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Our Normal Course, two Preparatory Courses, two Collegiate Courses, Department of Pedagogy, and Model School (for teacher training) have been approved by the Kansas State Board of Education; and graduates of our Normal Course and Collegiate Courses get State Certificates to teach in Kansas.

OUR AIM.

Our aim is to afford high-grade educational opportunity in an atmosphere of social equality and Christian ideals. We have no aristocracy but the aristocracy of merit.

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President Frantz, Dean of the Bible Department, devotes his entire time to the instruction of the Bible.

Its support rests entirely upon private gifts. No fees are charged Tuition free.

The advantages and privileges are offered to all, without regard to their religious affiliations, and the courses are arranged to meet their convenience.

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Prof. Frantz is a man who does not crowd his own opinions upon his students, but by rare tact and patience encourages and stimulates them to independent thought.

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AMANDA FAHNESTOCK, B. S. L.

As a lover and teacher of "Gods Truth," I have never met his equal.

C. W. WAMPLER, Minister.

S. B. Fahnestock, McPherson, Kan.

Dear Bro:—After best greetings to you I am very glad to hear of the large enrollment at the College. I hope and pray that you will have a glorious and a prosperous year.

My eight children have all been at McPherson College and are now all in the church. May the good Lord help us to hold out faithful to the end. I do not say it to flatter you, but say it because it is true.

The McPherson College is sending out a great influence for good in the western country, and by coming in contact with those of other schools, I am convinced that McPherson excels. So I bid you God speed—go on in the work.

You are sowing good seed. Though

clouds may rise and some times the future may look dark, yet press onward and upward, your work is telling.

GEO. W. PECK,

Falls City, Neb.

Prof. Frantz is a careful, patient teacher and is leading our young people into a clearer conception and more practical appreciation of Bible truth.

E. H. EBY, Missionary Jaliapor, India.

I have sent my seven children to McPherson College. Some of my children have been in school ever since it began. I am well pleased. Some things might be guarded a little better, but where is the family, church or school but could be improved upon?

ELD. S. B. SHIRKY,

Norborne, Mo.

Miss Jessie Harter, of McPherson, Kan., is to succeed Miss Rodabaugh in the department of instrumental music. Miss Harter is a collegiate graduate of McPherson College, Kan., under the instruction of Prof. Muir. She comes to us highly recommended by her teachers. We anticipate for her a successful year with us and solicit the patronage of those who may desire to study music.

Botetourt Normal, Va.

Ex-State Superintendent Public Instruction.

McPherson College ranks among the best educational institutions in the state. It is thorough in its work, Christian in its spirit and progressive in its policies. This institution is known all over the State for its high standard of scholarship. Its faculty is composed of able men and women who enjoy the confidence and esteem of all friends of education. The students of McPherson College take high rank in examinations, scholarships, and in devotion to duty. I trust the institution may meet the success it so richly deserves.

Respectfully.

FRANK NELSON.

Department of the Interior.
Indian School Service, Office of Superintendent,

May 11, 1905.

Can you recommend a good, competent male stenographer and typewriter to me? An accurate, careful man wanted. A man who knows how to keep office matters to himself when "pumped" by outsiders is preferred to a speedy

stenographer who talks too much. Salary \$65 per month. Would be glad to hear from you at once.

With best regards to Mrs. Fahnestock and yourself. I am,

Very truly yours,

THEO. SHARP.

We place the above in the RAYS OF LIGHT as a sample of the many calls we have from our former graduates who are successful in business.

We also attach the following:

July 29, 1905.

Prof. Edw. Franz
McPherson, Kan.

Dear Brother:—

We have been experiencing some difficulty in securing competent office help. This is true especially in employing stenographers. We are very favorably inclined toward the young people who have been edu-

cated in our schools and would like very much to keep in touch with your school on this score.

When you have someone of Christian character, ability, energy, and ambition who desires a business position, kindly write us. We feel that your efforts along this line will prove mutually advantageous. Albaugh Bros., Dover & Co.

State of Kansas—Executive Department
E. W. Hoch, Governor,



GOVERNOR E. W. HOCH.

Topeka, February 18, 1905.

I wish to say a word to you in behalf of McPherson College, of this state. I have lived since it was founded in an adjoining county and know its history and work. It is one of the best colleges of the state; it is accredited by the State Board of Education; it is centrally located and finely equipped. If you will help it you will not regret it.

