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## THE LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A new school year, the forty-first in the history of McPherson College, is now well under way. As compared with last year it has been a most encouraging opening. Whereas the spirit of doubt and discouragement predominated last year, the spirit of confident expectancy and buoyant enthusiasm prevail this year.

For various reasons the attendance of last year was below the normal attendance for McPherson College. The decrease of last year was practically regained with this year's enrollment despite the handicaps of our experience with the North Central Association. A more earnest group of students is seldom found. The potential leadership in the student group seems unusually strong.

Extensive repairs have been made in the boys' dormitory and a beautiful Chapel is now in use, as will be shown on another page.

But the one discordant note in the general chorus of enthusiasm and optimism is the one that rises from the problem of finance. The one thing McPherson College needs to guarantee her perpetuity and insure her permanence is endowment. Without endowment every crop failure, every fluctuation in student attendance, every important change in organization threatens to decrease her income and jeopardize her standards, even her very life. Sooner or later we must face this task in earnest again. If McPherson College is to be guaranteed a permanent existence she must be assured of a reasonable income regardless of a drought, or any other unavoidable interference with her income. We shall have to endow our Alma Mater if she is to be permanent and expanding. We cannot go back!

Faithfully,

V. F. SCHWALM.

## THE FORTY-FIRST OPENING OF McPHERSON COLLEGE

McPherson College has had a most gratifying opening this fall. The student enrollment in the College Department has increased by quite a considerable number. The Freshman enrollment increased by about 50% over last year, now numbering about 121. There has also been a considerable increase in the Senior class. It now appears that the graduating class of next spring will amount to more than 60.

Whatever of increase there has been is due in no small measure to the enthusiastic support of students and alumni. We appreciate this fine loyalty. For next year we expect another increase as marked as this. We trust the Alumni and especially those who are High School teachers, will remember their Alma Mater and send us the names of prospective students. We need this cooperation to grow. It will be good for you and the college. We thank you for your past and future help.

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### FRESHMAN WEEK

A new departure this year in the process of enrollment was the inauguration of Freshman Week. Schools everywhere are beginning to realize the difficulty which students just out of high school have in adjusting themselves to the new atmosphere and environment of a college. It is for the purpose of aiding the student to make this adjustment more easily, to plan his course more wisely, and begin his work more efficiently that Freshman Week has been established.

The events of the week began with a Faculty-Freshman luncheon Friday evening, Sept. 7. By far the larger part of the Freshman class was present, and listened attentively to a Fine Arts program, an

Address of Welcome, by Dean Mohler, and a lecture on the Aims and Purposes of a College Education by Professor Blair.

Saturday morning the students met to fill out information sheets and applications for enrollment. This was followed by an intelligence test. After a brief intermission, Professor Yoder lectured on the Aims, Ideals and Activities of McPherson College. In the afternoon the standardized English tests were given by the English Department. Next in order was a tour of the campus with an introduction to the Library and the Museum. In the evening a class hike was arranged.

Sunday morning the students attended church. In the afternoon an automobile tour of the city showed the chief points of interest. Vesper services on the campus by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. preceded a special sermon for Freshmen in the church.

On Monday morning, Dr. Schwalm's lecture on Curriculum Building was followed by enrollment in charge of the Freshman Committee. Dr. Harnly lectured on Student Health on Tuesday morning, after which enrollment was completed.

It is believed that the activities of the week were of much benefit to the new students. The policy will probably be continued next year. It is important that new students be present for the series of lectures as arranged, and thus avoid the handicap of lacking some of the information necessary for the most satisfactory enrollment.

## THE NEW CHAPEL

The new chapel, a picture of which appears in this Bulletin, has been completed and is now in use. The Chapel was made possible by the generous donations of students, faculty, alumni, and friends of the college. The students of last year gave most

This is interior rear view of the new Chevrolet during the stage.



liberally; the faculty responded heartily and several friends of the College also gave generously,—a few as much as \$500.00 each.

The Chapel is enlarged, having been extended eastward about twenty-six feet. A stage fifteen feet wide and thirty inches high is built across the east end of the Chapel. Stairways from each end lead to dressing rooms below the stage. A beautiful new crimson velour curtain was donated to the school by the class of 1928. It is most beautiful and helps the appearance of the stage remarkably. Nearly 400 new stationary noiseless walnut opera chairs provide new seating most welcome to the students. Walls and ceiling were completely re-decorated. The whole presents an attractive appearance beyond the expectation of those who planned it.

