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CALENDAR AGAIN CHANGED.

The recurrence of the Spanish Influenza epidemic has made necessary another change in the year's program. According to the last regulations the second semester began February 3 and will end May 30. No credit will be lost by this arrangement.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY.

In connection with the regular May catalog this year there will be published by the college a directory of all the graduates of McPherson College from the year 1888 up to the present. The name, address, class and occupation of these graduates will be given, and the plan is to place a copy of this list in the hands of each Alumnus.

SCIENCE HALL.

With the growth of the school, in students, faculty and departments, we have come to the place where we must have additional rooms. The logical thing is a new Science Hall that will cost \$50,000. There is every reason to expect that there will be a normal growth in attendance in the years to come, and that means added equipment as well as room. It is not advisable to get expensive equipment in Physics unless we have a proper place to keep it. More class rooms are an absolute necessity.

LABOR BUREAU.

From 20 to 30 per cent of the young men in McPherson College are making their own way financially. These young men need good positions during the summer time to enable them to accumulate enough to return to school in the fall. They are willing to do any kind of work. No doubt there are many good places for such men but the problem is how to get in touch with them. It may be that you will need a man this summer. If so, the young men are organized in such a way that they can possibly serve you. But you must co-operate. This is the plan: If you need a man or if you know of any one else who needs one, just write your wants to the Secretary of the Bureau who will do his best to help you. Address all communications to Samuel Merkey, Secretary, 1722 Gordon St., McPherson, Kan.

PROFESSOR J. W. DEETER ADDED TO THE FACULTY.

Dr. Culler's leave of absence, coming in the midst of the academic year, would have completely disarranged our plans had it not been for Prof. Deeter who was available. We are glad to announce to our patrons that the position in the college will be filled by Prof. Deeter who is an alumnus of McPherson College, and also of Yale University where he received the B. D. degree in 1918. In the Yale School of Religion he studied under the ablest Biblical scholars in America, and he has given special attention to religious education and the problems that the church and the state must solve in the immediate future. While a student at Yale he had charge of a church, and thus combined the practical with the theoretic in religion. He made such a splendid success that it was with difficulty that he tore himself

away from those whom he served so well, who admired him for his unusual strength of character, his fine religious nature, his scholarship which is ever fresh, clear and practical; and for the healthy atmosphere of christian manhood that he incarnates. We all welcome Prof. Deeter into our faculty. He brings to us new enthusiasm, renewed optimism, and enlarged visions of truth. We count ourselves very fortunate that he has been available in this crisis, and that he is now a regular member of our faculty.

DR. CULLER GOES TO ARMENIA.

In January Dr. Culler was offered the position as head of the relief and reconstruction work of the church of the Brethren to be done in Armenia. Perhaps no country in the world is in such dire need as Armenia, and the offerings that have been pouring into the treasury of the Relief and Reconstruction committee have mostly been marked "for Armenia," so the plans have been made to do effective work there under Dr. Culler's leadership.

Dr. Culler asked for a leave of absence from the church and college for at least fifteen months that he might start this work and so arrange matters that it can easily be carried on by others after he leaves it. Both the church and the college have granted his request and we bid him God-speed to the work. The plans for the present are that he will sail March 15, and will accompany a general commission that will travel over all of Palestine, and part of Arabia, and investigate the needs of the Orient. As soon as the field is sufficiently canvassed, the work will be definitely planned and begun. On account of the thousands of orphans, it will be necessary to build many orphanages and hospitals which must be maintained for years to come. Dr. Culler is the head of the

committee of the Church of the Brethren to raise the money, a half-million dollars, and he will direct the expenditure of it on the field. All of the work of the church will be in harmony with the general plan of the national committee that has charge of the Armenian Relief.

