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EXPECT TO START SCIENCE HALL WORK

Plans Underway For Work to Commence Within Sixty Days—Directors Approve Football

The annual meeting of the trustees of McPherson College occurred on Monday, January 31. The following trustees were present: D. W. Kurtz, R. C. Strohm, W. R. Bish, W. W. Holsopple, D. W. Teeter, F. E. Marchand, S. C. Nickey, W. H. Yoder, J. E. Bryant, G. E. Shirky, Geo. W. Burgin, Norman Saylor, F. A. Vaniman, R. E. Mohler, and J. A. Blair. The two last named served as proxies for J. J. Yoder and H. J. Harnly, who are away on a world tour. E. G. Rodabaugh and S. A. Rhodes were not present.

A number of items of business were taken up and disposed of. President Kurtz's report dwelt upon the needs of the college in a masterly way. The statement was made in the report that the enrollment last year totaled 598, but that on account of a failure to canvass for students the student body of the last semester fell short of this figure by about one hundred.

The report of the President was distinctly favorable to the admission of foot-ball to the regular athletic activities of the college. This feeling was approved by the trustees.

The Science Hall was one of the weighty matters before the Board. Not enough money is yet in sight to meet first expectations, but the Board authorized the executive committee to proceed to work on the building just as soon as possible. Plans are under way whereby it is thought that work may be begun within sixty days. The plan is to finish the basement at least by next fall. This will permit the chemistry department to be moved into its new quarters. A financial committee, consisting of the Field Secretary and R. E. Mohler and R. C. Strohm, was appointed to cooperate with the President in money raising.

The hiring of the teachers was not completed at this

meeting, although it is announced that almost all of the teachers of this year will stay. The Board was reorganized with the following officers: J. J. Yoder, President; F. A. Vaniman, Vice-President; H. J. Hainly, Secretary; and J. H. Fries, Assistant Secretary. Professor Yoder retains his position as Treasurer of the college.

SYNOPSIS OF PRESIDENT KURTZ'S REPORT TO THE
TRUSTEES OF McPHERSON COLLEGE,
JANUARY 31, 1921.

The report of President D. W. Kurtz submitted to the Trustees of the college is a brief document, but it contains a complete account of the institution for the past year. A few of the leading features are here mentioned:

The President reports that the student enrollment for the year 1919-1920 was the largest in the history of the college. There was a total of 598, including the summer school of the previous summer. There were 95 graduates in the class of 1920.

The policy of continuing the summer school was presented, and for many reasons the President held that the summer school had amply justified itself in the years of the past.

A statement was made relative to the part that the college played in the Sedalia Annual Conference, last June. Participation of the faculty and students in the affairs of District and Annual Conference was strongly urged.

The overcrowded conditions at the college last year served to prevent a canvass for students last summer. It was felt also that the financial campaign was more pressing than student getting. In view of the smaller student body that materialized, however, the President is convinced that the failure to canvass for students was a mistake. The student body of the present year is reported about one hundred short of last year.

A couple pages of the report are taken up with the financial condition of the College. About \$21,723 was rais-

ed last summer for the Science Hall. Dr. Kurtz's ill health interfered with the prosecution of this campaign. The trip to Tokyo improved his health to a great extent.

Discussing the subject of foot-ball, the President expresses his belief that the game has justified itself in McPherson College. He says: "The game is an asset to our school life, and it has added to the moral tone of the institution. The credit is due to Professor Mohler, Coach Daniel, and the ethical spirit of the college."

The President urges that every effort be made to enter the college into the North Central Association of colleges, as the academy has already been admitted.

Speaking of the Science Hall, the President recommends that work be begun soon—just as soon as enough money is in hand to complete one story of the building. The pressure for class rooms is so great that this move is a necessity. A financial policy was also urged upon the Board.

The report is concluded with an appeal to the Trustees to unite in the fullest extent in popularizing the college in the districts which they represent.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board of Trustees of McPherson College, in their annual meeting, on January 31, 1921, passed the following resolution:

"The Board of Trustees hereby wishes to express how much we miss the presence and help of the President and Secretary of the Board, Professor J. J. Yoder and Dr. H. J. Harnly. The Board desires to extend to you our deepest appreciation for your leadership and invaluable services in the past, and to assure you of our deep interest in your welfare, and pray God's richest blessings upon you in your journey around the world."