The total cost of the Chapel was about \$11,500.00. The total amount pledged to date is about \$9,500.00. We still need about \$2,000.00. Alumni will still remember this worthy cause and contribute to it. Make a Christmas gift to your *Ala Mater* to help pay out on this Chapel!

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## REGIONAL CONFERENCE

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also likely be here. The committee is also negotiating with other speakers and hope to present as strong or a stronger program than was offered last year. We trust many ministers and others interested will plan to be here for this meeting. It is one of the agencies that binds College and Church together. Come and bring a friend with you!

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### FACULTY NOTES

Prof. and Mrs. J. D. Bright are doing advanced study in the University of Wisconsin during the year. Prof. Bright is pursuing his favorite study—History while Mrs. Bright divides her time between caring for Martha Jane and a course in Shakespeare. They reside at 1220 St. James Court, Madison, Wisconsin

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Prof. C. B. Williams is teaching at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Stillwater, Oklahoma, and is enjoying his work but seems to be experiencing some "twitching pangs" of homesickness for friends at M. C.

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Dean R. E. Mohler recently experienced the sad

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Numerous reasons have been given for the great success of Herbert Hoover in defeating Alfred E. Smith for the Presidency. Here is another,—on October 28 Dr. H. J. Harnly gave a ringing Republican speech over the Radio at Milford, Kansas. Dr. Harnly also represented McPherson College at the District Meeting of Northern Missouri where he gave a number of addresses.

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Dean Mohler, Prof. Blair, and Prof. Nininger have been speaking at a number of County Institutes during the autumn months.

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New members of the faculty appearing with the fall quarter are Miss Mildred Lamb in the Department of Commerce, Mrs. Tate in the Department of Voice, Prof. B. F. Jamison in the Department of English and History, and Miss Collins in the Department of Art. These new teachers are doing their work most acceptably.

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Miss Edith McGaffey, in her new role as Dean of Women, is doing her work with accustomed dignity and efficiency. Her work with the girls of the college is most helpful.

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Prof. Nininger, who had been gone for more than a year, is again seen on the campus. Besides his teaching he has been lecturing here and there on his "trek" of last year.

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Dr. Hershey is busy in his Chemistry laboratory most of the time. He has a beginning Chemistry class of about 98. His faithfulness to his work and sympathetic interest in his students are bringing to him their own reward.

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Prof. Hess reports that the Debate question for



this year will be the "Resolved: That a substitute for trial by jury should be adopted." He says he believes he can make another winning team this year.

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Prof. Hoff recently gave an address at a joint Sunday School Convention in Little River.

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Roy S. Teach, Field Secretary for McPherson College, spent the summer in the field. During the autumn he attended a number of conferences and did some field work. He is now spending several weeks in revival work at St. John, West Wichita, and Stet, Missouri. His work among the churches has been enthusiastically received.

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### ALUMNI NOTES

Rev. Oliver H. Austin and wife are in evangelistic work as usual this winter. They have held meetings in Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana, so far during this fall. They report good health and good meetings. Mr. Austin says in part: "Our work at Leeton was very successful, fourteen confessions . . . The cooperation among the churches of the community was beautiful and the song service soul-inspiring. At Springfield there were twenty-five confessions and we closed with a good spirit. . . . Along with our revival work we are having open forum each Sunday night for the young people where we discuss their problems and thus far they have been very helpful."

We are glad to have these splendid people in the field to represent McPherson College.

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Rev. C. A. Eshelman is pastor of the Congregational Church of Anthony, Kansas. In a recent letter he says, "I am enclosing a check for twenty dollars to apply on my endowment note. . . . I want to

see 'Old M. C.' go over strong, not only because she is my Alma Mater but because I admire the ideals which she upholds."

This is a kind of loyalty we appreciate.

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Mr. Jay W. Tracey, A. B. '22, is now engaged in mercantile business at Rocky Ford, Colorado.

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Mr. Roy Frantz, A. B. '20, has gone from the University of Chicago to a college teaching position at Barboursville, West Virginia.