After the work of preparations are through so that Dr. Culler can leave Armenia, he plans to visit the mission fields in India and China, then attend the World's Sunday School Convention in Tokyo, Japan, in 1920. The church and the college of McPherson are feeling keenly the loss to the work in McPherson by his absence, but no one felt like opposing his leave of absence for a cause like this, which will, we hope mean the saving of many lives, the building up of the kingdom of God in Armenia and in the home church, and also giving Dr. Culler one of the greatest opportunities in the world to learn, first hand, the problem of humanity, and the task of the church. May his efforts be blessed for the glory of God, and may he return to us to broaden our visions and deepen our spiritual lives. D. W. K.

ANNUAL MEETING OF TRUSTEES.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held Monday, Feb. 19, 1919. The following members of the Board were present: Southwest Kansas, Emery Martin; Northwest Kansas, G. W. Burgin; Northeast Kansas, F. E. McCune; Southeast Kansas, G. E. Shirky; Northern Missouri, E. G. Rodabaugh; Middle Missouri, James M. Mohler; Oklahoma, F. E. Marchand; Western Colorado, J. E. Bryant; Nebraska, U. C. Miller. The local trustees were President D. W. Kurtz, J. J. Yoder, H. J. Harnly, J. A. Flory and J. N. Drescher. F. P. Dettler of the local trustees and the representatives from Southern Missouri and Idaho were not present. The reor-

ganization resulted in the election of Eld. J. J. Yoder, President and Treasurer, F. P. Detter, Vice-President and Dr. H. J. Harnly, Secretary.

It was decided to ask the General Mission Board for the use of the Messenger mailing list to which to mail the quarterly bulletins. The reports of President Kurtz, Treasurer Yoder and Field Secretary Beckner were presented, accepted, and placed on file. The executive board was instructed to increase the insurance on the buildings to eighty per cent of the value. Resolutions from the students asking for more stringent enforcement of the prohibition of the use of tobacco were approved. Hereafter students upon registering will sign a card expressing a willingness to conform to all the rules, regulations and prohibitions of the catalog and faculty.

A petition from the Alumni Association to be given representation on the Board of Trustees was granted. It was decided to build a new Science Hall. The whole matter of building the Hall was referred to the Executive Committee with full authority to act. Of course it is expected that it will take at least a year to prepare plans and specifications and to raise the money necessary. It will take not less than \$50,000 to erect the building.

The Forward Movement in education as outlined by the General Educational Board was approved.

Dr. A. J. Culler, Dean of the Bible School, was given a leave of absence to go to Armenia in relief work, to visit the missions in Asia, and to attend the World's Sunday School Convention in Tokyo in 1920. John W. Deeter, A. B., B. D., was elected to fill his place in the Bible School.

During the year John Schul, John Kline, J. H. Berkeybile and wife and A. K. Curtis and wife and many others have contributed in annuities, endow-

ments and scholarships to the extent of nearly \$50,000. A vote of appreciation was extended to these donors.

In conformity with a similar action by nearly all the colleges of Kansas, the tuition for next year was raised \$10.00 a year.

H. J. Harnly, Secretary.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

(Condensed.)

McPherson, Kansas, February 10, 1919.

To the Board of Trustees of McPherson College.

Greetings:

The President of your college wishes to submit the following report of the school since the former meeting of the General Board:

The school year of 1917-18 closed May 10, 1918. This was shortening the year two weeks so as to give more time for the students to help on the farms and thus do their part in the production of food for the world. This reduction of the semester was possible by simplifying Commencement week and by teaching on Mondays so as to make up time.

The year closed with a good record. In spite of the losses through the war, the attendance kept up and the spirit of the college was excellent.

The Summer School followed immediately after the close of the school year, and lasted five weeks. This was in charge of Professors Craik and Morris. They taught six days each week so that the usual course of six weeks could be given in five weeks.

Professor Mohler had an invitation to teach Agriculture in the State Normal School at Emporia,

and accepted. After his term closed, he canvassed for the college.