Respectfully,
E. W. HOCH.

Chester I.
Long, Chairman
Committee of
the University of the
United States.

United States
Senate.

February 18,
1905.

McPherson
College at
McPherson,

Kansas, is one of the best institutions of learning in the State of Kansas. It is accredited by the State Board of Education. It stands near the center of the state, and draws its pupils from

the greatest agricultural section in the country. The college is Christian in spirit, aim, and results. I earnestly request you to give careful consideration to McPherson College.

Very respectfully yours,
CHESTER I. LONG.



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Selling Brains

One of the most unfortunate phases of our driving, hustling American civilization is the accumulation of colossal fortunes in a few months or a few years,—fortunes which it would require centuries to acquire in older countries. This rapid accumulation of wealth, by fair or by unfair means, frequently the latter,

has developed a fatal national restlessness and discontent, and an abnormal passion for money. Our greed has been stimulated until it has become a dominant passion. Even our children have

caught the spirit of this American contagion, and are eager to make money long before they leave school. Almost before he can talk, a child will hold on to a coin, and he seems able to distinguish it from everything else. A boy does not think so much of whether or not he is getting into the place God intended him for as of how much money he is to get out of a job. "What is there in it for me?" is written all over American life.

Is it any wonder that children should thus early exhibit the spirit of greed when, in these days of almost universal education, men assert, as a reason for not sending their sons and daughters to school, that it would not increase their earning power sufficiently to warrant it?

This money craze, or tendency to commercialize the ideal, is found in all walks of life. Never before were so many clergymen, especially young clergymen, leaving the pulpit to go into business. The great commercial prizes are so tempting that their own pitiful salaries look contemptible in comparison. There are clergymen in the American pulpit preaching for a few hundred dollars a year who know perfectly well, and everybody else knows, too, that they could make many times as much money in business careers. Many of them do not see why they should not become rich and powerful; they do not understand why using this money-making capacity is not as legitimate for them as for others. In other words, there is a powerful temptation, today, for a clergyman to turn his creative faculties into

money making channels. * * *

Fortunately for the world, there are still some souls too noble to stoop to dollar-chasing. Does anyone doubt that, if President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard, had chosen a commercial career, he would have been a rich and powerful magnate? He has great executive ability and a commanding personality, and might easily have become a millionaire of money, but, happily, he regards the glory of doing a great thing in service to others, in raising the standard of education, as greater than that of any money-making career.

Some of the presidents of our smaller colleges, perhaps, could be worth more money, today, than the colleges over which they preside, had they chosen a commercial career. But there is a satisfaction which comes to a great educator, who spends his life starting others aright, raising their ideals, and inspiring them with great aims, that a mere money-millionaire can never experience.

There are many teachers in this country who are conscious that they have splendid business ability, but who are giving the best energies of their best years, for pitiful salaries, to the training and making of men and women, who know very well that, in commercial lines, they would stand just as good a chance of getting rich as other men about them.

There are artists and musicians everywhere who are sacrificing money and luxuries which money brings, for the sake of ideals. They prefer the largest self-expression, and the widest freedom for the pursuit of the ideal, to

a little more money, or a little finer homes.—

There are hundreds of poor clergymen, struggling nobly and unselfishly to elevate small communities or city slums to higher standards of living and thinking, who actually lack the ordinary necessities and comforts of life; yet they would not exchange their humble places for fashionable pulpits with large salaries, because they can do more good where they are.

Is a clergyman to be looked upon as a comparative failure simply because he has tried to live the Christ-life, to bear the burdens of others, to lighten others' tasks, to ameliorate the condition of the poor, to encourage the despondent, to cheer the sick, to comfort the dying, and to lift the broken-hearted? Shall he be looked upon as weak-minded because he has given his life for a pitiful salary when he might have become rich?

Is a teacher to be looked upon as poor or unsuccessful because she has preferred to spend her life in building character, developing opportunities and unfolding possibilities for others, and enriching civilization by starting other lives in the right direction rather than in piling up dollars for herself.

