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OPENING OF THE 89TH. SESSION OF McPHERSON COLLEGE

The opening address was given on Wednesday morning by President D. W. Kurtz. The address was one filled with great inspiration and thought and carried with it the great enthusiasm that is so characteristic of our president.

Monday and Tuesday preceding the formal opening enrollment had been in progress. It was evident by this time that we were to enjoy an increase in enrollment over last year. There being a slight increase in the size of our Freshman class, and quite a substantial increase in other classes.

Immediately following the opening address classes began to meet at their regular periods for assignments, and within a very short time college life was again very much in evidence with all of its intensity.

Friends of McPherson College in all parts of the world will be happy to know of the excellent year that the college is enjoying, and of the fine spirit and co-operation that is so much in manifest in every department of the college's activity.

"I'll borrow if necessary, but I'll pay my pledge."

A SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL CAMPAIGN

Reverend and Mrs. O. H. Austin held a very successful revival campaign in the McPherson Church during two weeks of the month of October. Throughout the entire meeting the interest was high. Each evening Rev. Austin brought to a large audience a powerful and very much appreciated message. The work of Mrs. Austin in leading the music, as well as her part in conducting the devotionals was highly appreciated. This was the first series of meetings to be held in the New Church.

The Austins are Alumni of McPherson College, and are always welcomed back home in a most enthusiastic way. This was the third and most successful campaign that they have held in the McPherson Church.

"McPherson's present problem is a money problem, let us thank the Lord that it is not a harder problem."

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

For many years the need for some effort toward acclimating the Freshmen as quickly as possible into College Life, has been felt by members of the faculty. Realizing that new students arriving here for the first time, are subject to lonesomeness and often find it difficult as individuals to adjust themselves to their new life, or as a class to organize for class spirit without considerable loss of efficiency, the following program was adopted:

Before school was out last spring Professor G. N. Boone was appointed advisor for the Freshmen Class that was to matriculate this semester. With the help of literature and plans secured from other institutions, a program for the first half week of the new school year was worked out. A prospective Freshman mailing list was compiled in the general office, and about the first of September a letter was sent out to these persons. This was of the nature of a get acquainted letter, advising the prospective student of the plans for acclimating the class.

Committees were active on the Campus Monday, September 13th to assist the Freshmen in getting located in their living quarters and on Monday evening the College entertained the Class at a luncheon in the new church. Many of the faculty members were present to get acquainted with the newcomers. Professor Blair, the College Registrar,

was Toastmaster of the evening and introduced Dr. Harnly who gave the welcome address in the absence of Dr. Kurtz. Dean Mohler gave an interesting address on Campus life and the rules of the College. Professor Boone concluded the program with varied announcements concerning the enrollment of Freshmen which was to take place Tuesday morning. Mimeographed copies of suggestions for courses were distributed. It was felt that by enrolling Freshmen only on Tuesday morning they could be more efficiently served, and results seemed to justify this supposition.

Tuesday evening Cosch Gardner and Professor Boone led the class on a hike. Many interesting and entertaining games were played and a big picnic supper was served. After the eats, the members of the class gathered around the campfire and agreed to elect temporary officers who should serve for one month after which time a permanent election would be held. Such temporary election was calculated to enable the class to begin work at once, having the benefit of an opportunity to again elect officers after they had time to get acquainted and should decide upon those desirable and fit for holding the positions permanently.

Those in charge of the orientation program are of the opinion that the plans tried this year were quite successful, and the members of the class are enthusiastic over the results. It has demonstrated the fact that much can be done to acclimate the students quickly and easily into a new situation.

Will you help toward defeat or toward victory?

ALUMNI NOTES

Jay Eller, A. B. '24, after spending one year at the University of Washington, is now teaching in the high school at Wenatchee, Washington.

Ira N. H. Brammell, A. B., '23, is coaching athletics and teaching at Spokane, Washington.

Ada Pearl Kurtz, A. B., '23, is teaching history at Bridgewater College, Virginia.

C. Ray Keim, A. B., '23, is professor of history at the Iowa State Normal, Cedar Falls.

Foster S. Hoover, A. B., '23 is teaching biology in a Kansas City, Kansas high school.