Professor Morris spent the remainder of the summer canvassing for students in S. E. Kansas and Oklahoma. He used a Ford automobile, and was accompanied by his wife. His work was very satisfactory.

Professor Beckner spent the entire summer canvassing for students, in S. W., N. W., and N. E. Kansas, and in the fall also visited Colorado and New Mexico. Professor Swope canvassed Western Colorado and Idaho; and your president canvassed in Nebraska for students and endowment, also the Morrill church in Kansas.

THE FLU.

After five weeks of school, the state quarantine was placed upon us for three weeks and we were compelled to close our college. The local authorities closed us for another week. During all this time, the college did not have a single case of flu. But most of our students went to their homes. When the ban was taken off, we opened school and these students came from all directions back to the college. In about ten days, the epidemic broke out in our college, and immediately went through the institution. We rented Professor Deeter's house for a hospital, but this was soon full. We also had one case of diphtheria which was isolated, and no further cases were developed. The dormitories became hospitals, and the students who were well took care of the sick. At one time, one hundred and forty-two students were down with the flu and scarcely enough people were left to nurse the sick. Most of the cases were classed as "mild cases." Several were very serious, and one resulted fatal. Sister Carrie Hardy passed away. She had leakage of the

heart, and the flu attacked her at her weakest spot and she succumbed to its ravages. The school again was closed for about two weeks, but finally, when all the students were well again, we got permission to hold classes under the general provision that not more than twenty should meet in any class. During this flu epidemic and immediately after, thirty-nine students went home. Some of these have returned, but others will remain at home for the rest of the year.

FACULTY.

A few changes were made in the Faculty. Professor Russel refused to accept the position of Head of the Chemistry Department which the Trustees offered him last year, and Professor Hershey has been secured. Professor Hershey is a member of our Church, and one of the finest Christian gentlemen to be found anywhere. He is giving perfect satisfaction and likes his work here.

Prof. Frantz, who taught German and French, left us to resume his divinity course in Yale University, and we secured Miss Laura Topham, a student of Kansas University. She is a brilliant young lady, an excellent character, a good teacher, and in every way satisfactory.

Prof. Blahr has returned to us and is Principal of the Academy Department. We have without question the largest and strongest faculty the institution has ever had, and it is this that must ever be maintained to make our institution efficient.

In January Dr. Culler asked the Church and the College for a "leave of absence" of fifteen months, to accept the position offered to him by the Relief and Reconstruction Committee of the Church of the Brethren, to go to Armenia and direct the work of Relief and Reconstruction there. His request was

granted by the Church and School. He plans to leave here about March 1. We have hired Prof. J. W. Deeter to help out in the school for the rest of this year, and plan to have him continue next year.

Miss Miller of Elizabethtown was secured for the Stenographic Department. She is giving good satisfaction.

SUMMER SCHOOL.

The Summer School of McPherson College will begin immediately after the close of the regular session. Professors Swope, Blair and Craik will be in charge. Credit will be given in college and academy courses. There will also be reviews for prospective teachers. For further information address Director of the Summer School, McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas.

STANDARDIZATION.

Last year I proposed that the College will need in the next twenty years at least a million dollars for new endowment and equipment. My plan was that we raise at once that amount in annuity bonds which would gradually mature in the next twenty years as the institution needs the funds.

I would like to have the Trustees co-operate in the fullest way in finding and influencing those who are able to help in this cause.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

A Forward Movement has been launched in the Church of the Brethren by the three big Boards of the Church—Missions, Sunday School and Educa-

tion. The goal set by the educational Board for a five year program is as follows:

1. 3600 students enrolled, at least 60% of whom are pursuing regular college courses.
2. \$300,000 raised annually for five years for endowment.
3. 90% of students engaged in some form of regular Bible study.
4. 20% of students looking toward a life of definite Christian service.
5. 50% of our college graduates dedicating their lives to the ministry or mission work.

