

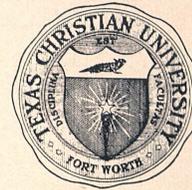
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Retrospect and Foreword

THE founders of Texas Christian University were men of the highest Christian character and purpose. Their names will evermore be held in loving remembrance. The heritage of their faith and works is gratefully received by the present administration as a sacred trust to be guarded and conserved for the benefit of present and future college generations.

It is the purpose of Texas Christian University, now as then, to conduct the enterprise of higher learning in the clear light of the teachings of Christ. This means that in hall and classroom, in laboratory and chapel, on field and on campus, the best ideals of Christian manhood and womanhood shall be upheld, in the hope that all students shall see clearly the vision of what they may become in character and consecration under the tuition of Christ. To the realization of this vision in every life in our keeping; to the impartation of the truth of the Christian religion to all of our number; to the dedication of time and strength to Christian service, we of Texas Christian University pledge our hands and our hearts.

HENRY G. BOWDEN

ON OCTOBER 1, Henry G. Bowden assumed the duties of vice-president of Texas Christian University, in charge of the Department of Promotion. His coming to the institution has brought great satisfaction to the friends of Christian education throughout the country. In the light of the splendid promotional work he has accomplished in other fields, there is every reason to believe that his work here will be highly successful. An account of his stewardship during the past years will be of interest to our readers.

Mr. Bowden is a Southerner by birth. He was born and reared in Wilmington, N. C. His forbears were of the Gilbert clan of Scotland. His ancestry may be traced back to John Hart, a signer of the Declaration of Independence; to William Penn, Elisha Screven, Sir Humphrey Gilbert, Sir Walter Raleigh. Mr. Bowden served with the North Carolina division of the Naval Reserves in the Spanish-American war, being assigned for duty to the "Nantucket." He had a share in introducing sanitary measures in Havana. He came unscathed through the typhoid epidemic at Chickamauga, during the period of mobilization there. During the World War, he served as director of the Salvation Army campaigns, with headquarters at Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Bowden is an ordained minister of the gospel and has held three pastorates. From 1907 to 1916, he was in the service of the Y. M. C. A. as local, state, and national secretary. He has also had considerable experience in the field of evangelism. Mr. Bowden is perhaps best known to the brotherhood of the Disciples of Christ for his remarkable work in connection with the Men and Millions Movement, in which he had an important part for over seven years. He became associated with this work on April 1, 1919, and after the withdrawal of Mr. A. E. Cory from the secretaryship of the movement in 1921, Mr. Bowden became the general secretary. Under his resourceful management, ninety-eight per cent of the amount subscribed in this campaign has been collected. Over six million dollars have been raised and disbursed to the various participating agencies of the brotherhood. Texas Christian

University has shared generously in the distribution of these funds.

It will not be possible to tell in detail of Mr. Bowden's varied activities. The National Benevolent Association, the United Christian Missionary Society, the Inter-church World Movement and other organizations have profited from his consecrated ministry. He comes to his new work with a rich and varied experience. He has established points of contact with innumerable men of affairs, and this will be of inestimable value to him now.

When Mr. Bowden was being considered for the secretaryship of the Men and Millions Movement, B. A. Jenkins, of Kansas City, was called upon to pass judgment upon him. He telegraphed as follows: "Bowden is a steam engine in breeches. Either controlled or uncontrolled, he is worth his weight in gold." Mr. Bowden has the hearty support of the trustees, faculty and friends of Texas Christian University, all of whom unite in pledging their co-operation to him.



HENRY G. BOWDEN

A PERSONAL WORD

The challenge of Christian education comes to me as the greatest opportunity for real service in the present-day program of Christianity. The church is certainly dependent upon Christian leadership for the future. It is my conviction that

Texas Christian University is prepared to provide this leadership. It is my desire to be a "hewer of wood and a drawer of water" in this program for the extension of the kingdom.

