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## TRUSTEE MEETING.

The first annual meeting of the newly elected Board of Trustees was held Jan. 12-13. All the districts were represented except N. E. Kansas. Those represented were:

S. W. Kansas—(at large), Elder J. Edwin Jones; (executive committee), Elder J. J. Yoder, F. P. Dettler, H. J. Harnly, J. A. Flory, J. N. Dresher.

N. Missouri—Eld. E. G. Rodabaugh.

M. Missouri—Elder Jas. M. Mohler.

S. Missouri—L. D. Gibbel.

S. E. Kansas—Gideon E. Shirky.

N. W. Kansas—Geo. W. Burgin.

Oklahoma—Elder Jno. R. Pitzer.

Nebraska—C. J. Lichty.

Western Colorado and Utah—F. L. Baker.

After prayer by Bro. Rodabaugh, the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting, an address by the president of the retiring Board, the reading of the charter and by-laws, the Board was organized by electing Elder J. J. Yoder, President; F. P. Dettler, Vice President; H. J. Harnly, Secretary; W. P. Strode, Treasurer.

The Treasurer's report shows the following endowments:

Carnegie Library .....	\$19,757
General Endowment .....	15,480
College Agricultural Farm .....	15,000
Richardson Farm .....	12,000
Total .....	<u>\$56,237</u>

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The report of the Business Manager shows that the College is not yet on a self-supporting basis. At least \$50,000 of new endowment is absolutely necessary to maintain standards and to develop the new departments.

Dr. D. Webster Kurtz was elected president of the institution. Most of the present faculty have been re-elected. Professor O. B. Baldwin has asked for leave of absence for university study, which has been granted.

The Board was unanimous in its desire to elect only men who in addition to scholarship in their specialties can help develop the moral and spiritual life for which the church stands.

McPherson College has a body of able trustees. Some had been told by their friends that they would be only figureheads. If any had such notions they were dispelled before the end of the first day's session. Every trustee seemed to feel the responsibility, soon caught the spirit of the place, and entered vigorously into the work.

The trustees went into session Monday at 9, were in session all day Monday, all day Tuesday, adjourning Tuesday night at 9:30.

We must not expect too much at once. The trustees are trying to plan carefully, conservatively, and wisely. The college must have larger endowment. The faculty must be increased and strengthened. The agricultural department needs larger quarters and better equipment. The library needs additions. The patronage from the churches should be doubled. The college must serve and conserve the interests of the church more fully. All this means a program that requires larger vision and larger faith and hard courageous work and sacrifice. The motto must be "For Christ

and the Church." Then by co-operation, each one doing his little part, that which now seems practically impossible will be accomplished.

The election of the new board by the ten state districts and the election of Dr. Kurtz to the presidency should mark a new epoch in the history of McPherson College.

Dr. Kurtz is married. His father was an elder in high standing. He is one of twelve children and all are in the church. Dr. Kurtz is making a large sacrifice in coming to McPherson, having been offered twice the salary to teach elsewhere.

The by-laws call for an annual meeting of the board of trustees to be held between the first of January and the middle of February. Special meetings may be called upon occasion.

It was the sentiment of the trustees that inter-collegiate athletics be held to a minimum. The trustees expressed themselves as pleased with the methods used to maintain discipline.

### ART IN HIS PAINTINGS

Prof. F. G. Muir of McPherson College will have an exhibition at the High School Art Exhibit about thirty of his splendid oil paintings. The paintings are of especial merit and the exhibit management feel grateful to him for the favor. Prof. Muir spent Saturday at the High School putting up his collection.

### NOTICE, ALUMNI

The Secretary of the Alumni Association desires the photos and biographies of all members. Please send the same to Professor R. L. Cook.



### OUR NEW PRESIDENT.

One of the first things which the trustees did on Jan. 12 after assembling was to elect a president for McPherson College. Several of the trustees had been attending the Bible Normal, and it was indeed a pleasing surprise when in the evening at the social held in honor of the trustees, Dr. H. J. Haruly announced that Daniel Webster Kurtz, A. M., D. D., had been called to the presidency of the institution.

Dr. Kurtz is a remarkable man. Though young in years he has had a ripe experience. Working his way through difficulties he finished his college course at Juniata College with the A. B. degree. Thirsting for more education he entered Yale University, taking here his B. D. and A. M. degrees. Later his alma mater conferred upon him the Doctor of Divinity degree.