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G. Winston Cassler, A. B. '27, has been elected to the Honors Course in Theory at the Oberlin College Conservatory. This class of seven, selected from the entire student group, is limited to those who have shown superior ability in harmonization and composition. This is Mr. Cassler's second year in Oberlin.

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Miss Bertha M. Frantz, A. B. '23, has gone from the Douglas Park Mission, Chicago, to take charge of some mission projects of the Church of the Brethren in Florida.

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After teaching four years at Marquette, Kansas, Mr. D. E. Brubaker, A. B. '24, has accepted a position in a Los Angeles High School.

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Miss Minnie Mugler B. M., '21, and Miss Elsie Klinkerman, B. M. '21, are doing advanced music work in Colorado Springs.

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Mr. Byran Talhelm is principal of schools at Altamont, Kansas.

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Harvey Lehman, A. B. '27, is teaching at Garden City, Kansas.

Prof. G. N. Boone, A. B. '21, is the author of a fifty page pamphlet, "Woodwork for Rural High Schools," to be published by the Manual Arts Press, Peoria, Illinois, early in December.

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Mr. John Mohler, B. S. '23, from near Loti attended the District Meeting of Southeast Kansas. Mr. Mohler is Sunday School Secretary of that district.

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Frank Stutzman, a graduate of the Commercial Department of McPherson College, is a merchant in Thomas, Oklahoma.

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Saylor Neher, A. B. '22, and wife are teaching in a Rural High School at Lone Elm, Kansas.

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Mr. Earl Watkins, A. B. '18, and wife, Orpha Andes Watkins, are still located at Garnett, Kansas, where Mr. Watkins has been principal for ten years. Reports are that he is doing a splendid piece of work there.

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Ora Huston, A. B. '27, is at Bethany Bible School during this winter. During the past summer Mr. Huston is reported to have done an extraordinarily fine piece of work in the churches of Oklahoma.

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Emery C. Wine, A. B. '22, is teaching in the schools at Zenda, Kansas.

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Wm. McMullen, A. B. '27, has accepted the superintendency of schools at Phillipsburg, Kansas.

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### **ALUMNI MEET AT HUTCHINSON**

Seventy-five McPherson College Alumni and former students met for a happy reunion during the convention of the Kansas State Teachers' Asso-

ciation at Hutchinson, November 9. S. B. Kurtz, A. B. '26, was the delightful toastmaster at the dinner served in the Universalist church. Many guests responded to Mr. Kurtz's invitation that they participate in the fellowship of the evening. The formal part of the program was brief. After Miss Florence Kline, A. B. '27, sang "Trees", President Schwalm spoke sincerely of the present life and problems of the College, telling of its hopes for the future and submitting the challenge to the Alumni that they be aware of its deepest need and conscious of their part in meeting this need. Many alumni who have attended other reunions spoke of this one at Hutchinson as having been one of the happiest in their experience. The success of the dinner was due to the work of Rev. W. T. Lockett, A. B. '26, and Mr. Orville Pote, A. B. '23, who had charge of the local arrangements, and to Mr. S. B. Kurtz who arranged the program.

### MEETING OF BRETHERN STUDENTS

On the evening of Oct. 23 there was a special meeting of all the students and faculty who were members of The Church Of The Brethren. The meeting was called to order by President Schwalm who also presided at the meeting. After short talks by Profs. Heckman and Lehman impromptu talks were given by Dr. Yoder and Dean Mahler. These were followed by a large number of responses by students. Rev. Richards spoke briefly at the close of the service.

The purpose of the meeting was to remind ourselves of our church relationship. Many appreciations of what the church has meant to them were expressed by Faculty members and students. Several students have said that they enjoyed the meeting and found it most helpful.

## IMPRESSIONS FROM DISTRICT MEETINGS

It was my privilege to attend six District Meetings in the McPherson College area this fall. This afforded a splendid opportunity to measure up church conditions and leadership material.

A few Districts are numerically weak, but show a fine enthusiasm and willingness to get things done. Especially are the young people hopeful. Every District visited has a fine loyal group of young people who attended the meetings and added much to the life and spirit of the program. To me it is the most hopeful factor in the church life of today. The right kind of encouragement and sympathetic guidance will maintain in these young people a force of leaders for the church tomorrow that will accomplish great things for the Kingdom and the Church.

