

McPHERSON BIBLE INSTITUTE.

I. THE TIME

Begins Sunday, January 19. Closes Sunday, January 26. Eight days packed full of spiritual uplift and power. Plan to arrive by Saturday evening, January 18. Write us, that provision for your entertainment may be assured.

II. THE WORK

1. A series of lectures and class conferences on the India Mission Field, and on various phases of Missionary Needs and Problems.

2. Selected studies in the teaching of Christ, as compared with that of the Old Testament, with special reference to the distinctive Doctrines of Non-resistance, Non-weapon-bearing, etc.

3. Studies in Old Testament Prophecy.

4. Lecture-studies on the Life and Times of Great Men of the Bible.

5. An expository study of Favorite Psalms.

6. Lectures and class conferences on the Religious Education of Children.

7. A study of Paul's Epistle to the Colossians.

8. Lessons in Sunday School Teacher Training.

9. A lecture on Christian Evangelism.

10. A lecture on the Psychological Basis of Church Ordinances.

III. THE MEN.

1. S. N. McCann, Missionary to India, lately returned from the field.

2. Edward Frantz, President of the College and Professor of Biblical Languages and Interpretation.

3. John A. Clement, Professor Education and History.

4. S. J. Miller, Professor of Modern Languages, and General Sunday School Secretary for the Brethren Church.

5. H. J. Harnly, Professor of Biology and Philosophy.

6. F. H. Crumpacker, Missionary-elect to China, and Pastor of the McPherson Church.

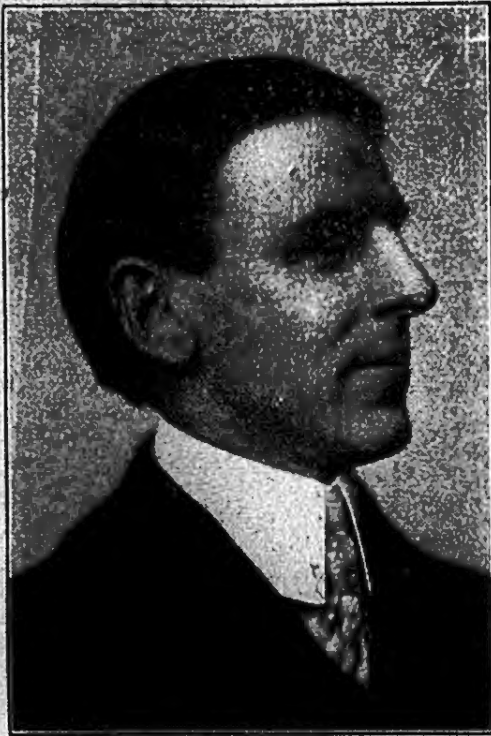
7. W. O. Beckner, Instructor in the Bible Department, and Sunday School Secretary for Southwest Kansas.

IV. THE COST

Tuition, free. Board and lodging, fifty cents a day. Railroad fare, two cents a mile. Figure it up. Cheaper than staying at home. Come. Write how many you will bring with you.

F. A. VANIMAN,

Secretary Bible Institute Committee.



J. A. CLEMENT, A. M.

Our own Clement is coming to be one of the foremost Educators of Kansas. He has been engaged to give an intensive course of instruction in Pedagogics in Kansas State University in July 28, to August 12. The student taking this course will carry no other work for that period. Besides that, he will teach in the summer normal of McPherson College for six weeks and also in the McPherson County Teachers' Institute, June 29 to July 22. Of course he will meet us again at the opening of our next school year at McPherson College. To know Clement is to know a MAN.

EMPTY EGG-SHELLS.

CHAPTER ONE.

Once upon a time there was a little boy who took great interest in collecting birds' eggs. He was something of a naturalist, people said. He pricked a little hole in each end of the egg and blew the inside material out. The empty shells he strung on a thread and hung up in his room as one of his trophies. Often he would count them over and he took no little satisfaction in doing so.

CHAPTER TWO.