The new president, the fifth to hold that office, is a writer of ability, having written a brief text on the fundamentals of the faith, which book he expects to follow by a larger and more detailed treatment. He is a frequent contributor to the Gospel Messenger. After graduating from Yale he went to Europe on a fellowship and studied in the best universities of Germany. For some few years he has been pastor of the First Church of the Brethren in Philadelphia, Pa. Last summer Dr. Kurtz and wife went with a party on a three months' trip to Europe and the Holy Land, also attending the World's Sunday School Convention at Zurich, Switzerland.

Few men who have been with us have left as profound an impression as Dr. Kurtz. He is ambitious and zealous for the church and her principles. He is at his best on the great fundamentals of the Christian faith. He is a man of fearless convictions and a burning zeal for the Church of the Brethren and her schools.

#### THE BIBLE NORMAL.

It is almost the universal verdict that the Bible Normal held at the college, January 4-11, was the best in the history of the institution. The weather was ideal, the crowds large, and the instructor, Dr. D. Webster Kurtz, was at his best.

At nine each day Dr. Kurtz lectured on the fundamental doctrines of the faith, using as a basis his excellent Bible book. At ten-thirty he lectured on Gala-

tians. At two-thirty the subject was the Gospel in its various aspects of love, faith, truth, liberty, and joy. Each evening Dr. Kurtz lectured on the parables of the kingdom. In all of these Dr. Kurtz proved himself a profound scholar with a hopeful outlook.

The remaining hours of instruction were filled by Dr. H. J. Harnly, who spoke on scientific religion; Professor J. J. Yoder on Church and School problems; Professor R. E. Mohler on agricultural education; and Miss Elizabeth Culp who spoke on Domestic Science and gave a demonstration in connection.

Following is a list of the visitors who registered:

Kansas—J. J. Bowers, Conway Springs; A. J. Smith, Conway Springs; J. Edwin Jones, Larned; G. G. John, Macksville; M. Keller and wife, Larned; Lucy Hibarger, Wichita; Anna Garst, Wichita; M. S. Frantz, Wichita; Pearl Harrington, Oysterville; H. W. Behrens, Lone Star; Mrs. C. P. Miller, Lone Star; Jacob Funk, Peabody; Geo. R. Herr, Hope; J. B. Stutzman and wife, Conway; J. M. Stutzman and wife, Conway; J. D. Yoder, Conway; E. F. Yoder and wife, Conway; Mrs. D. B. Brandt, Conway; Bertha Quellhorst, Conway; W. H. Clark, Conway; Arthur Sell and wife, Conway; W. H. Klepinger and wife, Conway; R. W. Myers, Paola; Roscoe Reed, Hope; D. H. Geiman, Larned; Mary Downing, Conway Springs; Minnie Sipe, Conway Springs; Myrl Strode, Navarre; J. W. Deeter and wife, Bloom; R. C. Flory and wife, Hutchinson; A. P. Miller, Darlow; Ada White, Newton; Mrs. J. A. White, Newton; U. S. Royer, Newton; Margaret Duda, Newton; Ruth Weaver, Hesston; Adam Book, Ramona; Geo. W. Burgin, Waldo; J. A. Nininger and wife, Nickerson; Roy Kistner, Sabetha; L. H. Haldeman, Morrill; C. A. Shank, Abilene; R. O. Boone, Lyons; Lulu Brubaker, Conway; David Stutzman, Conway,

Mary Snyder, Navarro; Edith Snyder, Navarro; Emma Eagle, Abilene.

Oklahoma—Ino. R. Pitzer, Cordell; S. G. Burnett, Cushing.

Colorado—F. L. Baker, Fruita; J. L. Trostle, Rocky Ford.

Illinois—Mrs. Louisa Vaniman, Virden; Mrs. Ma Linda Kline, Virden.

Nebraska—J. W. Gish, Holmesville; J. S. Dell, Beatrice; W. H. Pair, Beatrice; C. J. Lichty, Carleton.

Texas—John Stump, Miami.

Maryland—David R. Petre, Hagerstown.

Iowa—Grandma Strohm, Dallas Center.

Missouri—I. D. Gibbel, Carthage; Jessie Ebbert, St. Joseph.

Pennsylvania—D. Webster Kurtz, Philadelphia.

#### BIBLE TEACHERS BUSY.

Thanksgiving week Professor J. J. Yoder went to Waterloo, Iowa, to hold a revival meeting and dedicate the new \$30,000 country church which the Brethren have recently built near that city. He came back enthusiastic on the idea of the rural church. Christmas week he spent at Morrill, Kansas, conducting a series of meetings.