In the Department of Promotion, there are some very distinct things we hope to accomplish. Good will and understanding form a vital part of the University's assets. It is our hope that a growing, glowing fellowship will result because of the endeavors put forth in all our promotional enterprises.

The Department of Promotion is to specialize in endowment, annuities and living maintenance. It is charged with the responsibility of raising additional funds to meet the present and future needs of the University.

Read Malachi 3:10 and note the challenge of God in which evidence is given of His faith in us. Let us answer this challenge.

HENRY G. BOWDEN.

THE UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE University Christian Church, of which Dr. Clinton Lockhart is the pastor, is entering upon what promises to be the most successful year in its history. A budget for local and missionary work has been raised by pledges from the membership, and ample funds are in sight for the rather ambitious program the officers of the congregation have outlined. It is common talk that the pastor, Dr. Lockhart, is preaching magnificently. H. L. Pickerill, the Director of Religious Education, has organized the work of the Bible School in splendid fashion and the many classes are meeting for religious instruction under better auspices than ever before. Many members of the faculty of the University are teaching classes each Sunday. A vigorous effort is being made, with satisfactory results, to bring out the student attendance upon Church and Bible School services. A wholesome atmosphere prevails. Professor Klingstedt is in charge of the music for the congregation and he is building up a choir of young voices to the great improvement of that phase of the worship. As it should be, the professors of the University are active in the work of the congregation. The board of elders is composed of eight members of the faculty and J. B. Holmes, Secretary of State Missions. Many other teachers serve as deacons of the congregation.

The religious life of the University centers in and around the University Christian Church. An earnest effort is being made to provide helpful and inspiring worship for the students of the University. While it is never the case that all respond to the opportunity afforded for religious development in any educational center, it is nevertheless our conviction that the emphasis placed upon the program of religion at Texas Christian University is certain to result in the strengthening of faith and the enlistment in Christian worship and service of many fine young people. It is the purpose of the pastor and the officers of the University Christian Church to commend the offices of religion to all who can be reached by consecrated, prayerful interest in their behalf.

THE NEW CHURCH

ONE of the aims of the University Christian Church, yet to be realized, is the erection of a church building that will adequately house the growing activities of the congregation. It is hoped to have a churchly edifice that will worthily represent the brotherhood at this strategic center. The trustees of the University have provided a magnificent lot adjoining the campus, at the corner of Forest Park Boulevard and Gibson Avenue. Funds are being raised for this purpose. As a result of the liberality of the members of the church and of friends of the University throughout the State, the sum of \$55,000 has been raised in cash and pledges. Charles

Reign Scoville and George L. Snively have spent some time in Texas in the furtherance of the campaign for contributions for this needed building. A building committee composed of J. B. Holmes, E. M. Waits, Colby D. Hall, R. A. Smith, E. W. McDiarmid, Geo. T. Cope and Van Zandt Jarvis has been appointed. The members of this committee have had conferences with A. F. Wicks, consulting architect for the Board of Church Erection. As a result of these conferences, the plans for a suitable edifice are being carefully considered. Within the near future, it is hoped, a beautiful house of worship will be added to the splendid group of buildings on the University holdings.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PLANS for a religious survey of the T. C. U. community have been matured and the members of the young peoples' classes have accepted the responsibility for taking the census. These classes have an interesting educational and social program outlined for the year. The freshmen classes have been organized for a thorough program of religious education. Once a month a stimulating missionary program is to be given as an integral part of their work. The upper classmen are similarly organized and are doing a splendid piece of work.

THE TEACHING OF THE BIBLE

THE Bible is taught in the freshman year at T. C. U. This plan results in giving Bible teaching to many students who are in college for one year only. Many students elect to take additional Bible courses. The enrollment of students (other than ministerial students) in Bible classes is as follows:

Freshmen (the semester).....	380
Sophomores (the year).....	140
Juniors and Seniors (the semester).....	50

The enrollment of ministerial students is approximately ninety, a mark which has been reached for the last five years. In 1914, when the Brite College of the Bible was organized, there were twenty-two ministerial students. To obtain a bachelor's degree, every candidate is required to have had one year and a half of Bible study.