Once upon a time there was a man who was

very religious. He took great interest in attending the services and observing the rules laid down. In fact it was his chief delight. He often led the prayer. In fact he liked to. He liked to so well that he sometimes prayed for seven minutes. He was adept in the use of the stock phrases of religious life. "From the king upon his throne to the beggar by the wayside," "From the rivers to the ends of the earth," and such, he knew well. "Fill us with Thy holy and ever righteous spirit" was another.

CHAPTER THREE.

A prophet came into that country. He gave deep meaning to the phrases so expressive of what we want to say. And I said to myself, how like the little boy I have been. I have been counting over these empty phrases like prayer beads. Am I different from the most of the people? Is it a common practice to count out empty shells while all around us and within us are the real ideas which if property incubated will bring us into a life of deepest joy and satisfaction?

WRITING IT DOWN.

That teacher is the best teacher who leads his pupils to do things. Telling is not teaching. It is of infinitely more value to the student to be led and directed into the doing of a thing himself than to do it for him. The theses required at the close of the term furnish the occasion for reflection on this theme. Good teachers lead their students to learn by requiring them to write down their convictions. It is the one way that a student gets practice in organizing his thoughts. What he has in mind may be ever so good but he must arrange it in shape to deliver if it is to be the most use to him. Every true student welcomes the opportunity to put down in black and white just what he knows, be it little or much. The very fact that he attempts it makes his knowledge larger grow.

Writing it down is a clarifying process. "Write yourself clear" is a statement we often hear. There are many words and phrases that we use ordinarily, without giving much heed to their correct meaning, but when we attempt their use in written work, we must be careful that we have a clear meaning for every term used. Nine-tenths of the disputes and debates are due to a difference of definition of terms. If both sides honestly come to a clear understanding of the meaning of the words used in stating

their proposition, they would have their whole dispute settled. The writing down of our thoughts brings us to clear statement of terms and that in its reflex effect clarifies our own concepts.

A DREAM.

By H. B. HOFFMAN.

The sun seemed to pour its scorching rays upon our weary bodies, and the rest we enjoyed came as a gift from Heaven. Looking out upon the great blue sky, we closed our eyes and the ministering spirits of dreamland blessed us bountifully. You fully appreciate that the pen cannot describe the visions of a world where words are not used but in the ecstasy of delight the soul is lulled from mood to mood by the unknown influence of a music without tones. It is like a phantom borne from peaks of pleasure to peaks of delight by some all sufficing, fanciful delectant.

We were borne to a land of brooks and flowers. Along the merry brooklet, the woods resounded with the sweet tones of the merry songsters. It was a beautiful scene, and within my heart had been stirred a burning love greater than that of Ulysses. And as I wandered about, the maiden of my love kept close by my side. We were happy. We spoke no words, for harmony prevailed and permeated all. Hand in hand we trod the quiet woods and gentle streams. Not a shrill sound was heard. No boisterous, idle words were spoken. Words no longer had their former meaning. Harmonious melody permeating all, wooed our soul from mood to mood.

And as I beheld my lady love, my heart melted with unutterable compassion. My soul went mad in adoration, and beseechingly I implored. Ah! She was fair to see! Perfection was her name, enrobed in the radiant garment of Beauty.

But she answered not a word, save a look of tender pity. With gentle gesture she pointed toward a great sea. It was the sea, Eternity. O so far away! Hot tears came rolling down my cheeks, and awaking, I was alone.

PARABLES.

A chain is no stronger than its weakest link.

A large chain broke for the boys when they were coupling their wagons together. They said it was all right but for one link. But that one link measured the strength of the entire chain.

A man is no stronger than his weakest point. When the severe tests of business life press upon him he must do many things hurriedly. Only the habits of accuracy and thoroughness save him from many a costly blunder. McPherson College demands thorough and concise work of her students that they may stand the strain of busy life. Scarcely a day passes that we do not receive a letter from some old student who is now a successful business man or farmer thanking us for the high class of work demanded of him while in college.

