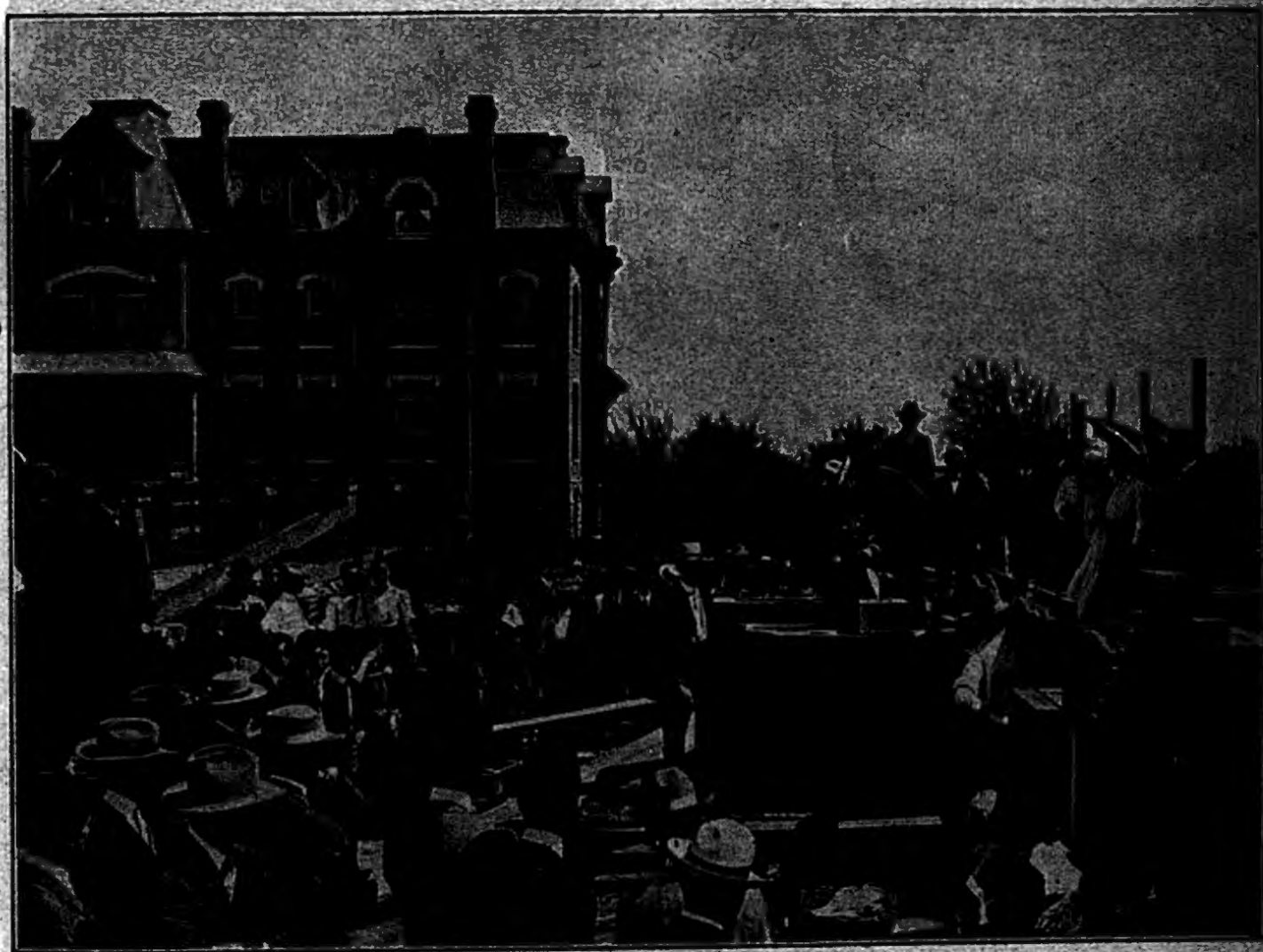


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An Epoch Marker in the Growth of McPherson College. The Laying of the Corner Stone in the New Carnegie Library Building, Sept. 11, 1906.

SCHOOL OPENS.

CORNER STONE LAYING.

On Sept. 5, 1888, the doors of McPherson College were first thrown open to the public.

