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## FACULTY OF McPHERSON COLLEGE.

The following is the faculty of McPherson College for the year 1915-1916:

Daniel Webster Kurtz, A. M., B. D., D. D., President.

Henry Jacob Harnly, A. M., Ph. D., Dean and Professor of Mathematics.

Arthur Bowes Frizzell, A. M., Ph. D., Professor of Mathematics.

Jos. J. Yoder, A. B., Dean of Bible School.

Edgar Fauver Long, A. M., Professor of English and French.

Arthur Jerome Culler, Ph. D., Professor of Theology.

Jouette C. Russell, B. Sc., Professor of Chemistry and Physics.

Amos Milton Vance, A. M., Ph. D., Professor of History and Education.

Robert Ellsworth Mohler, A. B., Professor of Agriculture.

Evelyn Mae Trostle, A. M., Professor of Latin and English.

Jessie Brown, B. M., Director of Piano School.

John Alvin Blair, Superintendent of Commercial School.

Charles Luther Rowland, Instructor in Vocal Music.

Minnie Walters, B. S., Instructor in Domestic Science.

Mrs. S. B. Fahnestock, B. S. L., Instructor in Bible.

Ellis M. Studebaker, A. B., Instructor in History and Bible.

Martin H. Schlichting, A. B., Instructor in German.

Anna O. McVey, Instructor in Expression.

V. Grace Neher, B. Accts., Instructor in Shorthand and Typewriting.

Elmer M. Hersch, Coach.

Prof. E. L. Cralk and Miss Edna Dettler were granted leave of absence by the trustees and will spend next year in study.

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## SPLENDIDLY RECOGNIZED

**Students From McPherson College Rank The Highest in Quality of Work, Character, and Achievement—Says Dean Frank W. Blackmar.**

From Daily Republican

McPherson College and the citizens of McPherson can feel highly complimented with the statement of Prof. Frank W. Blackmar, Dean of the Graduate School of the State University. To be given the credit that McPherson College has in recent years sent graduates that averaged better in quality of work, character, and achievement is an exceptional boost, yet this is the statement to D. W. Kurtz, president of the college. Read the following letter and give three cheers for the school that sends the best young men and women:

The University of Kansas,

Lawrence, May 12, 1915.

President D. Webster Kurtz,

McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

It affords me great pleasure to say that the graduates of McPherson College whom you have sent to the Graduate School of the University of Kansas in recent years have been students of high standing. In fact, no other college in the state of Kansas has sent us graduates that averaged better in quality of work, character, and achievement, than the graduates of McPherson.

Owing to the fact that the McPherson College declined in number of students, in equipment, and in faculty for a year or two previous to your coming

to the college, the committee on Visitation and Affiliation thought wise to place a 10 per cent discount on the students who were admitted to the Graduate School, thus requiring extra work for the Master's degree. I am happy to say that if the plans which you have already adopted are carried out, and I have no doubt they will be, this discount will be entirely removed. Your present program fulfills all of the requirements of the Committee, and I congratulate you that you have placed the school on such sound footing. Sincerely yours, (Signed),

F. W. BLACKMAR.

Dean of the Graduate School.

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McPherson, Kansas, May 15, 1915.

Those who are familiar with the general advance in education, know that the standards of education have been raised very rapidly during the past decade. In fact, it is only recently that anything like definite standards have been set, and when these standards were made and advanced, many of the smaller institutions were found wanting. In this state almost half of the denominational schools failed to reach the standard. McPherson College was one of these.

The great universities demand certain preparation in the way of faculty, equipment, and courses before they allow students to do graduate work. McPherson College has met and more than met, these requirements. We expect, hereafter, to maintain a high standard, even above the requirements of the university.

The fact that we are fully standardized has a large significance. Because of the multiplicity of colleges throughout the country, the burden is placed upon the state university in each state to standardize

these colleges and, hence when a college is standardized fully, as McPherson College now is, it means that our students will get full credit, not only in ~~our~~ own university, but at every other university in the country and in the world.

For example: If a graduate of McPherson College wishes to enter Yale or Harvard or even a university across the Atlantic, the standard that is given us by our own university is the standing that we will have with these other institutions! It is for this reason that we are glad to announce to our students and patrons that all college work done in McPherson College will henceforth receive full credit in any university of the world. (Signed),

D. WEBSTER KURTZ,  
President of McPherson College.

#### McPHERSON COLLEGE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

McPherson College is getting more and more prominent in the constructive work of the Church. About one-fifth of the Standing Committee came from McPherson territory, and most of the delegates from the ten districts were at some time McPherson students.