Towser was a good dog himself. He had not a single bad trait. His master thought the world of him. He had always been good. He was good as a pup. There was never a better dog. Once he got into company with some other dogs that got after a farmer's sheep. Towser had never seen anything like that before and it was all fine sport for him. He chased the sheep just like the other dogs. He caught a sheep. But it was only to play with. He wooled it and intended to let it go again of course. Towser was perfectly innocent. But Tige was a different dog. He ran up to the sheep Towser had caught and bit it in the back of its neck and just hung on. He liked the taste of its blood. He sucked away at it until the poor sheep fell faint. Towser saw all that and did not understand it at all. He sniffed the blood too; it didn't seem so bad. In fact it tasted just like the meat he got from his master's dish. He too, sucked at its blood. Other sheep were caught and given similar treatment. Towser didn't know any better; he just got into it innocently. But he was no more a good dog. That was the sad part of it. He couldn't any more be a good dog. His master wouldn't for the world have had him to get into that crowd but poor Towser had to wear the stain all his life.

Question: Who was to blame? Towser, his master, Tige or who? Towser got into a crowd that hazed him, now who was responsible? Should he have been more careful in selecting the institution that he would attend? Should his master have been more careful as to where he was to receive his instruction?

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EDITORIAL

A TRY-OUT CAMPAIGN FOR THE Y. M.'S

One of the features of Christian work is to do it as well as to live it. Get others to do it too. The boys have been planning sometime to go out to the places near McPherson and hold some religious meetings. Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday they spent at Inman. Pollock, Detter, Crumpacker, Clement, Beckner and Vaniman were the forces used.

They had meetings Friday evening, Saturday evening, Sunday morning, afternoon and evening. All except Sunday forenoon and evening were separate men's meeting. They were treated nobly by the people and feel like trying such a campaign again.

It should be known to the public that McPherson county is the most thoroughly or-

ganized county in the Y. M. C. A. work in Kansas. In every township in the county except one there is a corresponding member or an acting member. The work of the boys was to help push the work for a clean manhood out into every nook and corner of the community. That is practical Christianity.

THE COMING CONFLICT.

January 31, is the date set for the Oratorical contest. There are eight entries, as follows: E. F. Sherfy, Roy Baker, P. F. Toevs, Robert Cram, Harvey Snowberger, H. B. Hoffman, H. C. Crumpacker and Bruce Miller. The atmosphere about them has begun to take the different shades of color already. The boys are working hard, and we may expect that there will be a good deal doing about the last of the month.

ALL IN SMILES.

Prof. Harnly hasn't got over them yet. They started three weeks ago when a new Prohibition Lecturer came to his home and applied for adoption. According to the rules of the Prohibition Party of which our Professor is an ardent supporter, there was nothing to do but accord him a hearty welcome. He was taken in and told that the house was his. He has joined in the athletics of the place, having given several demonstrations of his

lung capacity. Prohibitionists are characterized by good legs and lungs. He has the "diagnostic characteristics."

PASSED AWAY.