As to the teaching of the Bible and science, the freshman at T. C. U. is taking a course in the life and teachings of Jesus at the same time that he is taking freshman science. The science teachers heartily support the content of the freshman Bible courses, which present Jesus' conception of the divine origin of man and his teaching that man is a child of God, designed for redemption. The science teacher understands that these facts are being taught with the distinct purpose of grounding the student in a knowledge of spiritual truth at the very time material science is being studied. The plan is working smoothly and there is no inharmony in the work being done in these two fields.

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GOOD WILL

"PUBLIC SENTIMENT is everything. With public sentiment nothing can fail; without it, nothing can succeed. Consequently he who molds public sentiment goes deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decisions. He makes statutes and decisions possible or impossible to be executed."—ABRAHAM LINCOLN in first joint debate at Ottawa, Ill., with Stephen L. Douglas, August 21, 1858.

THE Interpreter, as the name indicates, is designed to present to the growing constituency of Texas Christian University an interpretation of the work that is being carried on within and around the buildings on the campus. An attempt will be made faithfully to set forth in some detail the aims and purposes before the administration; the plans and methods by which the executive officers hope to accomplish those plans and the grounds upon which the appeal is made to the University's constituency for thorough-going support and unwavering loyalty. It is believed that those friends who are closest to University affairs and who know best what is being done, are the staunchest supporters the University has. Possessed of this belief, the editors of the Interpreter propose to spread before our readers a reliable account of the life and accomplishments of the University. It has long been a conviction with many of the trustees and professors that there is a story to be told here that will be of great interest to the patrons and friends of Texas Christian University. In the hope that the telling of this serial story will encourage those who have given time and money to the University, and that it will also add many new friends to our ranks, the Interpreter makes its bow to the public, inviting correspondence about University matters, questions concerning our work and contributions for our columns.

THE constituency of Texas Christian University is composed of thousands of good people in the great Southwest who are vitally interested in the program of Christian education. The support rendered the institution

from this source is valued as a tremendously important asset. Without the loyal co-operation of Christian friends, church colleges cannot hope to maintain standards and to carry on the necessary work of expansion. It is essential, if this support is to be continuously secured, to convince the churches and their membership that at our Christian colleges and universities no compromise is being made with materialistic tendencies and that positive emphasis is being placed upon the fundamental teachings of the gospel. It is with this understanding that Texas Christian University has, in the past, solicited and secured the funds necessary for its maintenance. It is with this same definite assurance that the work here is now being carried on. Our fathers believed in a Christianity of intelligence and sound reason, and in an education that was thoroughly Christian. The teachers and officers of Texas Christian University have deviated not one iota from this position. It is with this guarantee that the good will and the favorable sentiment of preachers and laymen are coveted to the end that the task committed to our charge may be accomplished more and more adequately in the years ahead.

THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

THE Christian centuries have made quite clear what is the obligation of church colleges and what it is they are required to do if they are to be worthy of the name. No excuse can be offered now for a lack of understanding of the nature of Christian education and for the failure to be serviceable in the Kingdom at such a time as this.

An admirable statement from the pen of President A. D. Harmon of Transylvania College describes the function of the church college. He writes:

"A church college must be intensely Christian but not sectarian. It must be loyal to the recognized fundamentals of the Christian faith. It must hold to the existence of a personal God possessing will and intelligence. Otherwise it propagates a mechanistic and pantheistic conception of the universe. It must, therefore, regard the Scriptures as the Word of the Eternal God—inspired from above as the Spirit spoke in holy men of old in times past, and in these latter days in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ. Where they speak they must become the end of all controversy and our final authority in all matters pertaining to faith and doctrine—this in contradistinction to literature created by men and decrees of ecclesiastical councils.

"A church college must hold to the divinity and deity of the Lord Jesus Christ in whom both the individual and the social order find redemption by the way of the mystery of the Cross. Otherwise we are left to an ethical redemption in which every man is a law unto himself."