Dr. Kurtz, President of the College, represented Southwestern Kansas, on the standing committee and also had a prominent part on the program. On Sunday, June 6, he preached the morning sermon to about seven thousand people. His subject was: "The Opportunity of the Church of the Brethren in the Present World Crisis." The thought of the sermon was emphasize the "Big Things" of the Church's faith and practice as an appeal to the entire church, and especially to the young people, to greater loyalty, devotion, and sacrifice for the church.

Dr. Kurtz also gave an address at the Educational Meeting which was most highly appreciated.

The Educational Board of the Church has been reorganized, and McPherson is represented. Dr. Kurtz was elected for five years on this important board.

Prof. E. M. Studebaker was placed on one of the most important new committees, viz., to investigate the causes for so many young people being lost to the church.

The McPherson College Reunion at the Conference was a grand success. Dr. Kurtz presided, and Prof. Studebaker led the singing. Responses were made by Geo. D. Kuna, W. O. Beckner, D. L. Mohler, Matila Quellhorst-Sauzer, J. J. Yoder, C. B. Smith, and J. D. Yoder. Elder G. W. Weddle led in prayer. This was a spirited meeting as McPherson reunions always are.

Elder J. J. Yoder, as member of the Mission Board was busy with the work of his board.

With McPherson College represented upon three of the principal boards and committees of the church, we have great opportunities of service for the Church and the Kingdom.

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### THE NEW DORMITORY.

The campaign for the New Ladies Dormitory is progressing encouragingly. Most of the money needed for this building is being subscribed in McPherson. Four or five men giving \$1000 each; others \$500, \$200 and \$100 and smaller amounts. The Dormitories of McPherson College form a part of its permanent endowment. The campaign for the new dormitory is the beginning of the campaign for \$150,000 of new endowment.

The accompanying cuts will give a good idea of



**PLANS FOR NEW GIRLS' DORMITORY**

the building, which will be three stories and basement, solid brick, double decker porches, 12x38 dining room to seat 182, 36 students' rooms, 12x18; large closets, toilets, baths and lavatories on each floor, large reception rooms. A strictly modern first-class dormitory which will make a pleasant home for seventy-two girls.

You will want to help build this New Girls Home. Fill out and sign the pledge at once and mail it to us.

**McPherson College**

\$.....1915.

I hereby subscribe the sum of.....

.....Dollars, for the building and furnishing of a Girl's Dormitory at McPherson College. Payable on or before October 1, 1915.

Signed.....



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### ENDOWMENT.

\$150,000 and a \$20,000 New Dormitory—the goal set for the next eighteen months.

It is imperative that this be accomplished if McPherson College is to maintain its standards. It is now a **Standard College** and fully accredited. To maintain this standard it must have larger endowments and better equipment. It is to be hoped that Elders and Church officers everywhere will welcome the workers into their churches and will assist them in every way possible. We would especially ask that all Elders and Pastors in their public petitions, pray



ferrently for an increased student body at McPherson College this next year and also for the success of our campaign for funds.

Perservering prayer from every pulpit, every family altar, every closet, will insure success.

### WHICH COLLEGE?

The following is copied from the *Midland College Bulletin*:

Our attention has been called to the following extract from *The Interior*, a Presbyterian paper published in Chicago. It has so much wholesome truth in it, so well put, that we transfer it to our pages. There can be no doubt that, all things considered, the "small college" is the safest and best place for undergraduate students.

"The best college for a solitary parent to send his son to, is a small college, where he has the minimum of evil, and the maximum of good influences—where he is in contact with the minds of his teachers and under their immediate moral influence. Our small colleges make our great men; and this they have done for a hundred years. Your sons will not get as much hazing, football and scientific athletics; not so much taste for wasting time and money, not so many vain notions and ambitions—they will not be stuffed with so much that is pretentious; but they will come out with that solid and reliable culture of mind and morals which in the battle of life wins the victory. The President of the United States is a small college man. Count the men in all the ranks of the civil, religious, literary and professional service, and note the fact that the small colleges occupy the large places."

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## MATRON.

McPherson College is indeed fortunate in securing Miss Lars Trostle of Ramona, Kansas, for matron.

Miss Trostle is experienced, having acted as matron at Mt. Morris College. She is a cultured woman of mature personality, a practical nurse, and of the very highest Christian character. The girls will be safe in her care.

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## NEW HEATING PLANT.

Two new boilers have been purchased and work will begin at once on the new heating plant. The old plant has been torn out. The hole will be fitted up. The new plant will be set northeast of the chapel, and will be of sufficient capacity to supply the old and new dormitories and the Main building.

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## NEW PIANO TEACHER AT M. C.

The trustees of McPherson College have elected Miss Jessie Brown, B. M., to the headship of the Piano department of that institution to take the place left vacant by the resignation of Prof. F. G. Muir.