Another encouragement is the state of unity prevailing in most districts. We are sorry to note a few churches that foster division which is always bad, but there are not many. Most of the membership is willing to follow eagerly efficient and enthusiastic leadership into greater church activity and are ready to give loyal support. Leadership is not as efficient and resourceful in a good many churches as the task requires, hence the work tends to drag and in some places decline. The church must improve her leadership to meet the strenuous requirements of the present day. The opposing forces that are without competing with the church for the attention of the young people are powerful, and unless the church arises to the needs of the situation her losses will continue to be great. However, the situation in general is encouraging. The attitude of the churches toward the college as evidenced in these District Meetings is very fine. The problems of the churches and College are mutual and by sympathetic cooperation both will succeed since the ultimate object of both is the same.

## OUR FINANCES

A statement of last year's business, beginning June 16, 1927, and ending June 15, 1928, is presented in this issue of the Bulletin. A complete financial statement of the assets and liabilities of the college are included. The loss in attendance was seriously reflected in loss of income and caused a deficit. Some of the churches failed to respond to the call of the Trustees for one dollar per member to be paid toward the general expenses. This left us with no source of income to offset the deficit and compelled us to close the year in debt. During the past summer the books were audited by certified public accountants, Crane, Bowman, and Spurrier, of Wichita.

The year 1928-29 started out with an increased enrollment which promises a better financial situation in the next year's report.

We hold a large number of pledges past due, some of them for endowment and some old Science Hall pledges. We would appreciate consideration from the makers of such promises. We thank the many friends of the college for their fine cooperation in all financial matters.

J. J. YODER, Business Manager.

J. H. Fries, Ass't. Bus. Mgr. and Acc't

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## EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

Sunday, December 2, Rev. W. T. Lockett of Hutchinson, Kansas, will begin a two-week series of evangelistic meetings in the First Church of the Brethren in McPherson. Since his graduation from McPherson College with the class of 1926, Rev. Lockett has been serving as pastor of the First Church of the Brethren in Hutchinson. Recent extensive enlargements and remodeling of the church at this place is marked evidence of his success. He is a clear and forceful speaker and his sermons will prove interesting and helpful to the students of the

college and to others who may have the privilege of hearing him.

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### THE NEW "Y. W." ROOM

It was a most gratifying and happy surprise for the Y. W. C. A. girls this fall, upon returning to their "Old Alma Mater", to find that the one time, very impracticable "Y. W." room had taken on an entirely new appearance. The old familiar small room had grown during the short summer vacation, a third again as large. Just off of this big room to the south, a smaller room designated as kitchenette met our approval with hearty assent.

The girls are very well pleased with the new changes, and as a result of this much desired improvement are working hard to make this room one in which a wholesome, peaceful, atmosphere is maintained.

Comparative Balance Sheet for the years 1939-1937 and 1937-1935 as of June 16, 1937-38

	1939-37	1937-38	1937-38	1937-38
<b>Real Estate Mortgage</b>				
Mortgage	\$131,652.19	\$125,025.09		
Cash	22,899.89	29,297.00		
Total	154,552.08	154,322.09		
<b>Investment in Pure Property</b>				
Real Estate Sales Contract	7,300.00	7,300.00		
Cash	120.25	120.25		
Total	7,420.25	7,420.25		
<b>Other Assets</b>				
Cash	7,235.84	514.50		
Total	7,235.84	514.50		
<b>Total</b>	169,008.07	162,261.84		
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Mortgages	58,238.00	59,340.00		
Accounts Payable	72,845.00	65,300.00		
Total	131,083.00	124,640.00		
<b>Equity</b>				
Paid-up Capital	264.07	4,900.00		
Reserves		138.74		
Total	264.07	5,238.74		
<b>Total</b>	131,347.07	130,878.74		
<b>Real Estate</b>				
Mortgages	29,000.00	29,000.00		
Cash	287,000.00	287,000.00		
Total	316,000.00	316,000.00		
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Mortgages	12,147.24	12,413.82		
Accounts Payable	12,146.24	12,214.00		
Total	24,293.48	24,627.82		
<b>Equity</b>				
Paid-up Capital	28,300.00	28,300.00		
Reserves		1,000.00		
Total	28,300.00	29,300.00		
<b>Total</b>	52,593.48	53,927.82		
<b>Real Estate</b>				
Mortgages	7,467.03	7,467.03		
Accounts Payable	4,301.25	4,301.25		
Total	11,768.28	11,768.28		
<b>Equity</b>				
Paid-up Capital	378.00	378.00		
Reserves	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Total	1,378.00	1,378.00		
<b>Total</b>	13,146.28	13,146.28		
<b>Real Estate</b>				
Mortgages	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Accounts Payable	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Total	2,000.00	2,000.00		
<b>Equity</b>				
Paid-up Capital	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Reserves				
Total	1,000.00	1,000.00		
<b>Total</b>	3,000.00	3,000.00		