On Sept. 11, 1906, for the nineteenth time in the history of the institution the yearly session began. It has become a custom to meet in chapel for a public address on opening day, after which the work of enrollment and selection of studies is carried forward. The McPherson Daily Republican published the following account of the proceedings:

Today was a gala day at McPherson college. The opening of the nineteenth year of school was made the occasion of two timely addresses and the ceremonies of laying the corner stone in the new Carnegie Library building. At ten o'clock the chapel was well filled with eager listeners waiting to welcome Prof. Clement, the orator of the day. After becoming devotional exercises led by Pres. Frantz, Prof. Clement was introduced and gave a masterly address on the general subject, "Education a Process." Prof. Clement is an educator and well fitted to point out as he did the difference between an educator and a teacher. "A teacher," said he, "knows the facts and can teach them as such, but an educator studies education as a profession, as a branch of learning, just as theology or commerce. All education must be connected. Today's acquisitions must be linked in organic relation with all the former experiences. Education is not a finished, complete product, but a life process. These processes go on in the individual whether we know it or not and it is the teacher's work to discover and recognize such activities, giv-

them direction to useful ends. The work of the home for the first seven years of life is exactly the same as the work of the school. Studies pursued are simply so many classifications of the facts of the universe."

He pointed out the value of manual-mental training. The boy who is inaccurate in his algebra, learned to be accurate in making a joint in carpentry. Many pupils are thought to be

dull mentally when in reality they are deficient in hearing or seeing. "For this reason," declared the speaker "the physician should be linked directly with our educational system."

The entire address was a masterly discussion of the work of an educator, and is in brief an outline of the policy Prof. Clement expects to follow in his own work as dean of Pedagogy in McPherson College.



EDWARD FRANTZ, A. M.,

**President of McPherson College and Dean
of the Bible Department.**

At the conclusion of Prof. Clement's address, the vast audience marched in a body to the foundation work of the new library building where with trowel and level Prof. Harnly put in position the one stone holding records for the future ages to discover. Prof. Harnly took occasion to review the history of the library movement in general. The recent excavations in the Orient reveal wonderful treasures of history. "The library of Nippur had records 4,000 years old. They were on clay tablets. The library at Alexandria had its volumes of papyrus or parchment. They were at best cumbersome affairs for preserving information. The present day library is filled up with convenient books. "The printing press," declared the speaker, "is the greatest invention of modern times."

He spoke also of city libraries and their influence upon modern social progress. They compete favorably with the saloon and gambling den in furnishing the young man a place to spend his evenings.

Libraries have proved so useful that being a librarian has become a profession just as being a teacher or lawyer.

The stone was placed in the pier on the right side of the door at the north front of the building. It is about eighteen inches square and eight inches thick. It has simply the date "1906" engraved on one side. In the opening inside was placed a sealed copper box containing a catalogue of the college, several copies of *RAYS OF LIGHT*, the letter from Mr. Carnegie donating the ten thousand dollars for the building, a list of those donating to the upkeep of the building and several copies of the *Daily Republican*. "These," said Prof. Harnly, "will show the excavators of future ages when they



S. B. FAHNESTOCK, A. B., M. C.,

Superintendent of the Business Department of McPherson College, who has trained more men for good paying positions than any other man in this part of the United States.

unearth and open this box, what kind of creatures peopled the earth in their prehistoric times."

Robb was on hand and took several pictures of the proceedings, one of which we understand will also be put into the box before it is finally sealed.

This afternoon the work of registering students is going on. Hundreds are here already and almost every train brings others. The enrollment promises to exceed anything in the history of the institution.

Here is a letter from one of our old students. It speaks for itself.
Office of Register of Deeds.

Watonga, Okla., Aug. 10, '06.
Hon. S. B. Fahnestock,
McPherson, Kansas.

My Dear Prof: I must again write you a few lines as I often think of you and McPherson College. I have a brother who has been figuring for some time on going to

school to take a Commercial course, and I have been using my influence towards your college, and I feel confident that he will take my advice. Father is going to foot the bill and I told father that I thought a person could get through school at McPherson College for less than any other school I knew of. My brother has been in communication with several colleges and they have made him all kinds of inducements, such as doing work for tuition, paying his car fare to school etc., but I tell him he is paying for it all in the long run, as a person never gets anything now-a-days without paying for it. And generally where they offer that kind of inducements a person pays dearly for it in return. I am quite confident that if you will write him a nice letter giving him some views of the many advantages that a person can obtain at McPherson college, I am satisfied that he will come to your school. Father is gone to Canada, but before he

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EDITORIAL

He who lives without consciously using his powers in helpfulness to others is missing the keenest and sweetest satisfaction which it is possible for men to experience. It is not enough to simply "be good" and make no trouble for others. Positive activity is the evidence of life. A tree is known to be alive, not because it stands and waves in the winds, but because it has leaves and fruit. So all life finds expression in positive activity. The genuine student lives not to take everything into himself, but to take in only that he may give out to others. A young man was recently heard to remark: "I want to do more for my fellowmen this school year than I've been doing." And that is exactly right. The road to success in life is the highway of service.