Are American youths to be wholly commercialized? Was man made in his Creator's image to be turned into a mere money-making machine? Is that the great end of creation,—the great goal of the universe? Are our brains—our talents,—everything,—to be commercialized? Is that the meaning of life, the ultimatum of the Creator,—a dollar-making machine? If so,

why are we mocked with these infinite longings for immortality? Whence come these heartily-yearnings for the beautiful, this passion for truth, this hunger for wisdom, or this longing for knowledge which money can not satisfy? The soul, the highest thing in man, will starve in the midst of all the money and all the material possessions of the world.

Who can ever estimate what our present civilization owes to the quality of the self-sacrificing clergymen and teachers, artists, musicians, and others who believe there is something greater in the world than money-making, something finer in man than can ever be brought out by a dollar-chasing career? Men and women in all walks of life who would regard it as desecration to commercialize their talents are the salt which flavors civilization. It takes a strong man, of grand character, to refuse to turn his God-given ability into mere money-making instead of life-making.

Of how much more value to the world are the men who have made some of the simplest inventions which have added to real comfort, and have ameliorated the hard conditions of life, even though they have died poor,—yea, some of them in poorhouses,—than those who have done nothing except to accumulate money! The really worthy are those who have contributed to the comfort, the happiness, and the well being of their fellows,—to the enlargement of life, and to the augmentation of the wisdom of the world, not those who have merely piled up selfish dollars.

ORISON SWETT MARDEN.

McPHERSON COUNTY

It has an area of 900 square miles, being 80 miles square.

It has ample transportation facilities, furnished by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Santa Fe, Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific Railways.

McPherson county raises one seventh of the entire broom corn crop of the United States. It has in the past decade led in the production of wheat three times.

McPherson county has practically been free from debt since its organization, and is one of the richest agricultural counties of Kansas.

The schools and colleges (of which there are three) of McPherson county have a national reputation.

The soil of McPherson county is rich and deep and raises every crop indigenous to the temperate zone in abundance.

Bro. Jos. Andes, Real Estate Agent of McPherson, Kansas, will gladly show you the county, city and college hill. He has some bargains for sale. It will pay you to write him.

NORMAL DEPARTMENT

The McPherson College is not the only school west of Topeka, excepting the Agricultural College that is authorized by the State Board of Education to grant LIFE CERTIFICATES to its graduates. And the NORMAL Department of McPherson College is not the ONLY NORMAL School other

than Manhattan west of Topeka, that has the privilege of granting STATE CERTIFICATES without examination but our friends claim we give the highest and most practical course. Come to headquarters for an education. We have no trouble in securing positions for our students.

We lead for high grade work. All we ask is a comparison with those claiming to teach Normal and Commercial Branches.

NOTICE

We want the name and address of at least one person in each family of our state district. We want the name and address of every person who is interested in the cause of education. Will you please aid us with such a list of names?

Mattie Andes, one of our old graduates in the Shorthand Department, who has been with the Brethren Publishing House, Elgin, Ill., spent a few weeks this summer visiting her parents on College Hill.

INFLUENCE

Noble fathers and mothers, surrounded by upright men; all the influence of home, church, school, country, point young men and ladies to virtue and integrity. We ask you to send your boys and girls to McPherson College. We need your patronage. We will do you good.

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ENTERED AT THE POST OFFICE OF M'PHERSON, KANSAS, AS SECOND CLASS MATTER.

E D I T O R I A L

Those Who Want Positions First

"If I were sure of obtaining a position, I'd take the course."

"If I were sure of securing patients, I would study medicine," says the timid student.

"If I knew I could obtain some clients, I would study law."

If Edison had figured on "Ifs" we should be without the telephone and phonograph.

If Pullman had indulged in "Ifs," there would have been no sleeping car magnate.

McPherson College is no experiment;

it is a certainty. We can show results. Our students are successful. If we had no confidence in the future of our students, we could not afford to give our labors, our thoughts, or our time. If we did not know whereof we speak, we would not—could not for a moment—attempt or expect to interest you. The facts are all in "what is your decision?" "If" or "I will."

Patrons and Friends

We wish to thank our patrons and friends for their expressions of appreciation of the work done at McPherson College. It is gratifying to have the assurance that we are the means of getting so many young men and women to make something of themselves, to get so many in such lucrative positions, to be able to aid them to get an education. We wish to assure you that McPherson College is your friend, and is always ready to help you in any way possible.