Alumni Notes

J. Shirley Sweeney, '17, is the author of a book entitled *The Natural Increase of Mankind*, published by The Williams & Wilkins Company, Baltimore. Mr. Sweeney received the degree of M. D. at Vanderbilt and the D. Sc. at Johns Hopkins University. At this latter institution he held one of the Rockefeller fellowships, allotted to research students of outstanding ability. Dr. Sweeney's book is a scholarly study of populations. It maintains the thesis that the restriction of population by international agreement is the only solution for the overcrowding of the planet on which we dwell. This book is of great interest to T. C. U. adherents, as it is one of the comparatively few publications to the credit of our younger alumni. May there be many more of like merit to follow!

Gayle Scott, '17, has lately returned to his alma mater, after sixteen months at the University of Grenoble, France, as professor of Biology and Geology. Professor Scott's study in France earned for him the degree Dr. es Sc. His thesis is written in French and is entitled "Études stratigraphiques et paléontologiques sur les terrains crétacés du Texas." It is a most meritorious piece of work and its publication has brought to Dr. Scott recognition of high order.

Ernest M. Ligon, '21, is now in possession of a full instructorship at Yale University. He received the degree of B. D. from Yale Divinity School in June, 1923. He has now completed all his residence work for the Doctor's degree in the field of experimental psychology. He writes to the editor of the Interpreter: "I am investigating the relative power of fear, punishment, food, competition, sex and gregariousness as forms of motivation in maze learning of white rats." In the course of his experimentation, Mr. Ligon invented a three-dimensional maze which won for him the commendation of his preceptors. On June 30, 1925, Mr. Ligon took to himself a wife. Mr. and Mrs. Ligon are happy in the possession of a promising young psychologist, Robert Leonard Ligon, born on Sept. 12, 1926.

Freeman Heath, '22, has gone farther afield to find his niche in the palace of Christian industry. After postgraduate study at Transylvania and Yale, Mr. Heath has settled down in the office of Director of Religious Education at the Kingston (N. C.) Christian Church. It is certain that "settling down" is not the right expression to use in connection with Mr. Heath's induction into his present position, when it is recalled that the dynamic Abe Cory is the pastor of the Kingston church. Mr. Heath is well qualified for the work he is doing and he will be able to keep step with the virile leader with whom he is associated.

W. J. Spreen, '22, is Director of Religious Education in the Wichita Falls Christian Church, of which Floyd Bash is the pastor. Mr. Spreen is putting on a constructive program of real merit. So successful is his work proving to be that numerous calls are coming to him from other churches. Mr. Spreen has been in Fort Worth recently conferring with the officers of a prominent congregation here. Very wisely, it would seem, "Billy" Spreen has chosen to remain in his present location, where he is blazing the way in a wide territory in the well-nigh virgin field of religious education. Mr. Spreen is conferring honor upon his alma mater by his success in this field.

Moore A. Buhler, '22, is pastor of the First Christian Church at Marfa, Texas. This congregation is worshipping in a splendid new edifice of Spanish architecture, dedicated to the glory of God on April 18, 1926. The organization of the congregation at Marfa was due to the efforts of a young lawyer, W. L. (Billie) Moore, who was a graduate of Add-Ran University. He invited President Addison Clark to hold a meeting at Marfa. President Clark preached a series of sermons in the court house in Presidio County in August, 1897. This meeting following one held in 1896 by George H. Morrison resulted in the organization of the growing congregation of which M. A. Buhler is the popular minister. The Marfa church is the home congregation of L. C. Brite, a trustee of Texas Christian University and chairman of the Board of Trustees of Brite College of the Bible.