Will power is one factor in the human make up that

makes some people different from others. When in the year 1066 William the Conqueror landed in England, his foot slipped and he fell sprawling upon the ground. His superstitious warriors were terrified and grabbed him up exclaiming "a bad sign, a bad sign." But William grabbed both hands full of earth saying, "thus do I sieze the land." A less determined man would have taken it as an unfavorable omen, and victory for him would have been impossible. It makes all the difference in the world whether or not we are determined to succeed before undertaking a task.

In her journey around the Sun the earth travels at the marvelously rapid rate of eighteen miles per second.

When you go to counting up the cost of an education, give full space for an itemized statement. Then in a parallel column itemize the gain in a similar manner. Never count the cost of a good thing without counting the gain also.

When we say we do things without thinking, we really mean to say that we have thought out a course of action previously and have just now given expression to our thought. An action is a result, for which there must be a cause somewhere. That

cause may be variously located as in the environment, or in the inherited tendencies or in personal choice, but it is the latter that we need to emphasize most. What we choose to be we are becoming. Correct choices is the work of the lifetime. It is the work begun in our student days and no young person can afford to go far in his life journey without having set himself unflinchingly to the task of habitually choosing the Good and the True.

LET IT BE REMEMBERED

That a great Bible Institute will be held at McPherson College in January or February of the coming year. Let every Minister and Sunday School Teacher within five hundred miles of here plan to avail himself of this grand opportunity to go deeper into the truths contained in God's Word. Write us for particulars. Tuition free.

YET ANOTHER DAY.

(From the Sunday School Times.)

Gracious God, may thy world speak to me of thy love! May the glories of nature lead me into reverence and love! May the wonderful vesture draw me to still one more wonderful Lord! Wilt thou grant unto me thine own gift of meekness and lowliness? May I be of a quiet spirit! Save me from the restlessness of spirit which so often leads to panic. May

I have the grace of repose! Holy Spirit, breathe upon me thy reviving breath. May my life awake to nobler activities. May no power lie in unhallowed sleep. May all that is within me praise thy holy name. If any faculty within me be withered, wilt thou graciously restore it? If anything be growing within me which ought to be dead, wilt thou graciously destroy it? May I abound in the flowers of the spirit. May I be a child of beauty! My Father, help me to remember that I am a member of a great family. May I keep in mind the vast necessities of the race. I pray for all peoples. May the barriers that divide us be destroyed. May we come into a living kinship in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

The social given for the purpose of getting acquainted with all the girls Sept. 14 was a very decided success. In a contest in remembering the names of most new girls, Mrs. Anna Crumpacker carried away the honors.

On the first Sunday of the school year Mrs. Fahnestock gave the girls a little heart to heart talk on the Association and the opportunities it affords for Christian activities. Two of the most promising features are the systematic Bible Study, and social life in an atmosphere that is clean and uplifting. The task which the Association has set for itself is to train the girls for aggressive Christian work when they go back to the home church.

Sunday, Sept. 28, was Bible Rally day. President Frantz favored us with a most helpful address on the subject of Bible Study. He gave two general reasons for the study of the Bible. First: the part it may play in one's education. In the discussion of Bible topics, which we hear, even in ordinary life, we as girls should feel ashamed not to keep up to date. We ought to know at least some of the facts narrated in so wonderful a book. But we have found that to be up to date in education it is not enough to simply know facts. The facts and teachings of the Bible help us to find our own mental and spiritual capacity for Truth. It should be studied, it is true, for its history and literature as such, for the part it has played even in nations other than the Jewish. But for intellectual strength and power, no profounder themes can be found than those contained in God's Word. Second: It should be studied for the facility it affords us for spiritual growth. It is the supreme guide book on our relations to each other. A bright, active girl will not be content to stop with simply the Bible instruction she gets in the home and Sunday School but she will want to ferret out some of its great truths for herself. And having done so, she will find it a great source of comfort to her in the dark days which cloud every one's life. The uplifting strength it gives her by bringing her into close touch with heroic characters, acts as a continual spur to her to strive to achieve in some respect what they attained.

MUSIC NOTES.