The Bible Awakens Desire for More Knowledge of Higher Things

McPherson College gives either a two or three year's Bible course free.

There are some four hundred friends who help to support the Bible Department—that's why it is free.

Please give us name and address of any one that may be interested in Bible work.

THEY ARE RE-ELECTED.

Superintendent J. J. Caldwell is visiting friends in the city. He has just returned from a visit to Virginia and other eastern points. Prof. Caldwell has been re-elected at Hoisington at an increase of nearly \$200 in salary, which places the stamp of approval upon his work. McPherson county is proud of her sons. Miss Margaret Goodwin has also been re-elected teacher in the primary department at that place at an increase of wages.—Daily Republican.

The above are two of our normal graduates.

Geo. Edgecomb who was in attendance the at spring term in McPherson College was recently appointed as one of the county examiners. Our boys forge to the front. Come to McPherson College and we will help you to a good position.

Prof. Fahnestock while in Abilene, called on some of the old students—one Mrs. Ida Davidson Hoffman, a sister to H. Frances Davidson who was in college thirteen years ago. She still has a warm feeling for her old Alma Mater.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Sharp, who had been visiting with J. L. Kuns and family on College Hill several days, returned to their home in Winnebago, Neb., recently. Mr. Sharp is manager of the Indian reservation at that place and his wife teaches in the Indian school.

The New Catalog

My Dear Professor:— Upon my arrival at home this morning I found that we had received a catalog.

We like it very much and consider it as only another instance showing the growth of the institution.

There will be four new students from here for McPherson College this year.

Yours Respectfully,

Minnie Bartels.

Aug. 11, 05, Inman, Kan.

I received the catalog this morning and I think it is fine. It is the prettiest catalog that I have ever seen from McPherson College.

ADAH ALLES.

Gypsum, Kan.

The managers of the Brethren College at McPherson, Kan., are out with the neatest school catalogues they have yet printed. It is almost too nice to give away, but we presume it will be sent free to all who apply and are looking for a good school.—Gospel Messenger.

State Certificates and Life Certificates

McPherson College is only one of the fourteen accredited colleges in the state that grants state and life certificates. We wish the reader to know that we are not the only one west of Topeka.

GOES HIGHER

W. S. Harter handed in his resignation at Owosso, Mich. to accept the assistant secretaryship at the Chicago association. He goes in at a fine salary and there are fine prospects of a rapidly increased salary. It is one of the best positions in the United States to come in touch with the general association work of the world.

Mr. Harter has spent time and money in preparation at McPherson College until he received his Bachelor of Arts degree, but he is now in position to do good work and get a commanding salary.

His good wife, Flo Ramage Harter who is also a Collegiate graduate of McPherson College will be an able assistant to Mr. Harter. We wish both the success they so richly deserve.

McPherson College Stands High.

Graduates From its Normal or Collegiate Course Granted State Certificates.

Among the educational institutions of Kansas none stand higher than McPherson college of McPherson, of which Prof. Fahnestock is the business manager and Prof. Edward Frantz is president. This is a Christian college of central Kansas. The school was chartered in 1897 and since that time has steadily increased in patronage until at present it has an annual enroll-

ment of over 400 students.—Mail and Breeze.



Aug. 11, 1905.

Mr. S. B. Fahnestock,

McPherson, Kan.

Dear Brother:—I have often heard of you but never met you. However, I feel that you might be able to give me some information.

This church is looking for a pastor. Is there any one among the boys you have turned out in the last year or two who is somewhat unattached as yet, and qualified to do work of this nature?

We do not require vast experience, so much as a certain quality of wide awake activity, and of course, a spiritual nature. Annual compensation \$700. The church is filled with young people, and at peace, and full of Christian zeal.

If you know of any one I shall greatly appreciate it if you will write me with as little delay as possible. * * *

My Dear Brother:—We put the above in to show that there is a demand for our young preachers. We know of two other places where they are working hard to get a young minister on a salary.

Positions like the above are coming. Qualify yourself at McPherson College where tuition is free under one of our most able instructors. Send for form 13 relating to some things some people want to know about the Bible Department.

