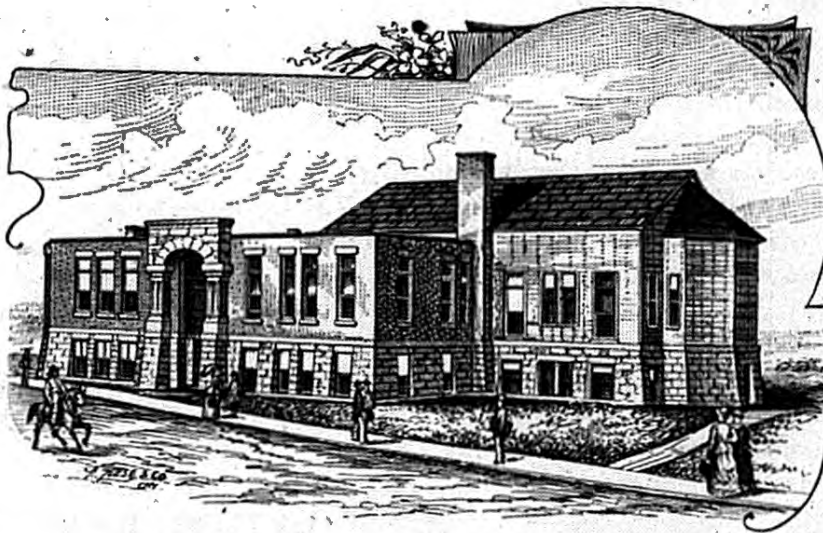


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View of McPherson College at opening of school ten years ago.

The growth of this institution has been phenomenal.

Not yet twenty years old and taking rank with the best Educational Institutions in the middle West. All because the basic morals of its managers and teachers are sound.

"It is a Safe Place"
McPherson, Kansas.

McPHERSON COLLEGE OPENS.

The Twentieth Annual opening of McPherson College was observed with fitting ceremony. Long before the hour appointed to touch the button the chapel was filled with anxious visitors. Many were students here for the first time; many were old students returning to resume their studies, and many also were the students of former years who heard the call to a home-coming and made this a special occasion. Our hearts were beating high. All was expectation, yet it seemed the unexpected friend or old acquaintance, was the one's whose glance we were to meet when we turned our heads.

At last President Frantz marched in at the door followed by that familiar figure, F. H. Crumpacker, who accompanied him to the platform and accepted the seat of honor for the day. And no little honor it is. For an institution to mold the lives of men such as he and then have them return to perform the ceremonies of marrying the Institution to the new-comers, is a privilege many men have grasped after.

Our prodigious musician, Drew Pollock, took his place before us and led our voices in that old familiar melody, America. It was from the heart that we sang. How pleasant it was to sit together again and hear our voices echo from those old chapel walls! How could we but sing? And we sang.

After fitting devotional exercises Crumpacker spoke on the subject: "Life's Crises." He seemed to be at his best. Almost every statement was a gem worth remembering. We give a few notes: It takes strong men to endure in the crises when they come.

Only half truth in the statement "History repeats itself." Present age is fuller of Theory and Fact than any previous.

Men needed today to solve today's problems. Can't wait till tomorrow to produce them. Problems of tomorrow will demand them.

Character needed. Men are going to stake because they have character to stand for propositions not found in the creed.

Men who take a one year course must stand in life on a one year platform.

If you expect to ride through school on a pony you just put a placard on your breast, "I Can't Stand in Crisis."

Cut away from trashy literature. Seek Ultimate Truth.

Socrates drank the hemlock and Jesus Christ went to the cross just because they dared to hold up

a truth the people would not listen to. Every man who does his part in the world's work must likewise lay down his life for Truth.

Yesterday the little brother was too small to grasp the marbles thrown at his feet. Today he reaches out and grasps the things called stellar spheres. Yesterday he knew measurements only by the reach of his tiny arms. Today he puts a web in a telescope and measures the displacement of a star. Yesterday he played in the sand, building mounds and tearing them down. Today he tunnels through the mountains opening out the fertile valleys beyond. Yesterday he was delighted with the spark playing upon the kite string. Today he puts a message into the heart of the spark and carries it away beyond the mountains or under the seas to a loving mother beyond.

Men must prepare for life, rather than for a big salary. No man can expect to go to school and then back home or out into the world and stand idle shouting out "pay me." It is yours to go out and make good to the people who made you what you are.

The enrollment the first week was beyond all expectation.

The Dormitory was almost running over before the opening.