Harold Barton, A. B. '25, is coaching athletics and teaching at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Elmer Brunk, A. B. '23, is teaching in the McKinley High School, Honolulu.

Elsie Farney, A. B. '24, has a good position in the junior college at Fort Scott, Kansas.

Three alumni are teaching in the high school or junior college at Independence, Kansas: S. A. Maust, A. B. '23, Rufus Daggett, A. B. '24, and Laura McGaffey, A. B. '25.

Irvin Ihrig, A. B. '24 was married June 8, 1926 to Miss Mary Countryman of Sterling, Colorado. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ihrig have positions in the schools of Hiff, Colorado.

Roy C. Frantz, A. B. '20, was married to Miss Erma McKee on September 19, 1926. Their home is Conway Springs, Kansas.

Oliver W. Trapp, A. B. '22, is pursuing a law course at the University of Chicago.

Lulu Pearl Ullom A. B. '16, who has spent seven years on the China mission field, was married September 7 at her home in Lamar, Colorado, to Dr. Carl F. Coffman of Liao Chou, Shansi, China. Dr. and Mrs. Coffman will return to China next year for further missionary work.

Leslie E. Blackman, A. B. and B. S. '22, is now located at Upper Iowa University, Fayette, Iowa.

Virgie Crist, Academy, '19, was recently married to Mr. H. H. Duck of Odessa, Florida.

Miss Nina Swanson, A. B. '17, has been sent by

the American Red Cross to do relief work in the storm area of Florida.

Reunions of former McPherson College students who are teaching in Kansas schools were planned at the various meetings of the Kansas State Teachers' Association. P. R. Brummell had charge of the meeting at Topeka, D. L. Bowman at Hays, and D. E. Brubaker at Hutchinson.

Will ingratitude or loyalty determine your vote?

THE GOSPEL TEAM

In the busy life of college each student must choose where his efforts go. Some follow the call of the athlete, others match their powers of persuasion with that of the opponent in debate, others use their voice in oratory or follow the goddess of music, while others find their place in promoting the work of the Church.

The Church gives her youth and her money to the college, and now the youth is giving itself for the work of the church through the "Gospel Team". Last year the teams visited many of the churches of Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma. The effect of the work of the gospel team is dual, in the first place it serves as an inspiration to the churches visited, and in the second place the members of the team themselves are inspired and challenged into a life of service as a result of their experiences.

This year plans are being made to enlarge this field of activity. Several students will spend their Christmas vacations in this type of work. Others are giving their week ends to the work. The teams present a clean cut Gospel message in song, readings, sermons and talks. They go with but one purpose in mind, Advancing His Kingdom.

"A gift to Christian Education is a gift to every good cause."

THE BIBLE INSTITUTE

One of the important indications of the degree of interest which the constituency has in its college is found in the support which it gives to the annual Bible Institute. If the denominational college has an excuse for being, that is found primarily in its religious purpose and influence. In an age of confusion and bewilderment such as we find in America today, there is a unique opportunity for the Christian institution, and the distinctive mission of this type of institution should find its climax in the Bible Institute.

In the past, those from the district who have attended the Institute have expressed their enthusiastic desire that the college should continue this annual custom in the future. Now, of course, if these wishes merely verbally expressed are not accompanied by an interest which is manifested by a growing support and an increased attendance, the directors of the college may decide that the constituency really do not care for a continuation of the plan in future years. Therefore, the attendance of persons interested in the college at the Institute to be held this year will be a good means to judge whether there is sufficient interest to justify making it a permanent part of the college program. Will not every pastor please make a special effort to enlist a good representation from his church for the program this year. A group of unusually competent and forceful speakers will be available for the inspiration and instruction of those who will attend.