A. B. McReynolds, '23, is doing a most vigorous work as Brite College evangelist, working under the Texas Christian Missionary Society. His work during the summer months of this year was done with the churches in the territory within a radius of 150 miles from Fort Worth. His visits to the congregations in this district resulted in the encouragement and strengthening of the work in many places. A special assignment given to him was the locating of student preachers with many of these churches. As a result of Evangelist McReynolds' ministry, the work in this district is in better condition than it has ever been before. "A. B." is now preaching the gospel in various places throughout the State, always with vigor and power. His preaching on stewardship and tithing is bearing great fruit. His many friends at T. C. U. and elsewhere are rejoicing greatly in his fine achievements in the evangelistic field.

John Sandidge, '23, has completed his residence work for the doctorate at Johns Hopkins University and now has the professorship of Geology at Birmingham (Ala.) Southern College.

S. J. McFARLAND

THE subject of this sketch is entering upon his tenth year as chairman of the board of trustees of Texas Christian University. Prior to the chairmanship, he had acted as trustee for five years. These fifteen years of faithful stewardship on Mr. McFarland's part have made an effective contribution to the growth and welfare of the University. With sound judgment and great faith, this devoted layman of the church has led in the formation and execution of those wise plans that have brought T. C. U. into the present era of great usefulness. His residence in Dallas has made it possible for the chairman of the board to keep in close touch with affairs at the University. Many times between board meetings, Mr. McFarland has come to the campus for consultations and conferences, and many admirable suggestions have come from him from time to time to the considerable improvement, not only of minor details of management, but also (and more) of important matters of policy. The chairman is known, among other fine qualities, for his frankness. More than once a frank word from him has come to the immediate amelioration of some situation that demanded betterment. At the same time, his very evident concern for and interest in the ongoing of the University have won for him the respect and confidence of all who are working with him in the great task of Christian education.

S. J. McFarland's devotion to the larger enterprises of the Kingdom is not a matter of surprise when the background of his life is considered. He came from a godly home. "My mother," once testified Mr. McFarland, "has been a remarkable woman. She reared a family of nine, and her life has enriched the life of every child she has. Their love for her grows stronger every day." Speaking of a certain lesson which his father taught him, Mr. McFarland on one occasion said, "I regard that lesson as one of the most important that my father ever gave me." Certainly it is true that among the lessons he learned from his parents, was the all-important one of participation in and devotion to the work of the church. Texas and the Southwest have profited from the learning of this lesson and Texas Christian University, in

particular, has been the gainer by reason of Mr. McFarland's continued promotion of its welfare.

Samuel Jackson McFarland was born on a farm near Ladonia, Texas, Nov. 23, 1872. His father was born in Texas in 1846. His mother was brought from Illinois when but two years of age. He united with the Christian Church at the age of sixteen. He graduated from Austin College in 1895 with the A. B. degree. In the year of the Spanish-American War, he married Miss Jewel Easley of Blossom, Texas. Mrs. McFarland is a brilliant musician and linguist. She has backed up and supported every good movement in which Mr. McFarland has been interested. For over twenty-five years Mr. McFarland served as superintendent of Sunday schools at Ladonia, Greenville and Dallas.