Never in the history of McPherson College has there been a more favorable outlook at the beginning of school.

Students are here from almost every state between the Rocky Mountains and the Alleghenies and some from beyond.

A TRAINED TEACHER OF TEACHERS.

Our kindergarten and practice teaching department have been greatly strengthened this year. Mrs. Stauffer spent her summer in school specializing in this particular line. When our graduates go out they can proudly tell that they had practice teaching in the best place in the Middle West to get such. No discount on the pedagogics of McPherson College and her enterprising specialists.

A SYSTEMATIC PROGRAM.

The faculty members have taken in hand a new department of work which is certainly much needed. That is teaching the student how to study. The systematic arrangement of a time schedule for preparation of lessons is as necessary as the systematic recitation period. This is another of the good things to be gotten at McPherson College.

TO STAY HERE TILL JUNE.

Some men stand out so high above their fellows that they cannot be hid. Such is our genial F. H. rampacker. McPherson College friends are very proud to claim him as one of us. And it is a matter of exceedingly deep gratitude that he will spend this winter here devoting his entire time to the work of the McPherson church. He cannot sail for China till after Annual Meeting at any rate, so he has decided to give these six months or more to home folks.

NO TALKING IN THE LIBRARY.

Mrs. Shirk makes an ideal Librarian. Many of us forget proper decorum in such a sanctum, but her gentle tones occasionally remind us that our Library is for quiet processes of study rather than for visiting. We'll all catch the swing of proper Library Decorum by and by.

MORE ENDOWMENT.

C. W. Wampler of Olathe, an old student and friend of McPherson College, was one who was attracted by the home coming feature in the opening exercises. He lingered near for several days, meantime repairing his property, now occupied by Mr. Hollinger. But before he left he gave us an endowment note of \$50 for the upkeep of the Library. This is substantial recognition of past help from the Institution. Mr. Wampler is now running a dairy farm at Olathe, Kansas, and is one of the most staunch supporters of McPherson College.

ANOTHER ENDOWMENT.

Leon A. Parlin of Maple City, Kansas, came in for some school work of high order and incidentally presented the management with a cash endowment for the Library upkeep amounting to \$85.

WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

From California, from North Dakota, from Ohio, from Indiana, from Arkansas, from Texas and from almost every state in the between area, they come for the superior advantages found in McPherson College. It pays to get the best.

MORE NEW MACHINES.

The demand for work in the Business Department is so great that two more new typewriters have been installed. They are of the new Oliver No. 5 type and are kept busy almost constantly.

FOR THE MUSEUM.

F. J. Price of Nickerson recently sent some fine specimens of copper ore from his Inglenook

mine in Arizona for our already large collection of minerals in the museum.

Also through the efforts of Prof. Shirk an old ox-yoke has been secured. It is of the regulation "Arkansaw" kind, in good shape and is to many students a veritable curiosity.

A FULL DORMITORY.

Never has the Dormitory been so nearly full and running over at this season of school year as now. Seven large tables are needed to seat the students, while the range in former times has been five or five and a half.

DOING ORIGINAL WORK.

Prof. Clement is using Monroe's History of Education for a text book outline this year, but at the same time is developing an original outline of his own which he will use later. Prof. Clement is not content to be simply a teacher but is also an educator of high rank. He is a MAKER of text books and not a user only.

In the Psychology classes also there is much need of the laboratory method being used. No student can analyze Mind until he understands something of the workings of his mind. Prof. Clement knows just how to get at these problems.

FROM A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT.

Sterling, Colo., Oct. 2, 1907.

Prof. S. B. Fahnestock, McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Professor:

Thinking that you would care to know what an old student was doing, I will use a little spare time in giving an account of myself.

I am now with the Great Western Sugar Company of Sterling, Colorado, as stenographer, and am getting \$65 a month. I have a splendid chance for advancement, as there are about a dozen boys in this office, and the Company has eight other offices scattered around through Colorado. I have only been here two weeks, but the Manager told me the other day that my work was entirely satisfactory to him. I am going to try and get them to transfer me to their Denver office next Spring if possible, as there is more chance for a stenographer there than here. I secured this position through the Y. M. C. A. at Denver.

Best regards to Miss Hope and other students of 1905-6.

Yours truly,

C. C. HANAN.

P. S.—Please put me on the mailing list for "RAYS OF LIGHT" and tell me what the subscription price is, and I will send it to you.

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E D I T O R I A L

The Ideal Collegian.

Address by Prof. Burdick Dedicatory
to the Carnegie Library
Building.