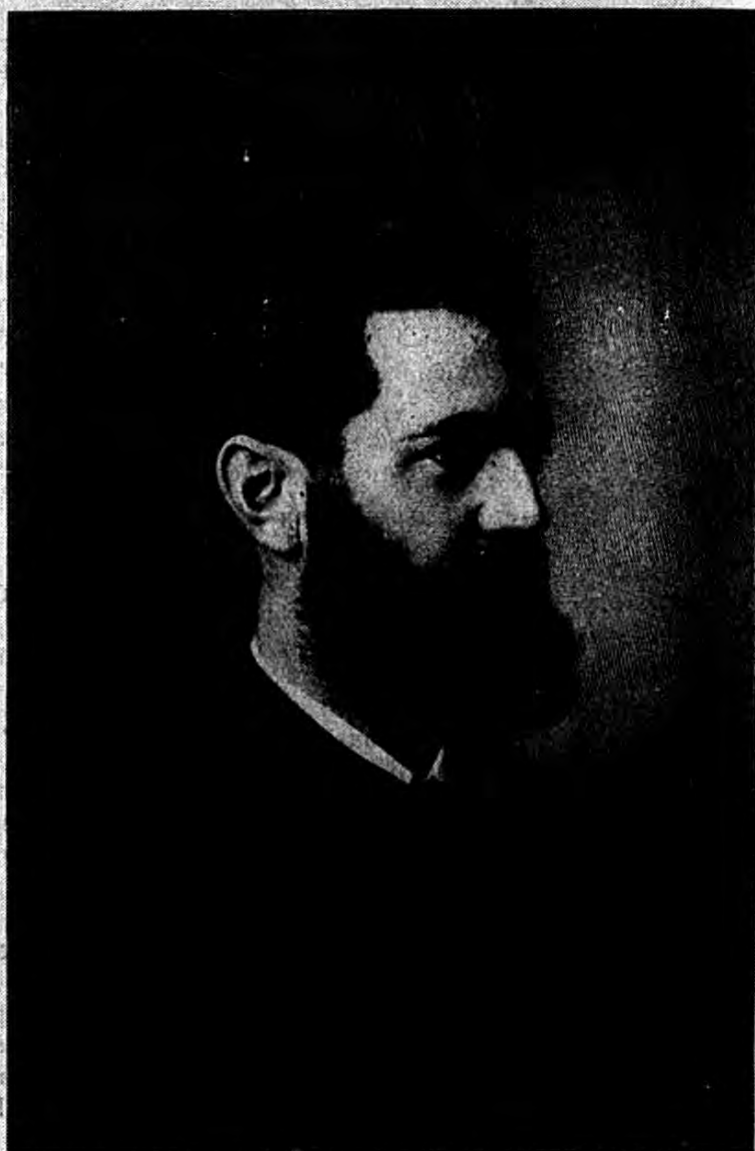
Grace Smith, known to many students of five years ago, passed to her reward December 29th. Grace has been a sufferer for a good while and death to her was a welcome Messenger. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Scarcely an issue of RAYS OF LIGHT any more it seems but we must record the passing away of some member of our student family.

A NEW POINTS ABOUT THE DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES.

Eighteen of the twenty six Presidents of the United States were College men. Sixteen of that number were from the Denominational Colleges.

Seven of the Justices of the United States are from the Denominational Colleges.

If it were not for the Denominational schools of Kansas, the state would be compelled to have six millions of dollars invested in her educational plant instead of three millions. It would cost the state three millions annually to employ instructors and conduct the schools where it now costs but one million.



ELDER EDWARD FRANTZ, A. M.
President McPherson College and Dean of its Bible Department

THE BIBLE DEPARTMENT IN McPHERSON COLLEGE.

McPherson College is supplying one of the strongest courses in Biblical instruction that is offered by any Institution in these parts. The work is of such a high character as to put the student on his own judgment. We have seen so-called Bible teachers that had nothing but the matter they had copied from their teachers. Such always run low in information right at the time when you want light on a puzzling passage. They give you the impression of a stuffed animal, nothing in them but what somebody else has put there. The honest student likes to discover some things for himself. He likes for his information to be first-hand. He is then ready to form his own notions, just as well as his teacher formed those he holds. The work done at McPherson College is of the character of individual investigation. The whole problem of Biblical study can be summed up in the one question: What does the Bible really say? To find the correct interpretation of its message is the whole thing.

The Old Testament and The New Testament, are both studied in the light of the times in which they were spoken. What did those to whom the message first came understand from it? And what did the speaker himself intend them to understand? Bible Geography, Bible History, Secular History, in fact everything that will throw light on the text are examined carefully with reference to arriving at the Truth.

The department is under the direct supervision of Elder Edward Frantz, President of the College. Tuition is free in all Bible classes. This is a special arrangement for the benefit of many who are doing hard work for the Church without pay. It is free to all, however.

Prof. Frantz calls to his assistance such help as the needs of the classes demand. There is plenty for all to study.