Mrs. S. B. Fahnestock attended the Western Student Conference for young women at Waterloo, Iowa, Aug. 18-29. She reported an impression has been made at the assembly at Waterloo, and it will grow, as the facts come out upon the world. The convention has shown the people that women do things, and do them for the uplifting of society.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

We, the undersigned agree to give the sum opposite our names in endowment notes bearing 5 per cent interest, for the \$10,000 upkeep endowment to secure the Carnegie Library, for McPherson College. Paid up subscription to become due when the \$10,000 shall have been fully subscribed.

S. B. Fahnestock	\$1,000
H. J. Harnly	500
S. J. Miller	500
Edward Frantz	500
F. A. Vaniman	500
J. J. Yoder	500
P. of. Claud Shirk and wife	250
H. A. Horton	250
H. H. Kimmel	200
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Ham Shurfey	20
J. E. Throne	20
F. W. Cline	20
C. Shirky	10

C. C. Janzen	10
P. V. Wiebe	10
E. R. Sandberg	10
G. G. Suderman	10
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My Dear Mr. Fahnestock:-

I take unusual pleasure in recommending to you Mr. L. W. Elder who is about to graduate from this institution. Mr. Elder is a young man of exceptional ability, of fine scholarship and of irreproachable character. He has taken considerable work in philosophy, education and in school administration, and

in my judgment possesses remarkable in sight in to these various phases. His mind is as clear as a bell and I have no doubt he can fill the position you have in hand to your entire satisfaction. I commend him unreservedly.

Very Respectfully,

A. S. WHITNEY.

McPherson College is fortunate in securing Prof. L. W. Elder for this coming school year.

to be guided by the testimony of those who have learned by years of experience and observation and whose professional standing certifies of their testimony.

Such is the following:

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 17, 1905.

I have known of the work of McPherson College for a number of years and have been intimately acquainted with some of the faculty for nearly twenty years, and I take this occasion to express to you my high appreciation of that institution and the men at the head of it, and the good work being done there. They preach and teach and practice practical Christianity, and are doing worthy work among the young people to enable them to live Godly, profitable lives.

Yours Sincerely,

C. P. ZANER.

Pres. National Commercial Teachers' Federation, 1905

McPherson, Kansas, Feb. 25, 1905.

McPherson College is one of the staunchest institutions in the state of Kansas. It draws students from a dozen or more states annually.

W. J. KREHBIEL, Mayor.

S. B. FAHNESTOCK, Pres. Councilmen.

EXPERT TESTIMONY.

If you intend to study you should be careful to choose a good college, lest you waste much time and money. How can you determine which is a good one? The only safe way in making a first choice is

OUR SCHOOLS

Are becoming each year more vitally associated with the life and growth of the church. Hence proper supervision is of the highest importance.

But the other phase of the school question just now-

The leaders of the church to morrow will be made up largely of the students of to-day. Weigh this carefully, young

brother and sister, and prepare yourself NOW, as you will wish you had done when you reach the prime of life.

You can do no wiser or better thing than to write to the school nearest you, or to the one which, for some reason known to yourself, you prefer, and get a catalogue, with a view of attending this coming year.

But you think, "I am too poor. Can't some one help me?"

Yes, there are many who could, if they would. But such thoughts are not worthy of our BEST young men and women. They rise above such conditions, overcome such obstacles, and by the very victory which they wrench from the seemingly impossible, prove to God and their fellow-men, their ability to conquer and their worthiness to be entrusted with still greater things.

Anybody can go to school when he has money to do it; it takes young men and women of the stuff heroes are made of, to push through school, earning every dollar of the way.

The larger portion of the on coming ministers of the church at home have prepared for their life work in our church schools; the missionaries on the field received nearly all their training in our schools.

Can anything point more forcibly, showing what must be done by every young man and woman, if he or she wishes to serve God and the church to the highest point of efficiency?

A letter addressed to the president will bring, with all needed information, a prompt and courteous reply. Write to-day, not to morrow:

McPHERSON COLLEGE,
McPherson, Kansas.

The above was clipped from the Missionary Visitor, Elgin, Ill.

College Hill and Personal.

The Hill this summer has been more interesting than for some time, owing to the Summer Normal. The crowd was not large, but the school atmosphere was present. It reminded us of the College term at least. The pleasant weather made it very nice indeed. Not much sickness has been reported, and everything has been moving off in good shape.