This means trebling our college enrollment in five year's time. There are at present only about seven hundred students in our college departments, and the goal is 2100. But statistics show that in the last twenty-five years State schools have increased enrollment 600%, while Christian colleges, only 100%, and that in many states twice as many Methodists are in the State University as there are in all the Methodist colleges. So it is doubtless with the Church of the Brethren. It is not the lack of young people, but to get them to our own colleges, instead of going elsewhere. The goal is possible and should be attained.

The financial goal also looks big. It means an average of \$30,000 for each college annually for five years. But since McPherson must do more than the average, we should raise each year about \$50,000 for endowment and equipment.

The number of students taking Bible work is increasing each year and it is very encouraging. We have now thirty-five ministers and about fifteen divinity students, making fifty who definitely plan for the work of the ministry. We also have about fifty in the Student Volunteer Band. We are meeting this goal now, at least in average, very well. But

the Board has in mind reaching or maintaining this percentage with a greatly increased attendance.

I think it is well for our Trustees to approve this forward movement as it applies to us, and to plan to reach its ideals.

It is our purpose to develop the Institution intensively and extensively. We must extend our equipment to meet the growing needs of the Church; but we must ever look to the quality of our work, deepen the religious life, plan to meet the world crisis in reconstruction, and develop the high standard of excellence for which this institution stands.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. K.

PROFESSOR DEETER'S FIELD WORK.

During the first semester Professor Deeter spent considerable time out among the churches in the territory of McPherson College and this experience has enabled him to form some valuable conclusions. For a time he worked under the auspices of the General Sunday School Board of the church, being thus engaged in making a survey in Southern Missouri and Texas. He found the local Sunday Schools only from 23 to 40 per cent efficient. The remedy he advised was more evangelistic work, this to be accomplished by more effective and systematic teaching. He held a Bible Institute at Peace Valley in Southern Missouri and was favored with good crowds. Trained leadership is the crying need everywhere. Some churches absolutely refuse to accept any other kind. Texas he found to be an especially good field for church work. It also has good material for McPherson College but needs a representative of the college on the ground.

TWO ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

THE VIRGIL MYERS BERKEBILE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP came to us from Bro. and Sister J. H. Berkebile, as a lasting memorial to their son



VIRGIL MYERS BERKEBILE.

Virgil who gave his life in France in September, 1918.

How fitting a memorial! The awful fortunes of war brought Virgil to his death. But he shall not die; he shall live forever. So long as time shall last,

this amount which his bereaved parents have placed in the hands of the College will go on working in his name, helping to educate and prepare those who shall go forth as teachers of Christian Truth, the one and only cure for the terrible ills of the world that bring war. War shall be no more. Too long already, the people of earth have neglected to raise high the Light that shall cast out the darkness of evil and selfishness.

War took Virgil from us. But yet he shall live among us and work forever in a way to save others from the terrible fate that befell him. Splendid memorial!



THE EARL EBY CURTIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, provided by Bro. and Sister A. K. Curtis in loving memory of their little son, Earl Eby Curtis is the second endowed scholarship. Earl Eby Curtis was called home a little more than a year ago. He had an ambition to become a missionary. That was the passion of his life.

Why was he taken from us? God's will is best. That is all we can say.

Bro. and Sister Curtis have made arrangements by which an endowment of \$1,200 is to be placed to work, never to be spent nor diminished, but to earn an income every year forever, such income to be used in helping educate and train oth-

ers who shall go out to do the work Earl Eby Curtis wanted so much to do.

How fitting. "He that doeth the will of God abideth forever." 1 John 2:17.

Until the Master shall come again, these two amounts so nobly provided, will continue to bless the world and not only shall one person work, but literally dozens and dozens shall be prepared to work and it shall be perpetual.

EFFORT TO LOCATE TEACHERS.

The college is making an effort to place the students who will go out next year as teachers. Do you want Christian young men and women to take positions in your community? Let us know your needs. We will recommend such students as we think are qualified to fit into your environment. Professors Blair and Swope will have the work in charge.