Signed:

D. W. KURTZ, Moderator.
J. H. FRIES, Secretary.

THE BIBLE INSTITUTE

The annual Bible Institute of the college was held from January 23 to 30, inclusive. While not attended as well as usually, it was distinctly a successful session. In the diversity of speakers, topics, and programs, it was unique. Lecturers from the outside were Dr. E. B. Hoff, of Bethany Bible School, Professor Roger D. Winger, of Northwestern University, and Rev. George W. Burgin, of Burr Oak, Kansas. Faculty members who appeared on the various programs were, President Kurtz, Dean A. J. Culler, Professors R. E. Mohler, B. E. Ebel, Ammon Swope, J. W. Deeter, C. S. Morris, D. H. Hoover, H. H. Nininger, and Martha E. Hollinger.

LECTURES FOR LIBRARY BENEFIT

The faculty committee appointed by the President to have supervision of the library instituted a special lecture course of two numbers this year in order to make possible the buying of more books for the library. Miss Evelyn Trostle, on leave of absence from the college faculty and for one year a worker on relief work in Armenia, lectured to a large crowd on her experiences in that country. Her's is a thrilling story. Then during the Bible Institute, President Kurtz lectured to a filled house on the problems of the Far East, basing many of his conclusions on his recent trip to Japan. The proceeds of these two lectures brought a substantial sum to the rescue of the library fund.

NEW FACULTY MEMBER

In connection with the District Mission Board of Southwestern Kansas and Southeastern Colorado, McPherson College has employed another faculty member. Professor Roger D. Winger comes to us to serve during the third quarter of the college year in the department of Religious Education. He will spend about three days of each week teaching in the college and will spend the rest of the week out among the churches. Professor Winger is a

graduate of Manchester College and has done graduate work in the University of Chicago and in Northwestern University. He was one of the lecturers at the recent Bible Institute.

THE CHURCH BEGUN

The foundation of the new church to be erected by the Brethren on College Hill is completed. The plan is to proceed with the building as soon as spring opens up. The church will be located on the vacant lot west of the campus. The total cost will be not far from \$100,000. A lateral of the city sewer system has been run north so that connection will be made with the church.

MISSION PARTY IN INDIA

Latest advices from Professors Yoder and Harnly, on leave of absence for a world tour with the mission party, are to the effect that these faculty members are now in India. They have already seen much of Japan and China. The presence of these men was much missed at the late trustee meeting.

THE SCIENCE HALL

By President D. W. Kurtz

The question that is asked most frequently as I travel about is "When are you going to build the Science Hall?" I am glad to answer "We are hoping to begin in less than sixty days." But I must still answer "We hope."

The trustees have carefully studied the needs of the college and the vote was unanimous that we should begin at once, and that at least one story should be ready for the opening of college next September. Our present buildings are entirely inadequate for the size of the college and the high-grade work that is done here. We have twenty-seven teachers and only fifteen class rooms. Also for the first time the majority of the students are in the college department. These facts show to any one how imperative it is to meet this need at once.

Since we do not as yet have money enough to build the Science Hall we are planning to get enough by the pay-

ment of past pledges and the budget for the new year, so as to make possible the erection of the building and the completion of the first floor for the coming school year. We can then finish the other floors as rapidly as the money comes in. If we cannot do that much, we can at least erect the first story and put on it a temporary roof, so that some of the needs of the school can be met.

If we could only induce a thousand of our friends to come to McPherson and visit the college, I am sure they would strain every point to help the cause at this time. The need is so great and the embarrassment to the standing of the college so keen that we must have the whole-hearted support of the entire church and community to relieve the situation. We must have an immediate response from the citizens of McPherson and the larger support of the churches, else there will be serious handicaps and embarrassment to the efficiency and standing of the college.

The Forward Movement budget of last year closes on February 28, 1921. The Forward Movement budget for the new year is comparatively small, but it is an absolute minimum which must be raised. Last year the college presented a budget of \$275,000. Only a little of this was raised. That necessitated a budget for this year of \$110,000 cash, and \$40,000 in endowment pledges as an absolute minimum. This can easily be raised if all the churches and individuals will co-operate.

Our plan is to begin at once on the Science Hall, in the hope and faith that this new budget will be raised and make it possible to have at least a part of the building available by September 15, and perhaps continue to work without a break until the entire structure is complete.

A better world depends upon Christianity and that depends upon Christian education, which must have trained leaders, who can be prepared only by the Christian college. The college cannot do its work without class rooms and equipment. Help to build this Science Hall now and you are doing the best mission work and patriotic service.

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