The farmers that live here on the Hill and farm out in the country, report good wheat and oat crops, and the coming corn crop promises to be exceptionally good. The wet weather did not bother very much and the crop was saved in good condition.

Prof. Frantz and family spent a very pleasant time at their old home in Va. Going to the Annual Conference, where Prof. took active part with the Sunday School, and the Educational work, and from there they went to their former home. They spent about thirty days in the east. After returning home Prof. began making arrangements to go to N. D. where his sister lives. He was gone about one month.

Mr. Riley Brubaker is erecting a large dwelling house. His large and abundant wheat crop undoubtedly speaks for this. He is making a success at Kansas farming, being here a little over two years. Last summer he completed a large barn, and with their new house completed, they will have a fine farm. His wheat crop tallied close to four thousand bushels, and with the price received he has a handsome reward. He has a fine oats crop still in the shock, and a good corn crop coming on. He

moved his family here to get the advantage of the school, and preparations are made for several of their children to commence with the opening of the school.

Mr. N. G. Neher reports a good crop on his farm south of Galva. He is a prosperous farmer, and knows when he has a good crop. He moved his family here last spring to give his children an education. They are taking advantage of this as two of the girls are well along with the Normal course. Mrs. Neher has been spending the summer in Colorado, their former home. Mr. Neher is planning a trip to California this coming fall.

Elder Dickey left for Colorado the latter part of July. He went out to look after his property. He has a farm located in the Sterling neighborhood.

H. M. Barwick, graduate of the Collegiate class of '05 has been spending most of his time at home, in the interest of his rope machine, having purchased the patent for most of the U. S. He has been up in Canada, in Illinois, and Colorado, working in the interest of the machine. He has proven a success with it so far, having disposed of several thousand at one time. Mr. Barwick is a business man, and has the ability of making a good financier.

Geo. and Mrs. Edgecomb have been spending their summer on the Hill, and taking school work. George is principal of the Canton school, and Mrs. Edgecomb has been teaching in the country, but will teach in Canton this winter.

Mr. Geo. Kuns and family are here visiting their parents. Geo. is attending the Chicago University. He has been doing some good preaching in the Col-

lege Chapel this summer. All like to hear his able discourses. He expects to go back to Chicago for the opening term this fall.

Prof. S. J. Miller is out on the road most of the time in the interest of the gold mine in Colorado, of which he is president. He is meeting with splendid success. He also visited the International Sunday School convention at Toronto, Canada, speaking very highly of his trip.

Prof. S. B. and Mrs. Fahnestock spent a week at Lawrence where their niece was married. They reported a pleasant visit. He is working on a course of lessons in business penmanship for the coming school year to be used in the school room.

Prof. H. J. Harnly spent a month traveling in the east and south, attending the Conference at Bristol, Tenn., and from there going south down in Florida, Georgia and Alabama, back to his former home in Illinois. He reports a fine trip, and much pleased with the south and its many queer attractions. He thinks he has gained something out of his trip that will be of benefit to him in the class room. After returning he made preparations to go out in the interest of the College.

J. M. Snyder is working on his house. He enlarged the porch, and is painting the house. He also built cement steps, making a very nice entrance. The work makes a very nice improvement to his residence.

John L. Kuns having purchased an interest in the rope machine business has been doing considerable business with it. R. G. Mohler, Frank Garst and Harry Crumpacker working as general agents.

W. O. Beckner, principal of the Galva school, has been spending the summer at home. Working some in the harvest field.

H. C. Crumpacker is sub. clerk in the Post Office of the city. He took the examination last winter, and just received an appointment.

J. E. Throne has turned to general contract work, painting, carpentry and general roustabout. He painted the roofs of the dormitory and college building, Prof. Fahnestock and Mrs. Fahnestock's, his mother, and Mr. Reber's house.

R. G. Mohler, graduate of '04 has landed a position at Albaugh Bros. Dover & Co., Chicago. He is working in the mailing department.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kuhn have moved down town. Their house on the Hill is rented to several students.

Mr. M. O. Kilmer is busy with his hogs, as he is expecting to exhibit some of the fine ones at the coming County fair.

Prof. F. G. Muir has been very busy with his summer school of music. He has had a very good attendance.