Miss Brown is a teacher with unusual preparation and experience. She early gave evidence of marked musical talent and began the study of piano under the best local teachers. Continuing her studies she entered Bethany Conservatory in 1903 and finished the diploma course in 1907. In 1908 she became an assistant teacher in piano in Bethany. In 1910 she finished her post-graduate work in the institution with high honors and the gold medal, receiving the degree Bachelor of Music.

At her graduation Miss Brown was one of two



MISS JESSIE BROWN

students chosen from a class of thirty-four to play a concerto with orchestra.

In 1913 she discontinued her teaching at Bethany to enter upon studies abroad. She spent the years 1913 and 1914 studying with the celebrated teacher, Prof. Robert Teichmuller of the Royal Conservatory, Leipzig, Germany. At the beginning of the war she returned to America. Her distinguished teacher says: "She is very industrious, conscientious, and musically gifted, and has made rapid progress. I am sure Miss Brown will make a capable teacher, as she is dependable, careful, interesting, and of a serious nature."

Prof. H. E. Malloy says: "As a teacher she has proved both popular and successful. She will prove a credit to any musical institution." Prof. Oscar Lofgren writes: "She has a good general education, pleasing appearance and personality, and a fine



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Dr. and Mrs. Vance will be welcomed to McPherson.

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ern California, where in 1914 she graduated from the College of Oratory. Miss Wright, the dean of the college, speaks in the highest terms of Miss McVey's ability, and the faculty heartily endorses her as a reader and teacher.

During the present year Miss McVey is residing in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, where she is engaged in studio work and making marked success in her study.

Miss McVey will not be a stranger to the people of McPherson, as she has appeared with readings at the College and also in the city. She has a winning personality, a strong sympathy with student life, and a keen delight in her chosen field. She will be one of the willing workers on the college faculty.

#### ARE ALL ALUMNI NOW

At a business session of the alumni held yesterday afternoon at McPherson College, a decision was

made that is far-reaching. All students who hold a diploma from the institution are now in the alumni organization. Formerly this was a school organization of the Collegiate, Normal courses and the greater number of graduates from the Expression, Academy, Business and others were not admitted.

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### FELLOWSHIPS TO McPHERSON COLLEGE GRADUATES.

At University of Kansas: A. L. Craik, Jesse Jacobs, Paul Harnly. At University of Illinois: Mr. Robert Russel. At Wisconsin: Walter Thompson. At Yale: J. W. Deeter and P. S. Goertz. At Harvard: B. E. Ebel.

This list shows that McPherson College is recognized by the best Universities in the country.

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### M. C. WINS FINE PRIZES

At The Wichita Music Festival—Nearly \$200.00.—Chorus Won Second.—Arthur Price and Miss Thompson Rank High.—Fine Program.

Students from the music department of McPherson College returned from the Wichita Music Festival with high spirits and nearly two hundred dollars in money. They won second prize in the big event, the chorus work. This was given under the direction of Prof. C. L. Rowland.

The McPherson College students ranked as follows in the different music events: Bass Solo Contest, Arthur Price, honorable mention; Chorus Contest, second \$100; Male Quartette, first, \$10; Male Glee Club Contest, second, \$25; Ladies Glee Club, first, \$50; Soprano Solo, Miss Sarah Thompson tied

with a Wichita girl, but the Eagle announced her as winner; Miss Hazel Saladen, ranked third in the soprano contest., Prof. C. L. Rowland received Honorable mention as being an instructor he could not receive any money prizes.

The Music management was well pleased with the representation by McPherson College. The Beacon said that, perhaps no more interest in the festival has been shown than that of Professor C. L. Rowland, head of the vocal department of the McPherson College. His college made eight entries. Professor Rowland said it was most generous of Wichita people to offer this opportunity for out-of-town students of music to take part in such a festival.

"I feel there is far more credit due your Wichita musicians for the success of the contest, than will be given them," said Professor Rowland.

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### THE CHURCH COLLEGE.

We are apt to take many good things for granted, and do not always stop to consider their real significance, or how they came into existence, or who makes them go. The Church College is coming to be recognized as a fact, a necessity, and a blessing. But do we realize its great mission and its need for the future?

The Church College is an absolute essential in our country, because the State has clearly and definitely decided not to teach our religion. But religion is a factor in human life and must be provided for in some way.

In the first place, we who are Christians, know that no individual can fulfill his mission in the world, and leave out of his life all of the Bible and the church. True education demands spiritual, as well



as intellectual training, and the State has decided not to do the former. If our young people are to be educated in the Bible, and get their philosophy of life from the Christian point of view, there is but one way to get it, and that is in a Christian School.