Why not send some of the promising young Brethren to school and PREPARE them for the work you expect them to do in the church and Sunday School? Hold some elections for the ministry and start them out. The Lord may have some good material in your congregation. He had a good man at Jerusalem, but the Brethren did not know it for a long while. Not a one of them would have voted for Paul and yet the Lord elected him in view of his fitness to do the Lord's work.

Not one yet has ever been able to say that he had too much of the Bible in his heart. It is always the other way, not enough. Take the opportunity offered and become more of a master in the business the Lord has entrusted to you.

HOLIDAY NOTES.

It was a merry crowd that took the Mo. Pacific train on Saturday for Newton. Drew Pollock, Glenn Buckman, Harve Snowberger and W. O. Beckner were the extras, that is the ones that were NOT going home. The Royer brothers were on the same train, bound for the same place. It began to rain before the train was half way there, so much rain as to make the roads almost impassable for a week, but boys know no discouragements, and on they went into the worst of it. This announcement of their work will give some idea of

what they INTENDED to do but not so very much of what they really did:

BIBLE & MUSICAL INSTITUTE

During Holidays at the Brethren's Church, six miles southwest of Newton, every day and evening.

Forenoon Session: Music instruction, 1 hour; Studies in Book of John, 1 hour.

Evening Session: Music and Variety Program; Lecture or Sermon.

Splendid singing a feature of every session. Wouldn't you like to enjoy these good things with us? Come.

W. O. Beckner, Bible Instructor.

S. A. Pollock, Musical Director.

Two weeks went all too soon to suit the boys, and seemingly to satisfy the Brethren at Newton. Male quartette music was a special feature of their work and to say they were well received by the Brethren and friends there is putting it mildly indeed. They visited in the community, they sang over the phone, they attended country school house literary, and what all did they not do? It was muddy the first week and people could hardly get around in daylight, but the next week the roads were fairly good and the way the people did come was enough to swell the heart of the most sober. The boys came back feeling deeply satisfied with their venture. They had the chance to do some good religious work in the vicinity at Newton and it was a most excellent training for the boys.

Harry Crumpacker, Herb Detrick and Ira Vaniman went to Darlow for similiar work. but they did not undertake anything so extensive. They were on the ground only five days but report an excellent experience while there. Such work needs to be done and the boy preachers need to receive just that kind of training. We hope to hear of much more of the same kind.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

With the beginning of the new year, 1908, athletics at McPherson College received impetus and stimulation well worthy of mention.

Several important changes

in the athletic system have been made. A new Athletic Committee consisting of ten men with a faculty advisor and the Manager of Baseball, has been created, which takes over all control formerly with the old one, and begins work with a push that bespeaks success.

By contract, we have secured as Coach and Manager of Baseball, Wirt C. Salthouse, who comes from Kansas State University, where he was Assistant Athletic Manager.

The haseball try-out which has just closed, resulted in the following men being selected by the Manager for the M. C. Team of 1908: R. Studebaker, Catch; F. R. Jackson, Pitch; J. F. Wiggins, 1st Base; R. W. Detter, 2nd Base; J. Carlson, 3rd Base; C. Sandy, Short Stop; O. J. Abel, Left Field; F. R. Kraybill, Center Field; G. Dotzour, Right Field; H. Kasey and H. B. Hoffman, Substitutes.

Inter-collegiate contests in both baseball and track will be arranged for Field Day during Commencement Week at the College in May.

A NEW MAIL ROUTE.

Business with McPherson Post Office has been so flourishing that Uncle Sam has put on a new carrier, one who makes the round of College Hill twice a day.

Henry Kittell is our new carrier. He is a genial fellow and deserves every consideration from College Hill citizens.

Mr. Lindholm who served us previously so long and faithfully has made every one his friend and we are sorry to not see him coming among us any more. He has our deepest gratitude.

SHORTHAND.