Mary Pearson accompanied by her father visited some of her friends in Illinois stopping several days in Chicago, and from there to Mt. Morris, Ill., where father has a brother.

Mrs. Ella Arnold and Ruth are visiting in the east. They left for the Conference, and from there returned to Mrs. Arnold's former home.

Mr. Levi Mohler moved his family to the Whitmore property, where they will stay during the coming year.

W. H. Clark is carrying mail in the city, receiving an appointment the last of June. However it is not permanent.

He stated that he would be in till the first of September.

D. H. Clark, brother of Will has secured the Conway school, at a handsome salary.

C. H. Slifer, graduate of the Normal has secured the principalship of the east building in the city.

Stutzman Strohm & Co., is the firm name of one of the leading groceries of the city. All of whom have been in McPherson College. Frank having been in the business for some time is competent for the position, while ably assisted by his brother John, graduate of the Normal of '05, and Ray C. Strohm graduate of '03. Their future prospect is quite satisfactory.

Prof. J. A. Clement, teacher of the pedagogical department for the past three years has a leave of absence for one year. He takes University work. Prof. Clement will be greatly missed by the faculty and students.

The following McPherson College students are located in McPherson County schools. Some of which are last years graduates: Mary McGill, Inman; Effie Lindell, Conway; Carrie Mathes, Sharps Creek; Anna Stutzman, Monitor; Malinda Beyer, Liberty; J. S. Mullen, Bunker Hill; Flossie Williams, Rose Hill; Anna Lovett, South Diamond; Ruby Buckman, Hayes Center; Silvia Miller, Groveland; W. H. Clark, Hilton; Iva Sawyer, Burk; Maud Rupp, Meridian; Henry Stutzman, Mt. Pleasant; Helen Hollum, Scandia; Jake Stutzman, Westfield; Effie Kaegi, Mound; Bessie Damsel, Baker; W. I. Gumm, Wheatland; S. D. Miller, Old Hayes; Mayme Gatz, Elmdale; Hattie Heckethorn, Flora; Gertrude Abel, Santa Fe; Willie Lovett, Lilly; James R. Rothrock, Elyria.

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During last year and the present year, the Bible Department of McPherson College has been supported by donations. The development of this department has been so encouraging and it has such manifest chances for good fruitage, that no one who has come in contact with its workings could think for a moment of having it discontinued. An encouraging start has already been made toward procuring an endowment for its perpetual support. While this endowment fund is being created funds are needed for immediate use—or rather for use after the close of the current year. So the friends of this cause are appealed to to keep the work already in progress going during a five year period. It is hoped that at the end of this period, the department may be largely or wholly supported by endowment. Let every one who can help, whether little or much, join us in this movement. We ought to have two teachers for this department. Please fill out and send to F. A. Vaniman, McPherson, Kansas, the following form, or send for separate membership form.

The McPherson College Bible Club.

For the purpose of making the Bible Department of McPherson College permanent, and thus promoting the study of the Holy Scriptures, I agree to become a member of this special club and to continue as such during a period of five years. It is understood that efforts will be made to secure one thousand members.

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Signed

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Some Things Some People Want to Know.

1. How long does it take to complete the Bible Course?
We have two courses, one requiring two years, the other, three years.
2. What is the difference between these Courses?
The chief difference is that the longer Course includes Greek and Hebrew.
3. Does it pay to study Greek and Hebrew?
That depends. If your previous education has been such as to prepare you to pursue these studies successfully, and if at the same time you can do it without neglecting your English Bible, it will pay you. But it is a waste of time to study Greek and Hebrew at the expense of a good, working knowledge of your Bible as you have it in your mother tongue. This is of the first importance and upon this the emphasis should be laid.
4. If I take Bible studies must I take the regular course, or, may I select such studies as I wish?
You may take any part of the Course you desire.
5. If I finish a course will I then know all about the Bible and understand everything in it?
No. The possibilities are that the field of unexplored knowledge will look larger to you than when it does now.
6. Then what good will it do me to take the Course? Would I not better stop before I begin?
O, no. It is a good thing to find out how little we know, even if it does pinch our pride a bit. By taking a course we get our eyes opened to the vastness of the field of Bible knowledge. We acquire a greater love for the Bible and a higher appreciation of its worth. We learn much that is helpful, and, what is more important, we acquire an intense thirst to know more, and learn how to pursue our own study to greater profit.
7. Do you not make use of other books as helps to Bible study?
There are a few subjects closely related to Bible study which we consider essential to the Bible student, such for example, as the history of Christianity, in which we are compelled to use other books than the Bible. But by far the greater part of our work consists in the study of the Bible itself, and in the majority of the classes we use no other text-books. Our position on this point will doubtless be regarded by some as extreme, but we desire above all things that the student shall get his ideas of what the Bible teaches from the Bible itself, and not from books which men have written about the Bible. The experience of ten years in teaching Bible classes fully convinces us of the wisdom of this course.
8. What is the cost of tuition?
In the Bible Department tuition is free.
9. Is tuition free because it is not worth anything?
No. And it must not be supposed that it does not cost anybody anything. It is free because certain friends of the work are so strongly impressed with the need of it that they are willing to pay for its support themselves, that the largest possible number may enjoy its advantages.
10. Is it advisable to take other studies in connection with Bible studies?
If you already have a good general education or if you can spend only a very short time in school, you would probably better confine yourself to your Bible studies. But if you can spend a longer time, and especially if your previous educational advantages have been limited, it is best to take a part of your work in the literary department.