There was an expectant audience filling the chapel to its utmost capacity long before the hour of opening came. President Frantz finally came upon the platform accompanied by a huge, well made specimen of humanity, Prof. W. L. Burdick of the Department of Law of Kansas State University, who spoke without manuscript upon the subject "The Ideal Collegian."

After fitting complimentary remarks Prof. Burdick plunged right into his subject.

It Takes Thought.

Nothing has been accomplished in this world without first having been thought out. Some men are now in the old Roman sense of will and action and some are distinguished from the animals be-

cause they wear hats. The first bridge that spanned Niagara was not of iron bands but of thought. The ideal Collegian has at his life's base a fundamental principle that makes him think right.

And Right Thinking.

Martin Luther can not be conceived of as a shilly-shally wavering hesitating character. Cromwell believed with heart and soul in the Lord of hosts and led his round-heads on to victory. Orthodox means right thinking in its old Greek sense. The Ideal Collegian must be orthodox.

Success Not Greed.

America has the reputation of being a money-hungry people. True collegian can't love money for its own sake. True success in life is like it is in the blade of grass or the flower, the fullest development and realization of the intents of the creator of the organism. The blasts of hail may thrash down the farmer's crops but in heart he is still a success in spite of the fact that there is a mortgage on his crops. The Ideal Collegian is an exemplification of his Creator's ideas of manhood.

The riddle of the Sphinx is only the riddle of life and he who solves it may enter it and realize its possibilities.

Opportunity knocks at your door every day of your life. Keep calm and clear

headed and think right and your basis is secure. Money making is not success. Money making is not essential to success. Deeper things in life is realm of mind and spirit.

A Right Outlook Also.

With right thinking get a clear outlook upon life. Throw aside the idea of salary and do things because you love to do those things. Devote your life to things you can do in love and you will find it easy to get into the thing you are best fitted to do. Get a definite aim.

Industry, Not Genius.

Unremitting industry must characterize the Ideal Collegian.

It is true that some are born to unremitting toil and some to luxury? Never; that is not orthodoxy. Action, industry is only means of noble character. No such thing as genius. No real men spring full grown from forehead of Zeus; are made by hard work. That's all genius is at any rate. That was Hamilton's genius. It was Webster's. The great Hayne debate was in preparation in hard and toilsome work for forty years, was not genius, was natural culmination of labor.

Labor Dignifies.

Humblest services have nothing degrading in them.

Character not occupation makes the man. Lady or gentleman is not afraid to toil either with brain or hand. Vocation not vacation should be the concern of the Collegian. From top of head to sole of feet we are cared for by product of somebody's labor. It is dignifying to the character. Ideal Collegian does things because they are difficult, not because they are easy. In world's work you will need to do some hard things which you may not want to do. College life is a trying-out time to test the metal in you. Can't get an education any more than can give an education. Religion is life; education is an atmosphere. Learn to live in it.

Courtesy Needed.

Prof. Burdick spoke at some length on the grace of courtesy as it is or is not exemplified in our modern railroad service. We are surprised sometimes to find a courteous conductor or agent. He gave the illustration of a certain city telephone manager who issued positive orders to employes to cease the use of the word "please" because it took so much time when all counted up. Ideal Collegian in Kansas can never be so small in soul. True courtesy is from within, a genuine expression of the soul, and not the conventional veneer of manner.

Statute of limitation may outlaw a debt but never runs against a gentleman. A gentleman cannot lie nor do any mean thing.

Industry Courtesy AND Religion.

Ideal Collegian will have within him the enthusiasm of faith. Greek for enthusiasm means "fire" "the Gods within you." So it must be in reality. In midst of all hard cold reasoning hold to your enthusiastic faith. Religion has done the things that are good in the world. To believe in a person or thing is not to believe only that it is a good thing but who makes the same principles or characteristics his own. Ideal Collegian is sum total in character of all these, Industry, Courtesy and Religion.

Prof. Burdick spoke at length but his address was so rich and logical that the vast audience sat in breathless silence through it all. Never has it been our privilege to listen to so logical a discourse.

After fitting complimentary and closing

remarks by President Frantz we were marched across to the new Library building and shown through its beautiful rooms. Both floors were thronged with pleased visitors each one seeming to be trying to out do the others in saying nice things about the handsome new building and its furnishings. Refreshments were served in three places in the basement and many found it convenient to visit each place. The ceremonies were complete. The Library had been fully dedicated.

A LETTER FROM MISS GROFF.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 4, '07.

