in the recent issues of the *Christian Century* on this subject show that America was profoundly deluded by the Great War. "The sole and direct responsibility of Russia and France" for that war is supported by much astounding evidence. A general European war was one part of the plans of France and Russia to get revenge on Germany and promote their selfish ambitions. On the other hand, "German efforts at a peaceful understanding with France after 1870 were probably never as vigorous as between 1912 and 1914, at the

very time when Poincare and Izvolski were bringing to completion their plans for aggression against Germany." The French press was bribed, armaments were increased, and plots were laid by Serbia, for the precipitation of the desired conflagration. In that fateful month of July, 1914, while German rulers were working harder to preserve the peace of Europe than any other European nation (not even excepting Great Britain), Russia was carrying out extensive military preparations obviously designed to provoke war, and Poincare of France made a personal visit to Russia to incite the Russians to still more determined action and to encourage the hesitant czar in the belligerent step. Furthermore, Sir Edward Grey of England confesses that he would have resigned from the cabinet if he had been unsuccessful in his efforts to bring England into the war. Germany explicitly promised to keep out of Belgium if Great Britain would remain neutral, which offer the latter flatly rejected. Not only was the report of German atrocities in Belgium false, but "Admiral Sims has challenged any one to produce evidence of a single German atrocity in the period of submarine activity." "The one true and perfectly authenticated 'atrocity' in the world war, and the situation which produced by far the greatest suffering and death among the civilian population was the continuation of the blockade of Germany for months after the armistice. Not only was this by far the most horrible and tragic indignity perpetrated on non-combatants during the world war, but it was also the one in which not the slightest plea of military necessity could be offered in extenuation or defense." A noted English scholar who accepted a chair in the most honored of American universities at the close of the war, advocated in a lecture before a leading women's college in this country the starvation of German babies as the most constructive step for

European statesmanship in 1922.

"Had Mr. Wilson dismissed Mr. Page (Walter Hines Page) early in the war and replaced him by an honest, courageous and legally-minded ambassador, and preserved a strict neutrality on the part of this country, there seems little doubt that the war would have come to an end by December of 1916, and would have been settled by a treaty of peace infinitely superior in every way to that which was worked out in 1918-19 and imposed by the victors at Versailles". In a war started by France and Russia, when America entered that war on the side of these nations that had started it, America not only did not aid the cause of democracy and peace as many had supposed, but really strengthened the European forces of military autocracy and tyranny by that action. In 1916 and 1917 Germany was ready for peace on very moderate and constructive terms, but "the allies were bent upon the destruction of Germany after they knew that a just peace could be secured by negotiations. What the American entry did was to encourage the allies in the wastes and savagery which led to Versailles, the blockade of Germany after the armistice, and the Ruhr." If it is true that America's part in the war really aggravated and intensified the international problems and difficulties in Europe, America certainly has a duty in doing all in her power to promote existing movements and organizations whose purpose is to foster world brotherhood. America has a definite responsibility to adhere to the World Court and to be not a lagger-on or half-hearted participant in those movements, but their foremost leader and champion.

JOHN L. HOFF.

MISSION BAND NOTES

The Mission Band is and should be a vital factor in the life of a Christian College. It is the purpose of the McPherson College Mission Band to make itself effectively felt as an agency for good. The regular meetings are held each Friday evening. We have had Brother E. H. Eby and Sister Ella Ebbert with us. They each gave us a close up view of missionary work. Brother Eby has promised us a series of at least six lectures on Missions during the winter. Sister Ebbert entertained the Mission Band in her home, in regular Indian style, before returning to India. It was a novel experience to sit on the floor and eat curry and rice with the fingers as the people of India do.

Under the auspices of the Mission Band, a Mission Study Class is being conducted again this year. The group, forty-three in number, feels fortunate in having Prof. Morris as teacher and faculty advisor. Through his effective leadership the class is facing the facts of the race problem as found in Oldham's Christianity and the Race Problem.

The Mission Group plans to present two Missionary plays during the year, also to cooperate with representatives from the other Christian organizations of the school for deputation work among the Churches. With the talent that is available and the interest that is shown, some splendid work should be accomplished. We hope to send out a team during the Holiday season.

ENDOWMENT PROGRESS

The College has three men out after endowment at present constantly. Mr. Ray Wagoner and Mr. Vilas Betts who are making a careful canvas of Alumni. The board also recently secured the ser-

rices of John F. Dietz, an old-time friend of President Kurtz. Mr. Dietz was a resident of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, for a number of years, did building and contracting on quite a large scale, and came in contact with business men and business in a way that fits him admirably for the College job. In recent years he was in business in Detroit, Michigan.

Wagoner and Betts have recently made a tour through Southern Kansas and Oklahoma with success.

Mr. Dietz is making his first tour through the Churches of Colorado and Idaho with encouraging results.

The friends of McPherson College will have to respond to the visits of these solicitors to their utmost if the required endowment will be secured by January 1, 1927.

McPherson will remain a Standard College or it will cease to be such after January 1, 1927, depending almost entirely upon the success of the present endowment effort:

We can keep it Standard if we all co-operate!

Roy Crist and Ruth Hawkins are graduate students at Bethany Bible School.

THE ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

The Endowment Work among the Alumni is progressing nicely. Nearly all of the College classes for the past ten years are organized, and are busy in their effort to make their class record one hundred per cent in the Endowment work. It is planned to give special recognition to all classes that make a one hundred per cent record, and also to the class with the largest per capita giving. This will take place at the Alumni Reunion, and Fortieth Anniversary in 1927.

But the outlook is not hopeless. It could be done quickly and easily if all of our friends who really want to see the school succeed could be made to feel the gravity of the situation. One Alumnus just out of school one year, and who has a large college debt facing him has expressed a spirit that will finish the work in thirty days if it could be grasped by all. He said, "I can't do much, but I will try to give one hundred and fifty dollars by 1927". Then he thought a while and said, "I am ashamed to give so little for the School that has meant so much to me, but say, if you can't make it by 1927, and are up against it let me know and I will borrow another hundred dollars and give it to you." An Institution with friends like that simply cannot fail.