Prof. Muir has a very large number of music students this year. They purpose to give a memory recital soon. We all know what a treat that means.

Miss Rhea Berg is doing some very excellent work in Piano.

There's going to be a double quartette this year.

Mary Reiff will finish the course in Vocal Music this year.

Amy Peterson can be counted on as one of McPherson's future musicians.

Pearl Blackman is continuing her study this year with very marked progress.

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left he told me that if Isaac wanted to go, and would go to a school that was not too high priced, he would foot the bills.



I feel that I owe much to McPherson College. I run a little better than \$3600.00 last year; will not do quite so well this year, but will run over the \$2500.00 mark. If it had not been for the good I obtained while at McPherson College, I am satisfied that I could not have ever obtained such a position. I am glad I can do something to help along the good cause of McPherson College. Hoping to hear from you in the near future, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

P. J. LOEWEN,

Register of Deeds, Blaine Co., Okla.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The books for the Bible classes have come, and the boys are at work on their lessons.

Secretary Dadisman conducted the devotional meeting for men the first Sunday of the year.

Where is the man who can throw the hammer farther than Barnes or vault higher than Barnhill?

The enrollment of men for Mission and Bible Study compares favorably with any record ever made.

The receptions for the benefit of the new students have been very successful in making every body feel at home.

The Athletic field is a scene of life every evening. Systematic exercise is one thing every man must have to do his best in school.

Rev. Hanson of the Baptist church gave the men an address on Bible Study on Sunday afternoon. He took for his text the familiar Second Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved," with emphasis on the "study." This he said is a characteristic of the real student, and without it the best talent will be unsuccessful in life. The mere possession of tools makes no one a carpenter or mechanic. No more does a mere verbal knowledge of the Bible make a person a full grown man in character. The effectiveness of the Word depends largely upon the skill and tact with which we use it, and this we acquire only through its systematic study. The whole address was bristling with choice facts and was greatly appreciated by the boys.

OF GENERAL INTEREST

V. O. Curtis has a fine position at Garden City.

Ruth Bukey has enrolled for collegiate study.

Grover Andes has enrolled for a Business course.

The ladies have organized for some athletic work.

Wade Allen is doing work in the Business department.

Mrs. Clement has enrolled for advanced collegiate work.

P. V. Wiebe is teaching near Inman at a good salary.

India Cripe has enrolled in the Normal department.

Chas. Fahnestock is doing work with the Sophomores.

Ivan Herr is teaching school near Abilene at a good salary.

Frank Smith is taking work in the Business department.

Helen Goodsheller came back from Colorado to enter school.

Eugene Mingenback is taking work leading to electrical engineering.

Work on the Library building was delayed a few days for lack of materials.

Jas. Bosserman and wife of Oklahoma are visiting at Elder Jacob Witmore's.

After threshing all summer James Rothrock has come back for collegiate work.

Henry Garst came for opening and is taking work in the Business department.

Merle Slagel brought his sister along this year. They have rooms in Mr. Hedine's house.

The various Literary Societies have reorganized and promise to do some high grade work.

Elsie Buckman and Almo Young are two of Monitor's bright young ladies enrolled in the Normal course.

Lawrence Gallaher came in to take work in the Normal department leading to a state certificate.

Roy Baker writes that he will be here for work in the Scientific department by the beginning of next term.

Roscoe Ingalls resigned a good position with the Rock Island at Medora, to continue his collegiate work.

Prof. Clement is making good all former records in supplying his students with work. Just ask the Senior Normals.

Bessie Ring, who won the scholarship in the spelling contest in this county, has entered for work in the Normal course.

Myrtle Picking is teaching at Woodbine, Kansas. She writes that she will return to continue her collegiate course next year.

Secretary Dadisman of the Y. M. C. A. was here over Sunday and conducted a mass meeting for men. His visits are very helpful.

Bertha Colline comes out from the city on Saturdays to take work in the collegiate department leading to a life certificate.

P. D. Strausbaugh is enjoying a visit from his father and mother who are making an extended visit in Kansas and Nebraska.

Walter Coulson is another young man who is striving upward. It's the bottom of the ladder that's crowded. Why not go higher?

Prof. Shirk has added several hundred dollars worth of new apparatus to his department. Quite a lot of it is his own manufacture.

A large number of the students are supplying themselves with the new American Revised Bible. Prof. Frantz uses them exclusively in his class work.

Geo. H. Cook, a former Business graduate, is now in Kansas City in the railway service at a good salary. It pays to prepare in a first class Business school.