Mr. S. B. Fahnestock, McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Professor:—Your letter of recent date just at hand, and contents carefully noted, and will hasten to reply, and needless to say I was glad to hear from you, both in a business and social way. Was also glad to hear of the late improvements that have been made on McPherson College, which I think one of the best, in fact the best in the world, as far as I know, and of course you know that is not very much. But I visited the colleges at this place, and I find their tuition, as well as general expenses of entering, are very much higher than that of M. C. Besides they have not got the instructors that you have. But guess I am somewhat partial to M. C.

Now I did not tell you what wages I am getting, and in Oklahoma City, it is not very much, for it takes a great deal to live on; but I now am getting \$10 per week, and as I get accustomed to the work, I will then get a raise. My first day here I put out 36 letters, and just think I had not used my shorthand to amount to anything at all since leaving school. I was proud of myself and my boss complimented me as well.

Well I think I have told you all of any importance, only I forgot to mention the fact that the new state went prohibition by a large majority, and needless to say that is one good feature for Oklahoma.

Hoping this finds you and all my dear friends in McPherson well I remain

Yours Respectfully, OLIVE GROFF.

PERSONAL MENTION AND OTHERWISE.

Silvia Miller, Normal '04, is doing Collegiate work.

Walter Coulson received a visit from his aunt at Lyons.

Foster and Furman Cline stopped over a day or so in the first days of school.

Lloyd McGill is now assistant in the Business department of the Southwestern at Winfield.

Floyd F. Beaty, an old Commercial student, has a fine position with a Wholesale Grain Company of Enid, Oklahoma.

Gilbert Barnhill is enjoying a visit from his father. Herb Detrich and sister were likewise blessed quite recently.

P. W. Seidel has returned and will assist in teaching the Commercial branches. Mr. Seidel's penmanship is attracting attention.

Get ready for the Big Bible Institute to be held here in January. Brother S. N. McCann will assist. Write us for information.

Our new Elocution teacher, Miss Johnson is proving herself able to "make good" with students. Her classes are large and growing.

Bruce Miller, Normal '07, has come back to take all the Bible work he can get. Bruce knows how good a thing he can get in President Frantz's classes.

Fred Clevenger, Commercial graduate of 1906, is now with the Santa Fe Railroad Company at La Junta, Colorado, at the very neat salary of \$720 per year.

B. A. Manon, another Commercial graduate of recent years, is with a large commission house in Kansas City, Mo. Says he is doing first rate, thank you, and likes his job.

B. B. Unruh, a former student writes us from his new position with one of Oklahoma's big Lumber Firms, located at Lone Wolf. He was married last June and is on the highway to success. Good wishes are in order from the RAYS' family.

Y. W. C. A. Notes.

School opened Tuesday, Sept. 10th, and we were all anxious to resume our Y. W. work.

The membership committee of the Y. W. C. A. met all the trains and assisted the new girls in finding boarding places.

Friday evening, Sept. 13th, a reception was held for the girls at the home of Mrs. Fahnestock. An enjoyable time is reported.

Tuesday evening, Sept. 17th, the first quarterly joint Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. social was held in the College chapel. A pleasant time is reported.

Our first Y. W. C. A. devotional meeting was held in the College chapel Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15th. Mrs. Fahnestock presented the work of the Association and made a plea for membership. After the general business had been attended, a report of the summer conference held at Cascade, Colo., was given by Nellie Green and Lillian Young, delegates from this institution.

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 22nd, was Bible Rally. Prof. Frantz gave a very interesting and practical talk.

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 29th, was Missionary Rally. Mrs. Anna Crum-packer addressed the girls, which was very much appreciated.

The subject for Sunday, Oct. 6th, was "How can I be a Christian at McPherson?" Mrs. Clement led the meeting.

The subject for Sunday, Oct. 13th, was "Courtesy." Leader, Miss Corda Clement.

It might be interesting to know that we have 60 girls enrolled in Bible classes and 58 in Missions.

The following girls were chosen to represent our Association at the Y. W. C. A. State Convention held at Ottawa, Kas., Nov. 24th: Misses Vada Kuns, Olive Snyder, Grace Vaniman, Corda Clement and Emily Shirley.

They Married.

♦ Jasper Stonebraker and Mable Embers recently joined fortunes for

life's happiness and are making their home at Wiley, Colorado, where Mr. Stonebraker is a partner in a fine hardware business.