A thorough and practical knowledge of shorthand offers unlimited opportunities for getting a start. A stenographer is in closest touch with the heads of the business and the opportunities for advancement are unexcelled. The few months necessary for acquiring the ability to write shorthand notes in the compact form, makes it the quickest and surest avenue through which you can become self-reliant. It is a fact that the

remuneration is large and the stenographer's position is essentially confidential. At this institution you learn shorthand as it is written by expert and commercial stenographers everywhere. Ours is a practical working system, is recognized as a leader, has been written and used for years. It is simplified, easy to learn, easy to read and write, and with all, thoroughly practical.

PERSONAL MENTION AND OTHERWISE.

Mark Cullen is here for the rest of the year.

Cecil McCready is doing quite a business in bicycles.

Elmer Ball says rabbit hunting was pretty fair last week.

The socials of the Mission classes were a decided success.

Jacob Cartensen has placed his name with us as a student.

Ray Flory can't stay away from McPherson. He spent vacation here.

Wirt Salthouse has come back from K. U. to manage the base ball team.

Margaret Dudte is back at work in her school after a short siege of illness.

Mrs. Smith furnished the Dormitory students their meals over the Holiday vacation.

Mrs. Fern Kuns Coppage paid the usual Christmas visit to her parents in College Hill.

Wm. J. Miller's received a visit from their daughter, Mrs. Martin, of Holmesville, Neb.

E. L. Craik spent his vacation in Oklahoma but says McPherson looks good to him yet.

Prof. J. A. Clement and wife were visited over the vacation by Prof.'s twin brother, James.

G. J. Goodsheller, M. D. of Lincoln, Neb., was in the vicinity a few days visiting parents and friends.

C. D. Rasp is another of the fellows that likes to come around about the time the Christmas candies are to be passed.

Irving Society has been giving some good programs recently. Those not attending do not know what they are missing.

We will get used to our new one hour system of recitation before long.

Ezra Boone came in since the Holidays and enrolled for work.

Some of the students thought the examinations were a fright. Wonder why?

Lena S. Parlin has joined her brother in school work at McPherson College.

Our debating clubs are learning something valuable in the use of Parliamentary Rules.

R. W. Dettler spent Tuesday in Topeka taking the State examination for Veterinary Dentistry.

The Christmas exercises at the chapel are reported to have been the best ever given here.

Bruce Miller spent Sunday with his parents at Darlow but he won't tell where he was Holidays.

Joseph Segel is the latest name to be recorded on our lists. He will be found among the hard workers.

S. C. Arnold, a business student of '05, is now teaching in the Metropolitan Business College of Chicago.

Irwin Decker seeks to be of more use to the world; he therefore takes the successful road, education and preparation.

The Y. M. C. A. boys are making preparations for the State Convention at Wichita in February. There will be a good attendance from here.

Martha Daggett's record for excellent work is good in her home community. She will certainly make good here. She just came since Christmas.

Corda Clement is one of the hard workers that caught up some back work in theses, while others were making the turkey wings lie still on our plates.

Larkin Younce came all the way from Ohio to attend an institution where manhood is valued more than anything else. He is taking a business course.

Clifford Drescher had to leave school for a while to assist his father with farm work. Sorry to lose so good a student. The boys all like Clifford. He is a splendid fellow to have around.

Frank Bowers has gone to join his father at Lake Arthur, New Mexico.

Mrs. Fahnestock entertained one of her Bible classes one evening recently.

Helen Goodsheller was visited by a friend of hers who is a trained nurse in Greeley, Colo.

The walls of the Commercial rooms have been decorated with some excellent pen work done by the students in the Penmanship class.

Marion Studebaker has been keeping house in lonesome forlornity since Holidays. His sister Miss Lena, is expected back this term.

Milton Showalter is attracting considerable attention by his splendid penmanship. He is still young and no telling how good he may get.

The Bible classes in the Book of Mark spent an evening in a body very pleasantly. The leaders of the classes are Buckman, Baker, Wiggins, Miss Stutzman and Miss Miller.

Dr. Will Snyder, known to many of our old students, has been having a severe time with blood poison in his right hand. For a while there was danger that he would lose it. His parents from here have been attending him.