STUDENT HELP.

Educational Day has provided more money for our student ministers. This has been distributed to pay for the tuition of about twenty or more of our worthy students. I think this is an excellent movement in the Church. But it should be supplemented by other organizations. Other denominations have Educational funds for this purpose. The Annual Conference in 1910 decided that each school should raise endowments for this purpose—especially for the training of missionaries. The colleges have had too much to do in standardizing their institutions to raise their endowment. But it is well for us to keep in mind this important field and plan to meet it in the near future.

ATMOSPHERE OF THE SCHOOL

I think the seriousness of the times, the world war, the flu, etc., has been reflected in the spirit of the student body, especially the older and more advanced students. The general atmosphere of the student body is fine. The interest in the Student Volunteer Band is fully as strong as last year. We again have about fifty students who either are ministers or are preparing for the ministry, and at least fifty in our Volunteer Band. On account of the flu, we did not have the usual Bible institute, but the religious interest of the students is maintained by other influences. More students are electing Bible courses than usual.

ANOTHER FARM FOR McPHERSON COLLEGE.

Bro. John Kline of Cherokee County, Kansas, recently made a gift to McPherson College that stands out as another example of what a man should do with his wealth. Bro. Kline is getting up in years and has begun to seek a correct answer to the great

question that every man must face as he contemplates his call to come up higher. That question is "Then whose shall these things be?" Bro. Kline answered by saying, "Here Lord, you gave and now you shall have again to work forever in your Cause." The farm is one of the best 80's in Cherokee County.

We deeply appreciate the spirit that prompted this generous gift. A more extended write-up of Bro. Kline's life and the circumstances that led up to this splendid action of his will appear later. Meantime, we thank him heartily and pray God's blessings in their richness to fall upon him.

A WORD FROM THE TREASURER.

The year 1918-1919 has been in part a trying one in more than one respect, but especially have the financial trials impressed the business manager. The influenza broke into the plans so extensively that usual care-taking in buying and calculating budgets did not provide the usual peace of mind.

However, as affairs became more normal we find conditions better than we expected. It now appears that the year will be self-supporting and no loss will be incurred. In the year 1918 more than \$48,000 of permanent resources were added to the college's assets. This amount is made up of \$25,000 annuity bonds, \$3,000 scholarship endowment, and \$19,888 regular interest bearing endowment notes.

Our field secretary, Professor Beckner, was unable to be out in the field thru most of the winter months, but in spite of that fact was enabled to aid much in making the showing as above stated.

J. J. YODER,

Treas. and Business Manager.

ALUMNI NOTES

Miss Faye Sisler, '17, recently visited on College Hill. Miss Sisler is at present assistant cashier in a bank in Richmond, Kan. She is also one of the directors of the bank and says that she finds her college education a distinct asset in the business world.

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Lieut. Robert E. Busmel, '14, is again at his studies in the University of Illinois, where he lacked but a few weeks residence work and the revision of his dissertation to secure the Ph. D. degree.

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Lieut. J. P. Schroeder, '12, since his discharge from the aviation service of Uncle Sam, has returned to his former position in the bureau of soils in the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C.

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Dr. John A. Clement, '02, now professor of Education in DePew University at Greencastle, Ind., during the year 1918 conducted an extended investigation of the junior high school movement in the state of Indiana. The results of his labors will be published by the state department of public instruction under the title "Principles and Practices of the Junior High School Movement in Indiana."

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G. B. Darling, A. '96, late of Hardtner, Kansas, is now engaged in the oil business with headquarters at Wichita, where he is associated with Ira C. Vankman, another former student of M. C. Mr. Darling recently visited at the college.

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Friends of Harvey A. Horton, '03, will be pleased to learn that he has recently responded to an invitation of the Federal Government to become an entomologist at Houston, Texas. For some years Mr. Horton has been teaching in the state of Oregon.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF Mc-
PHERSON COLLEGE,
1917-1918.