J. G. Law, a student of former years, was married in September to Miss Myrtle Rose of Guthrie, Oklahoma.

W. H. Yoder Normal '04 and Miss Elva Herr have passed under the arch together also. Mr. Yoder will reside on the old J. D. Yoder homestead southwest of Conway and teach the home school this winter. They made an extended wedding trip into Colorado.

May success smile upon these promising young people and the Horn of plenty pour out the anointing oil of a long and happy life.

Their Father Passed Away.

Prof. Harnly and Mrs. Riley Brubaker were called to Illinois to attend the funeral of their father last week. The Harnly family were bound together by very strong ties and it is sad to think of what it means to them to have father gone. They have the sympathy of a host of friends.

From J. H. B. Williams:

Belleville, Kas., Oct. 5, '07.
Prof. H. J. Harnly:

Race suicide principles are vanquished, and sociological incongruities are trampled under foot.

"One night as old St. Peter slept
He left the gates of Heaven ajar,
And through it a little angel crept
And came down with a falling star."
And it is now safely domiciled under our roof.

Fraternally,

J. H. B. Williams.

A daughter born October 2, 1907.

Miss Minnie Horning

Started to McPherson College when she was but 14 years old. She taught near home the first year after she left school at \$45 per month. The second year she got \$50 and now the third year she gets \$55. She is now prin-

ical of the West Side School of Coun-
Grove, Kansas.

What Miss Horning has done ought
to be an incentive to you. Come to
McPherson College and prepare your-
self for active duties of Life.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Read the want columns of the met-
ropolitan daily press, and you will be
surprised at the demand for compe-
tent and reliable office help. From
every kind of business, and from every
city, village, and hamlet, comes the
insistent call for young men and wom-
en who can render the intelligent ser-
vice so much needed in modern and
commercial life. From all over the
land comes the cry: "Give us train-
ed office workers; we have plenty of
every other kind." This is a remark-
able age. Commercial life is the very
backbone of our national existence.
Business interests dominate the world,
and all else is subservient. We are
sending business men to our state
and national legislatures to make laws
for us. A professional man to be
successful must have a working know-
ledge of business. The same is true
of the theologian, the explorer, the
teacher, the politician, the artisan, the
farmer. On every hand is displayed
the sign—"Competent Office Help
Wanted," and there is only one quali-
fied for every hundred needed. Shall
we assist you to meet this demand?
We can do it. No matter what plans
you have made for your life's work,
we can give you the business training
you are sure to need for a successful
career. Be ready when the Sign of
the Times comes within the range of
our vision. Write us today for fur-
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of us should seek out THE BEST
TEACHER whom he can find, regardless
of expense or anything."

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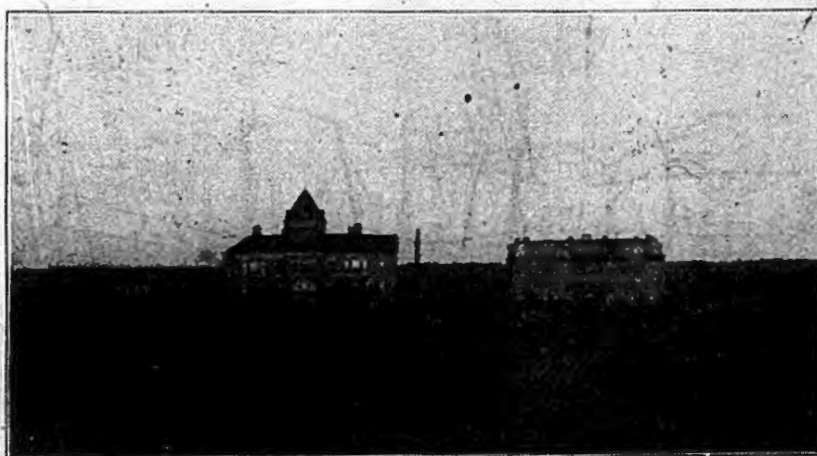
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If you want to locate near one of the best Colleges in the West write
us; we make a specialty of locating our people.

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REAL ESTATE AGENT, McPherson, Kan.

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER RUSH

WHEN THE

NEXT TERM OPENS NOVEMBER 12

There always are many new students. We get letters from farmer boys who can't come till wheat is sown. Here is about the way they run:

DEAR PROF. FAHNESTOCK:---I am expecting to enter McPherson College November 12. I want to take a course in book keeping and business. I want to prepare myself for doing business right. From what the students tell me that have been to McPherson College I think I can't miss it by coming to your school.

I thank you for the interest you are taken in me.

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