During his Christmas vacation Professor F. M. Studebaker held two Bible Institutes,—one at Adrian, Mo., and one at Hardin, Mo. Both of the professors returned to help out in our Bible Normal.

#### HOLIDAY REUNION.

Pursuant to the policy of the Alumni Association the class of 1912 had charge of the first Christmas reunion which was held December 29 in the chapel. About



fifty-five were present, including alumni, former students, faculty, and patrons. A short program was rendered, followed by a basket ball game.

### OUR DELEGATES AT K. C.

There were 5000 delegates at Kansas City, Mo., the first week in January attending the World's Student Volunteer Convention. Many of them were prospective missionaries. McPherson College and the local Volunteer Band had the following representatives at the convention: Prof. R. E. Mohler, Ella Ebbert, A. T. Hoffert, Homer Engle, L. A. Stump, Alpha Niwander, Sam Ebbert, J. C. Forney, Estel Jones, and W. H. Yoder.

### FUTURE ENDOWMENT.

Patrons and friends of McPherson College are always glad to hear of any additional endowment for the support of the institution. Elder Jacob Funk, the financial secretary, has not been idle. During the past year two persons have made wills favoring the college. In one will McPherson College receives half of the estate; in the other it comes in on an equality with the children of the testator.

Those having property to leave and desiring to make a permanent investment in boys and girls can well consider the endowment of McPherson College. Human lives cultured by Christian education pay the largest dividends. We need men of vision who look to the leadership of the Church of the Brethren a quarter of a century hence, and believing that the church has a mission and a future are willing to share in its progress.

### THE REVIVAL.

The McPherson Church experienced a deeply spiritual awakening by the coming of Elder and Mrs. J. W.

Lear who conducted the revival which began Nov. 23 and lasted three weeks. Bad weather interfered greatly the first two weeks and it was deemed best to continue one week longer. Large crowds attended when the weather was at all favorable, and the interest was commendable. Nine were received into the body of believers as the visible result of Bro. Lear's labors. Bro. and Sister Lear's workers of unusual earnestness and consecration, and the burden of their message was the necessity of regeneration as one enters the church.

### BANQUET FOR TRUSTEES.

Monday night, Jan. 12, the trustees of the college, the faculty, and those of the students who are members of the Church of the Brethren met in the dining hall of the dormitory for a social time. All the trustees were present except one. Under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Culp of the Domestic Science department a three course supper was served.

The program was planned with a view of getting the trustees in touch with the students. Problems of school and church were freely and candidly discussed. The singing was led by Prof. C. L. Rowland.

The following program was rendered:

The Church of the Brethren: Its Fundamentals and Progress Made—Dr. H. J. Haraly.

Opportunities for Education in the Church of the Brethren—H. H. Niesinger.

Missionary Opportunities in the Church of the Brethren—Eld. J. E. Jones.

Ministerial Opportunities in the Church of the Brethren—Prof. E. M. Studebaker.

In Memoriam—Miss Edna B. Dettar.

Our Mothers—Prof. J. A. Blair.

The Service the College is Rendering—Prof. E. L. Crkik.

The Opportunity of the Church in the College and in the Field—Prof. J. J. Yoder.

These addresses were all full of enthusiasm and optimism. At the close of the program Dr. H. J. Harnly, Acting President of the College, made the first public announcement of the fact that Dr. D. Webster Kurtz had been elected President of the institution. This provoked prolonged applause and exchanging of congratulations, after which the company adjourned.

#### PASTOR COMES THIS FALL.

Bro. A. J. Culler, now pastor of the Geiger Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., comes to McPherson Sept. 1 as pastor of the Church of the Brethren. Bro. Culler was here last summer and preached some very acceptable discourses. Dr. Culler has studied at Yale and has his Ph. D. from Columbia where he specialized in Psychology and Philosophy. In conjunction with Dr. Kurtz he is writing an extended work on church doctrine. This summer Dr. Culler will take a trip to the Holy Land to prepare himself for his pastoral work. In addition to his pastoral duties Dr. Culler will teach a course or two in the college.

#### NEW BUSINESS MANAGER.

At the recent annual Trustee Meeting, Prof. J. J. Yoder resigned as Business Manager of the College. He will, however, remain with the institution, and, besides being president of the Board of Trustees, will teach in the Bible School.

Prof. W. P. Strole is the new Business Manager. He will also spend the summer in soliciting students. Mr. Strole is a good business man and will measure up to his responsibilities.

## ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The annual oratorical event of McPherson College was a double header this year. It assumed the form of a combined Prohibition and Old Line contest. The winner in each is now a candidate for state honors in his respective association. The following gave orations on Prohibition: Merrill Weeden, Monroe Book, Chas. Suffield, and A. T. Hoffert. Chas. Suffield took first place and Merrill Weeden second. P. W. Seidel and Paul Hurnly represented the Old Liners. Mr. Seidel won first place. The program showed up some fine oratorical talent.

The music of the evening was furnished by Miss Pearl Williams, Miss Gladys Mair, and Prof. Chas. L. Rowland. The last number was the selection "Jim" rendered by the male quartette composed of Messrs. Suffield, Rowland, Studebaker, and Geasque.

## LIBRARY NEEDS.

The Carnegie Library of McPherson College needs more books. An effort will be made next summer to materially increase the number. Books make good presents, and we hope that the friends of the college will not fail to remember the library in this matter. Any usable book will be accepted. The librarian is ready to catalog additions and the college will be grateful for any and all gifts.

## EDUCATIONAL BOARD VISITORS.

Each year there comes to the college a committee from the General Educational Board of the Church of the Brethren. Feb. 10 we were favored by the presence of the committee consisting of Dr. John S. Flory, President of Bridgewater College, Va., and Elder J. H. B. Williams, of Elgin, Ill. Mr. Williams is a graduate of McPherson College, receiving the A. B. degree

with the class of 1906. He is now a member of the Educational Board and also Assistant Secretary of the General Mission Board.

### COLLEGE MEN ON THE BOARD.

Six of the Board of Trustees of McPherson College are former students of the institution. Five were educated at our sister college at Mt. Morris, Ill. Seven are elders, one a minister, and six are laymen.

### NOTICE.

According to a ruling made at the last annual business meeting, the yearly dues of each member of the Alumni Association are \$1.00, which is to be paid by April 1. Members will please take notice and remit the amount to the secretary before the date indicated.

### PERSONALS.

Elder and Mrs. J. W. Lear of Decatur, Ill., stayed in McPherson three weeks beginning November 23, conducting our revival. Bro. Lear is without doubt one of the most efficient evangelists we have had. In spite of bad weather there were good crowds and nine persons united with the church.

Prof. J. A. G. Shirk of the class of '01, and later a teacher in McPherson College, but now in the Pittsburg Manual Training School, was recently elected first vice-president of the Kansas Academy of Science.

Miss Ruby Buckman, '08, who is head of the Domestic Science department of the University of Kentucky, has been doing extensive work in lecturing and giving demonstrations over the Blue Grass state.

Dr. H. J. Harnly spent his vacation giving a series of lectures at Bloom, Kansas.

J. W. Docter and wife taught during vacation

week so that they might attend the Bible Normal. They teach at Bloom, Kansas.

Miss Fredonia Quallhorst has been conducting a singing class in Holmesville, Nebraska.

Dr. A. B. Prizell spent his vacation in Chicago, where he went to read a paper before the Chicago branch of the American Mathematical Society.

Prof. and Mrs. C. L. Rowland and baby enjoyed a very pleasant vacation at Wiley, Colo., where Prof. Rowland conducted a singing class.

R. C. Flory, '12, and wife have charge of a mission in Hutchinson, Kansas.

C. S. Wikoff is around again after several weeks off due to an operation for appendicitis.

Dr. A. J. Culler, who will assume the pastorship of the McPherson Church next September, is planning to spend several months next summer visiting the Holy Land. Dr. Culler is at present pastor of the Geiger Memorial Church in Philadelphia, Pa.

P. C. Hiebert, '06, has been selected as the Alumni orator for next spring. Professor Hiebert is Vice President of Tabor College.

I. D. Yoder and wife of Lindsay, Okla., are the proud parents of a girl born in January. Mr. and Mrs. Yoder are both Normal graduates and may return to take the A. B. degree with the class of 1915.

Frank V. Wiebe and wife, both former students, are in Moody Bible School in Chicago preparing for the foreign mission field.

J. C. Russel, '11, has discontinued his work in the soils department of the University of Minnesota.

Prof. E. M. Stuebaker, who will represent Southwest Kansas on the Standing Committee of the East-

the Annual Conference, expects later to spend some time in study in the summer session of the University of Washington.

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An inspection of the list of Bible Normal visitors shows that there were ten states and thirty-six places represented. There were among the visitors nine ministers and twelve elders.

Interest in prohibition in the college has not waned. A regular class on the subject has been organized and is being taught by Prof. E. F. Long.