Alva Landfair has returned to McPherson College after spending several months in the Business University at Boulder, Colo. Mr. Landfair will finish his course of Shorthand and Typewriting at this place. This speaks well of McPherson College.

J. M. Alcorn of Salina Wesleyan University was in conference with the Prohibition League making arrangements for the State Convention and Contest to be held here in March. It looks as though there will be ten or twelve entries for the big contest in Oratory.

Hugh Norton is the son of one of the most influential men in McPherson county. His father wants his son to get the best so sends him to McPherson College for his business training. It always pays to get the best of everything. The fellow who is satisfied with a thing that is not up to the times is sure to find himself short at the very time in life that he needs the best and can use nothing else.

It would be a vain repetition to tell where all the students were Holiday week. At home and abroad, on the land and—well, some of them were at sea, but most were at home with the folks.

A new Bible class has been formed among the Y. W.'s. The Social Significance of the Teachings of Jesus is the outline followed. Mrs. Fahnestock, leader.

THEY ARE NOW ONE.

Herman Allen and Ethel Allison were married at the bride's home in McPherson.

John Sherfy and a Miss Sharshell at the bride's home at Parsons.

We extend our best wishes for life's sweets to be theirs.

POINTS of SUPERIORITY

1. Finest equipped Commercial rooms in the Central West.
2. Fine building, well lighted, steel ceiling.
3. Accredited by State Board of Education.
4. A beautiful city. No saloons. A moral community.
5. Best Penman in the West.
6. Its graduates are holding good positions in all the leading cities of America.
7. The best for the least money, in the shortest time from practical business instructors.
8. Faculty rare specialists who have had long experience in teaching.
9. "McPherson College is one of the staunchest and ablest institutions in the West."—McPherson Commercial Club.
10. No trouble in securing positions for our qualified students.
11. "It is one of the best colleges of the State."—E. W. Hoch, Governor of Kansas.

50,830 Government positions last year. Many of our boys who were prepared by us are now in the Government Service at salaries from \$840 to \$14,000 per year. We also have the following departments which give the most thorough courses: Collegiate, Biblical, Musical, Normal, Academic, Elocution, Stenography, Penmanship, Letter Writing, Typewriting, Office Work.

If you are interested, write at once for full particulars. Get acquainted with us. We will help you every step.

Gov. Hoch, Topeka, Kas., says McPherson College is one of the best in the State.

We can do for you what we have done for others.

McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas.

FACULTY AND INSTRUCTORS 1907-1908.

"I maintain, my friends, that every one of us should seek out THE BEST TEACHER whom he can find, regardless of expense or anything."

EDWARD FRANTZ, A. M., President,
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Pedagogy and History.

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English.

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German.

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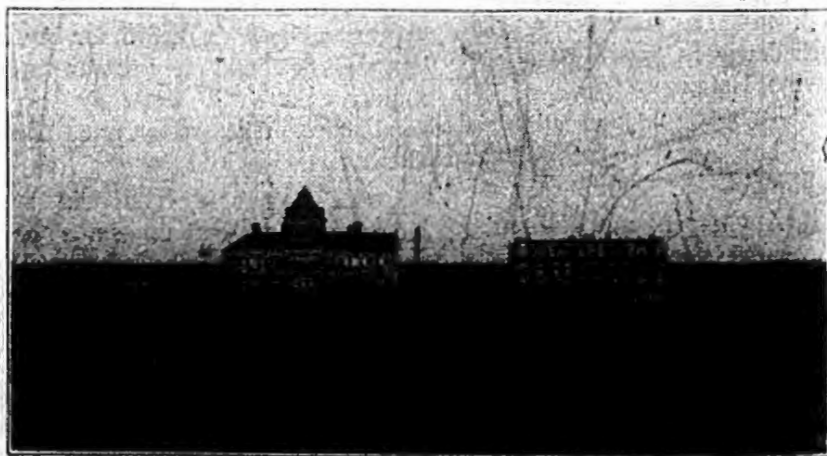
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