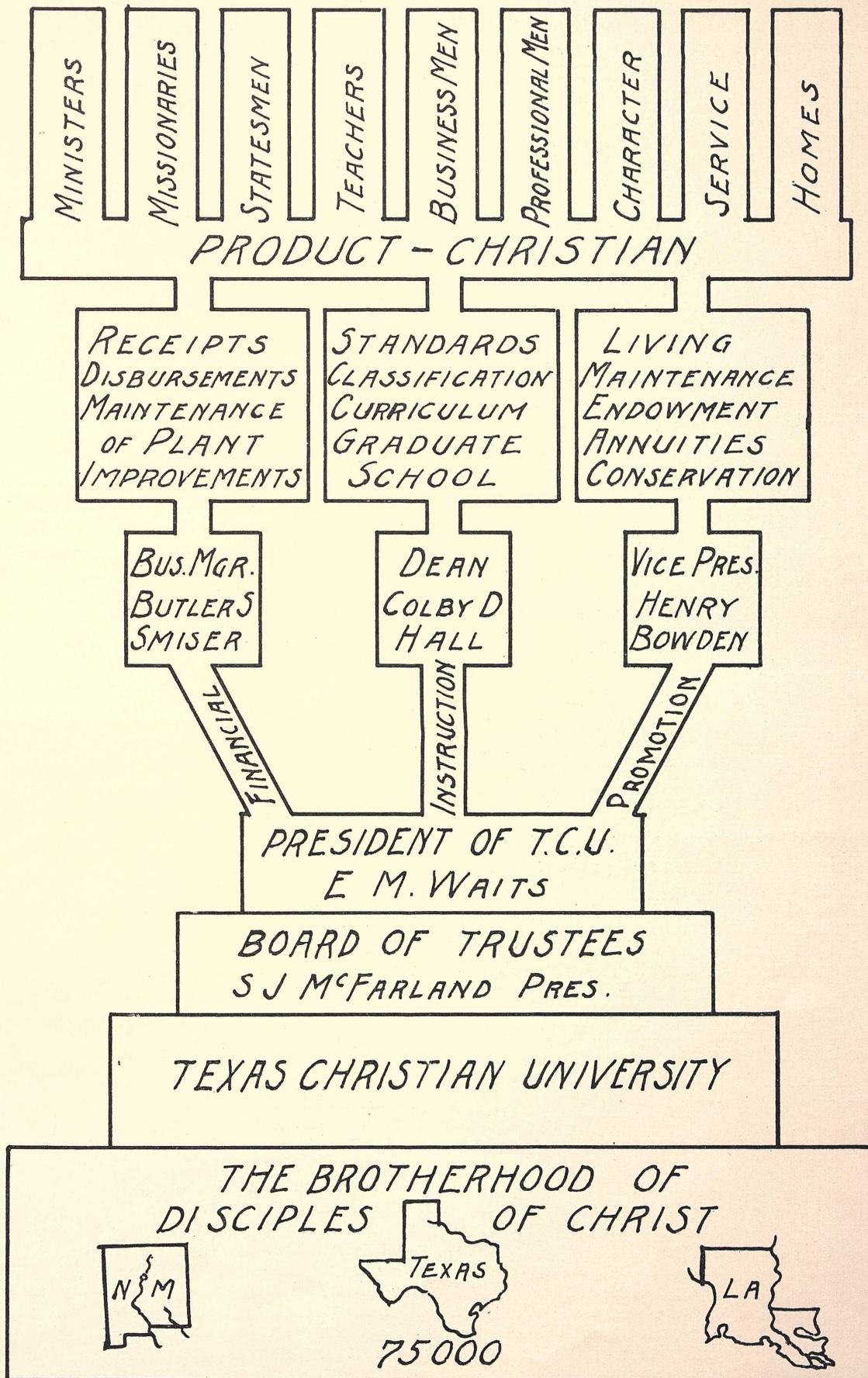
S. J. McFARLAND

It is not possible in the space available to detail fully the events in a life that has been as full and consequential as the one under review. Enough has been written to reveal the chief interests of Mr. McFarland's career, and to make manifest the fine kind of supervision that is coming to T. C. U.

It is well known, of course, that University trustees are not paid for their services. It would be a difficult matter to estimate the sum of money commensurate with the services rendered T. C. U. by Mr. McFarland and his fellow trustees.

An interesting fact to be related in this connection is that when President E. M. Waits came to Texas in 1901, the first night he spent in the State was spent in the McFarland home in Ladonia. For twenty-five years a very close relationship of friendship and affection has existed between the president of T. C. U. and the chairman of the board of trustees. Harmony and a co-operative atmosphere prevail at T. C. U. and Christian friendships are a part of the explanation for this happy state of affairs.

"If I have a particular hobby," Mr. McFarland once declared, "it should be called T. C. U., for in it I see bigger possibilities for the betterment of humanity than in any other phase of the great work of our church at the present time. Indeed, since I was not privileged to carry the message of our Master myself by the spoken word, I have had a passion through the years that I might make some contribution that would enable others to do that which I was unable to do."