Remember the date for the Institute, January 30 to February 6, 1927. Remember also the imposing array of speakers that will be there. President

D. W. Kurtz, of course, will give a number of his masterful addresses. President A. C. Wieand of Bethany Bible School and Mr. Frank G. Richard, the State Sunday School Secretary of Kansas, will be present to give us the benefit of their valuable experience in religious education. Eld. M. R. Zigler, the Home Mission Secretary of our General Mission Board, will conduct a pastors' conference throughout the week and will also give a course of lectures on the challenge to religious leadership as evidenced in the needs of the mission field in America. Eld. Frank H. Crumpacker and Eld. E. H. Ehy will be on hand to present the present implications of the Great Commission. With their wealth of experience on the mission fields of China and India respectively, they will be able to bring messages which are both graphic and authoritative. Dr. H. J. Harnly, Dean R. E. Mohler, and Prof. H. H. Nininger will be present to relate their knowledge of science to various problems of religious leadership. Prof. Hoff will give a course on the teachings of Jesus as they relate especially to current social, civic, economic, and international problems.

The program, then, may be summarized as follows: a pastors' conference, a conference on religious education, a conference on church work in America, a conference on foreign missions, a conference on the relation of religion to science (with addresses by President Kurtz, Dr. Harnly and Prof. Nininger), and a conference on the teachings of Jesus. There will also be the regular evening programs and lectures: presentation of the play "The Fool", by Channing Pollock, a program rendered by the music club, and lectures by President Kurtz, President Wieand, Eld. Frank Crumpacker, and Eld. M. R. Zigler.

For any further information, write to the committee in charge: J. L. Hoff, Director of the Bible

Institute, or Eld. H. F. Richards, pastor of the Church of the Brethren at McPherson.

FRIENDS AND FOES TO THE CAMPAIGN

In virtually every community those that are backing the campaign are those that are likewise backing every program and activity of the church.

The greatest enemies to the campaign are: Indifference, Apathy, "Let-some-one-else-do-it". The natural human desire to escape giving, even from giving to the Lord, and last but not least, Procrastination.

THE ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Plans are under way for an intensive drive to complete the endowment. The details of which will soon be announced. It means that every one of the patrons, students, and alumni will have to pull together to the limit, to put it over. It is a most vital proposition and must not fail.

All pledges must be paid. It will mean real flesh and blood sacrifice, but it is the only way. And no price is too great. Christ gave his life that we might have life, and it is up to this generation to give its life that our children may be saved. The only hope is in a united effort. Every one giving as God has prospered him.

"The plans are made. I am going to borrow the money, but I will pay my pledge."

FACTS

Will you consider the facts as we face them?

Within less than two months the success or failure of the campaign will have been decided.

Leaders in the campaign have been giving their best energies to the work, and most of all have been bearing the burden of possible failure through the

neglect of some that are not quite willing to do their part.

\$100,000 in new pledges must be raised in order to meet the minimum requirement for a standard college.

\$170,000 now in pledges must be paid in before January, 1927.

THE CRISIS AS SEEN BY OTHERS

(Needless to say, those at the head of our College feel and know the crisis, and are already going the second mile, but what do those away from McPherson say).

A Pastor writes "I have a pledge of \$500. I have no spare money and will not have, but I plan on going to a bank and borrowing. You may count on my money by January first."

A School Teacher just out of college, "I have heavy school debts but here is my pledge for \$150 and I will double it if you need the money by the end of the campaign."

A Professional man, "We have given much more than our tithe this year, but will give at least that much more to put the Endowment across."

A Business man writes, "I have no cash at present, but my credit is still good and I expect to use it for McPherson College."

Another Pastor states "I have already given \$500 in this campaign but expect to give a second like amount before the close of this year."

Such statements and many other similar ones from real friends of McPherson College and Christian Education, are the only things that bolster up the spirits of those that have the burden of the campaign at heart. The only difficulty is they are far too few in number and many that should give, and will, are so slow in making their decision that there is danger that the campaign may prove a wreck.

Can you suggest some one that may be able to give \$500 or more in this time of crisis?

IS THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE A FAILURE?

You might just as well ask, Is Christianity a failure? Consider if you will the church leaders of today. Every missionary on our foreign fields was trained in one of our own church colleges. Every one of our editors. The very large percent of our pastors, and more and more of our church leaders in every line of activity. McPherson College has furnished her share of these Christian leaders. Statistics show that but few church leaders in any denomination come from schools other than their own. The Brethren church is today giving her colleges ten per cent of her children and getting back ninety percent of her church leaders.

Does the Christian College pay? It does. Why not invest in it?

THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

College closes one week earlier than common this year in order to make possible numerous Alumni that are teaching in all parts of the country attending the 40th. Anniversary of the founding of McPherson College.

Alumni, former students and friends of the college from all parts of the United States are planning on being in McPherson for the Anniversary. The dates are May 30th. to June 4th. Almost every day there comes to the college a letter from some member of a former class asking for the addresses of all members of their old class. The President of the class of 1918 writes, "I am planning to do what I can to get our class lined up for the Big Reunion." A member of the class of 1919 writes, "I will be glad to act as chairman for our class, I am very much interested." The class of 1922 is still

saying "We are coming back 100 per cent strong" Other classes have written similar letters, but the above three were received in today's mail. It now seems that most of the classes are planning some particular location in McPherson as headquarters for their class. Some are suggesting that they are coming back with a real stunt or program for Class Day. The chairman for that day has promised every class time and an opportunity some place on the program. Every indication at the present time is for a great week.

The tentative program as outlined at the present time is as follows. Sunday will be Church Day. Monday, All School Picnic. Dr. Harnly will act as chairman for the day. Professor Yoder will be chairman of Pioneer Day which will be Tuesday. Wednesday will be Class Day, Professor Mohler in charge. Thursday the big day, or "Anniversary Day" will be supervised and directed by President Kurtz. Friday is commencement. Each evening there will be fitting programs for the occasion. The whole week will be a busy one full of good things. Most of all we hope that sometime as a fitting climax to such an occasion there may be announced the successful completion of the Endowment Campaign for one half million.

"I consider McPherson College one of the REAL colleges of America." Dean of Graduate School (Big Ten University).

The firm of Seath, Mitchell & Ross, Accountants and Auditors, of Kansas City, Missouri, in accordance with instructions from the Board of Trustees, examined, during the last two weeks of July, the records, audited the books, and verified all funds and securities of the College on hand at the close of the fiscal year of 1925-26. This report was

received in August after the August bulletin had gone to press. Following is a copy of the Balance Sheet which they prepared, showing the financial status of the College as of June 15, 1926:

ASSETS

PERMANENT FUND INVESTMENTS

Investments in Real Estate, Mortgages, Notes and Securities	\$178,914.75
Investments in Farm Properties	144,235.00
Due from Plant Fund	8,200.00
Bridges Receivable	
Interest bearing	70,230.00
Non Interest bearing	83,127.40
Cash in Bank	5,820.00
Total Endowment Fund Investments	\$400,527.00

PLANT INVESTMENT

Grounds	\$ 28,000.00
Buildings	287,000.00
Equipment	42,581.55
Apparatus	40,811.17
Farm properties and equipment	12,108.74
Total Investment in Plant	410,501.46
Bridges Receivable	12,460.00
Due from General Fund	21.55
Cash in Bank	2,474.45
Total Funds awaiting collection and investment	25,156.45

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash on hand and in bank	\$ 939.41
Receivables	
Notes Receivable - students	3,446.86
Accounts Receivable - Students	6,063.20
Deposits	10.00
Income charges - Deferred	
Insurance	2,520.93
Manual Training Fees	20.15
Total Current Assets	\$ 13,029.55

TOTAL \$276,246.71

LIABILITIES

PERMANENT FUND:

General Endowments		
Unrestricted		\$304,328.64
Subject to Annuity		93,750.00
Memorial Scholarship Funds		2,040.00
Total Endowment Funds . . .		\$400,118.64

PLANT FUNDS AND LIABILITIES:

Indebtedness on Science Hall		
On short term notes to individuals	\$ 12,600.00	
Due to Endowment Fund	9,200.00	
	21,800.00	
Plant Funds from General and Sundry sources	424,382.14	
Total Plant Funds and Liabilities		\$446,182.14

CURRENT FUNDS AND LIABILITIES:

Notes Payable—Bank	2,000.00	
Due to Plant Fund	215.89	
Income Credits Deferred		
Summer School	3,115.20	
Other Departments	502.55	
Total Current Funds and Liabilities	6,833.64	
SURPLUS	7,365.85	12,839.63
TOTAL		\$870,248.71