11. How does such an arrangement affect the cost of tuition?
You pay no rate for such other studies as you take. If you take one literary study with Bible studies you pay one-fourth the full tuition, two studies, one-half, etc. This is a special concession to Bible students and applies only to those who take two or more studies in the Bible Department.

12. Tell me something about this HIGHER CRITICISM we hear so much of these days. What does it mean and what does your school do about it?

At the term was originally used among scholars it was innocent enough. In the primary sense HIGHER CRITICISM is the study of the books of the Bible for the purpose of learning all that can be known concerning the circumstances of their writing. The name was meant to distinguish it from TEXTUAL or LOWER CRITICISM, which is the study of the different Bible manuscripts for the purpose of determining the text. The terms LOWER and HIGHER signify nothing more than the order in which these processes naturally come. But because a few of the scholars who have pursued these lines of study have promulgated views which vitally deny the divine inspiration of the Bible, the divinity of Christ, and other fundamental Christian doctrines, the term HIGHER CRITICISM has come to be used most commonly as a name for such views. In this sense of the term you may be sure that we have no use for it, except to do all we can to counteract its influence.

13. What theory of inspiration do you teach?
We do not teach ANY THEORY of inspiration. We teach the FACT and let the student take care of itself. We know that electricity is a real thing, for we see its manifestations, and, within certain limits, can control its operations. But nobody has yet been able to tell us precisely what it is. Just so the evidence that the Bible is inspired of God, that it is the message of God to man, is to our minds overwhelming. But the exact nature of the process we do not pretend to be able to define.

14. Do you spend a good deal of time in discussing puzzling and speculative theological questions?

No. We ignore such matters almost entirely, unless attention to them is forced upon us. If a student is really troubled by such questions we do our best to help him, and have found that usually we can help him most by urging him to persistent, prayerful Bible study and patient waiting. Such a study and attitude of mind inevitably results in an increasing faith in God and His Word, and as the student gets a real acquaintance with His Bible and an appreciation of its true character, difficulties of this class either disappear or lose their importance to the mind. To know the message which the Bible has for us is the burden of our effort, and if you are more interested in knowing what Christ's wife was, or why God made the devil, than you are in learning what God wants you to do, it is not likely that our work would suit you.

15. I believe that is all that occurs to my mind just now and I wish to thank you for the information you have given me. If I think of something else later, how shall I proceed?

We suggest that you write a personal letter to Edward Frantz, President of the College and Head of the Bible Department.

16. Is it worth while? Will he answer my questions if I do write him?
He will if he can. If he cannot, he will tell you so. At any rate it will be worth a stamp to see what he has to say.

17. Must I put in an extra stamp for his reply?
Exercise your own pleasure about that. If you do he will appreciate your thoughtfulness, and will have a much higher opinion of your character for success. Still let us tell answer your letter whether you put in the stamp or not.

18. Must I put on the envelope all that string of words written after his name in your reply to my fifteenth question?

That is not necessary. You can save both a little ink and time, and your letter will reach him just as soon if you simply write EDWARD FRANTZ, McPherson, Kansas.



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