This chart shows the organization and relationship of T. C. U. to the Brotherhood. The institution rests on the Brotherhood as its base. The Board represents the Brotherhood. The faculty and administration are subservient to the Board which speaks for and is responsible to the Brotherhood, so that those who are in authority endeavor to realize the wishes and will of the Brotherhood in producing the results indicated.



E. M. WAITS

PRESIDENT Edward McShane Waits is entering upon the tenth year of service as president of Texas Christian University. June, 1927, will mark the close of the first decade of his administration of University affairs. It is safe to say that no other decade in the history of the institution has been marked by such substantial progress along all lines as has been had under the wise statesmanlike leadership of President Waits. Perhaps the most notable accomplishment in this period (if not the most notable accomplishment in the educational history of the Disciples of Christ), was the memorable indebtedness campaign of 1923, the Jubilee Year. During this year, the campaign for the liquidation of the institution's debts resulted in the securing of \$343,000 in cash and negotiable notes. As a result of this productive campaigning, a gift of \$167,000 is to come from the General Education Board. The creation of the Burnett Trust followed upon the completion of the program of liquidation.

Not the least of the accomplishments of the present administration is the choice and selection of a faculty of ninety men and women of ability and character, who are carrying on their work in a spirit of contentment and harmony.

CHALMERS McPHERSON is offering the following courses: *Acts of Apostles; Church History; Harmony of the Gospels; Exegesis; Doctrines and Practices of the New Testament Church.* "Brother Mac," as he is affectionately called by his students, is also giving a course of six lectures on Church History. The present session is the fourteenth year of Mr. McPherson's work at the Brite College of the Bible.

The name of Chalmers McPherson is such a well-known one in Texas and elsewhere that it is needless to attempt here an adequate account of his contribution to the welfare of the University. His presence on the campus and in the classroom and chapel is a constant inspiration and benediction to all. All friends of Texas Christian University rejoice that Chalmers McPherson is connected with the institution and that he is teaching in the Brite College of the Bible. His word carries weight both far and near.

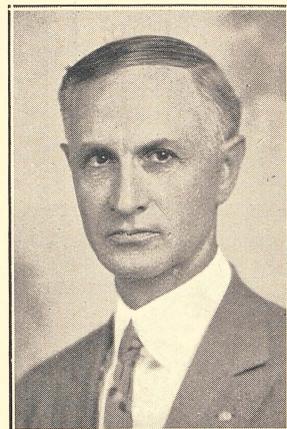


CHALMERS McPHERSON

COLBY D. HALL, holding the position of Dean of the Add-Ran College of Liberal Arts as well as the position of Dean of the Brite College of the Bible, is one of the busiest men on the campus. In addition to the arduous duties of the Dean's office, he has on his hands the teaching of the Bible in freshman classes. He is most active in the manifold committee work of the administration. Dean Hall is largely responsible for the development and maintenance of high scholastic standards. To him is due great credit for the excellent standing that the University enjoys at present with the various standardizing agencies of the educational world. Dean Hall finds time to fill pulpits out over the state. During the summer just ended, he filled the pulpit of the First Christian Church, Fort Worth, during the sojourn of the pastor, L. D. Anderson, in Europe and the Holy Land.

Dean Hall has been connected with the University for 19 year, besides three as a student, serving in various capacities. At no time in this long period of usefulness have his efforts been more productive of lasting value to the University than they are at the present hour.

H. L. PICKERILL came to Texas Christian University in the fall of 1925 to assume a position as assistant professor in the Department of Bible and Religious Education. Mr. Pickerill is a graduate of Transylvania College. He has had valuable experience as a field worker for the United Christian Missionary Society in the Department of Religious Education. During the summer of 1926 he had charge of several Young People's Conferences held in various states. In addition to his professorial work, Mr. Pickerill is serving acceptably as Director of Religious Education for the University Christian Church. He has organized this work to a high degree of efficiency, making possible a program of religious training for the young people of the University community that has not been equalled before.



COLBY D. HALL



H. L. PICKERILL