May 31, 1918, closed our seventh year of service as Business Manager and Treasurer of McPherson College. The task has generally been a pleasant one, sometimes an anxious one.

We take pleasure in submitting the following report of the financial condition of the Institution and the receipts and expenditures of cash for the year 1917-1918.

The year has been a very satisfactory one financially. The statement showing the assets and liabilities shows a splendid net gain for the year.

This was made possible by the loyalty and faithful support of the friends and patrons of the College. For this the trustees and management are grateful.

J. J. YODER.

STATEMENT OF CASH ACCOUNT OF McPHERSON COLLEGE, 1917-18.

INCOME.

Balance on hand June 1, 1917	\$ 443.73
Collections on accounts for 1917-1918	1,985.05
Tuition, including Voice and Piano	16,211.33
Dormitory	16,864.36
Notes Receivable	1,000.41
Room Guarantee Fund	24.50
Scholarships	449.00
Interest from Endowment Notes	11,983.74
The Spectator	142.00
Key Deposits	120.00
Typewriting	101.00
Expenses	247.00
Donations, general	1,210.00
Agriculture	20.00
Library	40.00
Bookstore	543.10
Gymnasium	14.00
Manual Training	52.10
Rent from Chapel	175.00
Rent from Property on College Hill	125.00
Graduation fees	827.20
Interest from Notes Receivable	100.00
Study Home	60.00
TOTAL	\$ 75,315.75

PAYMENTS.

Salaries	\$ 20,543.98
Notes Payable including Interest	874.00
Annuitien	100.00
Labor on Campus and Buildings	331.60
The Spectator Staff	180.00
Key Deposits Refunded	186.00
Dormitory	11,795.50
General and Administrative Expenses	1,173.93
Advertising including salary of field men	2,857.55
Agriculture Department	170.95
Physics Department	193.34
Chemistry Department	144.91
Manual Training Department	183.62
Library	411.73
Bookstore	119.72
Fuel, Light and Water	2,498.43
Repairs and Improvements on Gymnasium	152.48
Class Room and Office Equipment	459.90
Loans	1,601.19
Lot and Property on College Hill	583.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	45,415.23
Balance	8,267.52
TOTAL	53,682.75
Scholarships granted amounting to \$475.25	

ENDOWMENT VALUES.

The following statement shows the forms in which the Endowment Values are Vested:

College Farm (150 acres)	\$18,000.00
Richardson Farm (150 acres)	15,000.00
Arnold Hall (Ladies' Dormitory)	25,000.00
Fahnestock Hall (Men's Dormitory)	17,000.00
Farm Loans and Mortgages	22,000.00
Original Library Endowment Notes	9,163.00
General Endowment Notes	119,133.00
TOTAL	
Less Borrowed from General College Fund	\$26.04
	\$220,207.00

Of the Library Notes many are of small amounts and are frequently disregarded by those who made them, neglecting to pay interest promptly. Some are past due. It were much better if all these were paid and the money invested in some more convenient form.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF McPHERSON COLLEGE, MISSOURI

ASSETS

Cash		\$ 1,200.00
Accounts Receivable		1,500.00
Notes Receivable		500.00
Real Estate		1,000.00
Investments		1,000.00
Other Assets		1,000.00
Total Assets		\$ 6,200.00

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		\$ 100.00
Notes Payable		100.00
Other Liabilities		100.00
Total Liabilities		\$ 300.00

NET ASSETS

Fund for Buildings		\$ 1,000.00
Fund for Books		1,000.00
Fund for Salaries		1,000.00
Fund for Other		1,000.00
Total Net Assets		\$ 5,900.00

We have examined the checks and deposits of the Endowment and the General Funds of McPherson College this First day of June, 1918, and have found the same correct.

B. ADAMS,
F. A. VANHORN.

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