30,340.00  
317,318.00

18,889.16  
189,374.37





## Statement of Income and Expense For the Year Ending June 15, 1929

### ACADEMIC INCOME AND EXPENSE

<b>Student Fees:</b>		
Tuition	\$22,482.91	
Incidental Fees	2,247.75	
Laboratory Fees	2,014.40	\$27,744.06
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<b>Library:</b>		
Fees	1,018.80	
Gifts	69.69	1,088.49
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<b>Endowment and Auxiliary Donations</b>		
		2,822.02
		2,740.45
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<b>Deficit</b>		14,797.10
		4,792.48
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		\$10,004.62

### EXPENSE

<b>General and Administrative:</b>		
Salaries	\$ 8,784.41	
Traveling Expenses	294.57	
Printing & office expense	527.83	
Telephone & Telegraph	125.25	
Postage	254.04	
Miscellaneous	87.23	
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<b>Less Pro-rata to Fine Arts</b>	1,492.78	8,492.46

<b>Operating and Maintenance:</b>		
Salaries	1,266.80	
Labor	1,266.87	
Light, Water & Power	1,266.84	
Coal	2,482.58	
Insurance	122.70	
Repairs and Replacements	1,222.20	
Carpets	222.22	
Supplies	272.88	
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<b>Less Pro-rata to other Depts.</b>	1,422.27	1,666.12

<b>Institutional:</b>		
Salaries	44,884.82	
Library	2,821.13	
Laboratories	2,840.87	49,546.82
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		\$10,004.62

### GENERAL INCOME AND EXPENSE

<b>Receipts:</b>		
Dormitories	\$ 4,369.02	
Dining Hall	2,539.73	
Fine Arts	1,000.00	
Graduation Fees	527.80	
Book Store	1,000.00	
Interest	491.21	
Certificates & Placement		
Express	212.80	
High School Festival	45.00	
Cymposiums Meet	48.00	
Athletics	2,212.75	
Miscellaneous	789.87	\$19,741.17

	<b>Expenses</b>	
Accounts charged off	\$ 193.50	
High School Festival	194.17	
Athletics	5,002.12	
Audit	175.00	
Taxes and Interest	199.26	
Miscellaneous	429.31	7,092.36
<b>Field Work &amp; Student Solicitation</b>		<b>5,476.82</b>
		<u>12,569.18</u>
<b>Gain</b>		<b>4,312.33</b>
		<u><u>16,741.11</u></u>

### DINING HALL

	<b>Income</b>	
Students		\$16,776.04
	<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries	\$ 4,021.14	
Food and Supplies	10,170.50	
Coal, Oil and Ice	663.04	
Miscellaneous	195.42	
Operation and Maintenance	1,812.44	
Rent	2,558.73	
	<u>19,321.27</u>	
<b>Gain</b>	1,454.77	<u>20,776.84</u>

### INFORMATORIES

	<b>Income</b>	
Students	\$ 7,926.99	
Deficit	4,759.99	<u>\$13,749.39</u>
	<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries	1,183.52	
Insurance	664.57	
Repairs and Renewals	2,024.84	
Supplies	312.84	
Operation and Maintenance	2,836.59	13,749.39
Rent	4,959.02	<u>13,749.39</u>

### FINE ARTS

	<b>Income</b>	
Plano and Public School Music	\$ 2,724.27	
Yoko	1,411.10	
Viola	1,871.00	
Art	365.00	
	<u>5,792.57</u>	
<b>Deficit</b>	4,469.58	<u>13,173.32</u>
	<b>Expenses</b>	
Salaries	\$ 2,329.72	
Rental	1,200.00	
Administrative	1,682.78	
Operation and Maintenance	1,613.48	
Miscellaneous	16.39	<u>13,173.32</u>