In the second place, if the Church is to continue upon the Earth she will need leaders for her missionary, Sunday school and pastoral functions. Who shall train these religious workers? The State has decided not to teach the Bible, nor to train workers in any religious faith hence, the church must provide her own colleges for the purpose.

Most churches have seen this need almost from the beginning of their existence and, therefore, founded colleges and endorsed them. The Churches that have done most of this, have grown most rapidly. The Churches that have no colleges at all, are dying.

The Church College is the child of the church and exists for the church, i. e., for the same cause as the Church—the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

It is certainly clear to all, that no institution of the state can train the religious workers of the church, but the Church School must do that.

But let us look at that large body of students that are not classed as "church workers," but are nevertheless members (and should be workers and helpers) of the church, citizens of the State, members of our homes and communities, and promoters of business. Can they fulfill their places in life,—in the Home, School, Church, Business, State—if their training has been completely devoid of a distinctly Christian environment; of curriculum and faculty, which can only be found in the Church School? Can we hope that our children will be loyal to the church,

or enthusiastic workers, willing to sacrifice for the church, if for a number of years they have been under the influence of teachers and studies where the distinctly religious element has been avoided or rejected?

The following propositions I take to be self-evident to Christian people: (1.) The Religion of Jesus Christ is the only foundation for the stability and maintenance of our social institutions.

(2.) It is the business of the Church to Christianize the social institutions.

(3.) The Church can not prosper without her own schools to train her constituency, and hold and develop the loyalty of her members.

(4.) Since the leadership and efficiency of the Church workers depend upon Christian training, therefore, there is no greater duty of the Church than to support and develop her schools: (a.) by sending her children to her own schools, and (b.) by supporting the schools with money and influence.

I hope the Church of the Brethren will soon get the vision that our College is essential to the Church, and that the members of the Church will invest their children and money and prayers in the College for the progress of the Church and the Growth of the Kingdom.

D. W. KURTZ.

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### PERSONALS

Prospects are bright for the new school year. All the rooms for girls in the old dormitory are already engaged. There is still room for boys. We are finding good homes for girls near the College. The new dormitory can not be ready before the middle of the year.

Numerous inquiries are being received and we fully expect a very considerably increased attendance over last year.

W. O. Beckner attended the Hershey Conference. On his return he lectured at different churches in Ohio and Indiana. At Overbrook, Kansas, July 4th, two other churches dismissed and attended his illustrated lecture. Beckner has hundreds of slides from Phillipines and China. He is fresh from the field and is intensely interesting. Everywhere he attracts large crowds.

Ellis M. Studebaker, immediately after school was out, conducted a short Bible Institute at Larned Kansas. From June 3-10, he attended the Hershey Conference where he served as a member of the committee on resolutions and was appointed as one of a committee of five to investigate the causes for many of our young people being lost to the church. Three weeks after the conference were spent at Marion, Ohio, assisting in a revival meeting. The rest of the summer is to be spent in the field for McPherson College.

The Dormitory is being cleaned and repaired and will be made as home-like and inviting as possible.

Mr. Wray has been busy all summer trimming up the campus, repairing doors, windows, roofs, oiling floors, etc. During the winter he will fire the new heating plant.

Prof. Mohler is spending six weeks in Graduate study at the Kansas State Agricultural College.

Profs. Long and Blair are studying at the University of Kansas.

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Prof. Rowland is studying under one of the greatest voice teachers in the East.

Mr. Hedine and Miss Helen Rosalia Hollem were married June 15th, at Portland, Oregon, and will be at home at 785 South 19th street, Salem, Oregon. Both parties are Alumni of McPherson College. Mr. Hedine has been prominent in many Prohibition campaigns from New York to Oregon, and Mrs. Hedine has been a successful teacher.

After an absence of two years, Prof. J. C. Russel returns to head the Department of Chemistry and Physics. During the two years, Prof. Russel has been studying at the Universities of Nebraska and Minnesota.

Prof. E. M. Studebaker becomes a regular member of the faculty and will teach Bible and History.

Mr. Schlichting of Taber College comes to us to teach first and second year German and to do graduate work.

Miss Evelyn Trostle after a year's leave of absence returns as Prof. of Latin and English. Miss Trostle has earned the M. A. degree at the University of Kansas.

The Board of Trade, The Retail Merchants' Association and The Travelers' Association have united to co-operate with Dr. Kurtz and his Campaign Committee in pushing the canvass for the New Dormitory.

At a mass meeting Sunday, July 11, Mayor Johnson presided. Dr. Kurtz, Judge Galle, Rev. Wykoff, and others spoke enthusiastically of McPherson College, what it means to McPherson, and what McPherson owes it.

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