The Zoology class is so large that more new microscopes must be ordered to provide laboratory equipment for all. And this has been the record of almost every year of school.

Ben Dykes is one of our new students.

Edna Zigler came in to resume her studies.

Nellie Green is busy in the Normal department.

Roy Flowers is one of the new students this year.

Roy Carlson is working for a Normal State certificate.

Myrta Hilderbrand is among the busy workers this year.

H. W. Lorenz spent Sunday at his home near Hillsboro.

G. H. Davisson has entered for work with the Sophomores.

Ava Fulton is doing good work in the collegiate department.

Flossie Horning has enrolled for the advantages of the school year.

Howard Kasey returned this year and brought his brother with him.

Prof. J. A. G. Shirk has accepted the chair of Mathematics in Ottawa University.

Letitia Gilchrist is another of the Iowa girls who comes to McPherson College.

Maude Way Drescher and little Miss Margurite visited on the Hill a few days.

Florence Gerberick came all the way from Minnesota to take work in McPherson College.

P. C. Heibert has come back from his western trip. We expect to see him here before long.

Elder Seibert, formerly of North Dakota, has been here looking around with a view of locating.

Ella Ebbert has returned after a couple of year's absence to continue her work in the Normal department.

Maude Miller, one of McPherson City's High School graduates of '06, will continue her education in McPherson College.

Miss Bartels has begun the work of arranging and classifying the books in the library. The A. L. A. system is being used.

Harry Crumpacker gave up a good position in the city post office to do work with the Collegiate Juniors.

P. D. Stausbaugh and wife came all the way from Ohio to take work in the Normal department leading to a state certificate.

H. M. Barwick has just closed a very successful evangelistic effort in the Saletha church. He is now preaching at Belleville.

F. H. Crumpacker is spending some time in evangelistic work. He is now at Wichita to continue until the District meeting there in October.

Herman Allen spent part of the summer in McPherson. He has accepted a position in the Physics department of the Kansas City High School.

There has never been a time in the history of McPherson College when the dormitory was filled up as fast at the opening of school as it was this year.

S. C. Miller stopped off here a few days. He has entered the de-

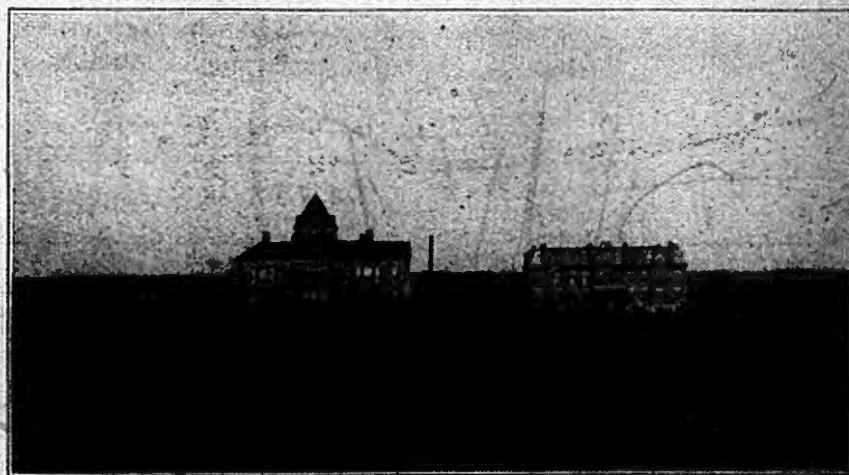
partment of Theology in Chicago University. He spent the summer in western Nebraska canvassing.

Marion Studebaker and his sister Miss Lena are among our busy workers. Mr. Studebaker held the office of county examiner in his home county. He has consented to assist us in some tutor work.

Ed Nelson passed through recently enroute to Garden City where he enters the employ of the Sugar Beet Company at the very neat sum of \$75 per month as sugar chemist. If he hadn't gone to school and prepared himself he would be still in the Dollar-and-a-half-a-day class.

From the demand that is being made for work in the scientific department leading to Civil Engineering and Medicine, there will soon need to be some new departments established. Already much of the work required in these departments can be done here.

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On the first Sunday evening of school, the Christian Workers meeting had a very decided missionary flavor. F. H. Crumpacker was in charge. Prof. Shirk very kindly assisted with his new Stereopticon. It has an opaque attachment which makes it possible to project a picture from a book. A large number of views were shown, some from China, some from Japan, some from India and others still from Africa. At the close of the meeting, opportunity was given and a large number of the students enrolled for the study of missionary activity in other lands.

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