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PROSPEROUS YEAR AT HARDING

We are now ready to begin the last term of the present school year. By a good deal it is proving itself to be one of the best years in the history of the College.

More nearly all current expenses are being paid at the end of each month than ever before—first time in the history of the college.

More than six thousand dollars have been paid on debts and this makes it the best year for our creditors and they, too, are in fine spirits.

Our field men have done, and are doing, the best work that has been done since the consolidation of Harper College (Harper Kansas) with Arkansas Christian College. More than \$15,000.00 cash and pledges has been added to the assets of the college since this school year began. We are not on easy street by any means but we see the "corner" of it. Of course there never comes a time when a college once launched can lay down the laboring oar, but with unrelenting toil and courage that know no give-up victory is ahead for the friends and supporters of Harding College. By holding on, pushing and pressing for the shore, we shall soon be where our doubting "Thomases" will be pulling back into the boat.

While I have not made an accurate count I believe the enrollment, daily attendance, has increased this year fifty per cent over any former year. Twenty-three states and Canada are represented in our student body. They have come from Rhode Island to California and from the far away South to Canada.

Our senior class numbers twenty-six and this exactly doubles last year's class.

Thirty or more young men in our student body have signified their purpose to preach the gospel, and this at least doubles last year's group.

Best of all, the spirit of harmony and good feeling is everywhere manifest. The plans for another year are well on the way

and the prospects for the Summer School and another year were never better. We do not expect many changes in the faculty and Dean Sears who has been away this year doing work in Chicago University for his doctor's degree will return for the fall opening. The management counts the prospects of his presence an invaluable addition for next year.

So the Lord is abundantly blessing our efforts and Harding is triumphing all along the line.

MORRILTON'S GIFT OF \$25,000.00

From the first breaking of the land on which Harding College stands, until this hour, Morrilton has backed the Management one hundred per cent. Besides her moral support she has put no less than a hundred thousand dollars into the plant, and for a town of six thousand people this is no small gift.

Notwithstanding this liberality Morrilton, when asked through her Chamber of Commerce to join us in our present drive, promptly agreed when we shall have raised \$75,000.00 to make another gift to the college of \$25,000.00.

This is a challenge to the Brotherhood of Christ and should stir Christians everywhere to respond liberally to the call of the college, not only that Harding College may be delivered from her present indebtedness, but that they may make good to the college this splendid gift now offered by Morrilton.

Arkansas is Whooping up to secure this gift. There are seventy five counties in Arkansas and our men are working the state county by county, for seventy five thousand. Each counties quota is exactly \$1000.00. In some counties there are few or no brethren, hence some must raise more. Conway County, the county in which Harding College is located has already more than doubled her quota. Other counties will go over the top with a vim. The plan is to work the state as thoroughly as possible.

ARKANSAS MAY BE COUNTED ON

Just after the war when times were good and money plentiful, four year pledges were taken for the founding of the college and before the first payment was due on those pledged, almost overnight, the markets of the world went to pieces and businesses everywhere slumped, and yet Arkansas brethren paid eighty-five per cent on these pledges. We maintain that this proves the loyalty of the Arkansas brethren to this work and that they can be counted on to do their part.

WHY WE ARE COMING TO YOU

Brethren out of our state have misunderstood the strength of the brethren in Arkansas to support Harding College. I know that I myself when I came into the state, misjudged the possibility of support in the state. While more than 39000 disciples live in Arkansas it is a fact that few of them are really wealthy and thousands of them live in the rural districts and are poor, extremely poor, and do not have the barest necessities in their homes. I dare say that hundreds of these homes do not so much as have one easy chair in them. Many of these brethren live in two and three room houses, box houses and these are rented. So a gift from them to Harding College of \$5.00, \$10.00, or, at most \$25.00 a year is really a big gift and represents the keenest of sacrifices. But it takes many such gifts to support a college, and even these gifts can be secured at great expense. For many of the brethren do not appreciate the school or know its worth till a representative visits them.

Notwithstanding all these hampers the brethren in Arkansas have done great things for Harding College. They have put their very living into it, and have signified by the loyalty that they would go hungry to support Harding College. We are, as stated in another place in this bulletin, counting on these brethren. But they need help in carrying the load, and for this reason we are coming in this bulletin to brethren out of the state.

Since November, brethren in Arkansas have given and pledged more than \$15,000.00 to liquidate the debts against Harding college. This, of course, in addition to pledges they were already carrying and paying on to supplement the current fund. In other words, this new drive is sanctified and consecrated to the one end—relieving the indebtedness.

But it must be remembered that much of the results of the present effort will not be available till fall again. This makes it necessary that a special call be made for cash in order to meet our monthly promise to our creditors. A thousand brethren and sisters that read this could write a check for \$10.00 at the cost of very little sacrifice and thus enable us to meet every promise we have made to our creditors. It is with you readers, as to your part. We know our promises to our creditors, and we know too, that we have to keep our creditors in a good, hopeful spirit to keep this great and far reaching work going. Really we are counting on enough of you who read this to respond to this call to enable us to quiet these creditors from month to month.

We are praying to our father to stir your hearts to help us. Some of you have already been doing it and will again. Every dollar you give goes to pay debts against the institution and thus helps to make it permanent. What will you do now? Not will you help, but how much? What size check will you write? A check of one dollar each from a thousand would be a great lift. But remember, brethren, a thousand will not send the dollar. So some of you, write checks for \$100.00. Yes, I mean \$100.00. You be ten of the thousand. Do it today.

We leave it with you. Pray about it. We are counting on you. Please write the check now.

THIRTEEN THOUSAND PRAYERS

Answered By Check

On the Harding mailing list are the names of thirteen thousand friends of the school to which this, and the succeeding bulletins will be sent. These thirteen thousand friends and supporters of Harding College could clear this splendid school property in a few days at small cost to any of them. Even the small sum of \$1.00 each would be \$13,000.00. Some can, and will give more—probably \$5.00 or \$10.00. Then if we could get some \$50.00, \$100 and \$500.00 donations the goal would be reached and all could rejoice.

Brethren, servants and followers of our Lord, what are we going to do? Don't wait to see what others are going to do! Lead the way. Send us a check for what you can give to help the great good work of Harding College. Your gift reported will inspire and encourage others to help, and together we can do a great work. The next Bulletin will go out in two weeks.

In the next Bulletin we will report the results of the appeal made in this issue. Will you not help to make the report as much as possible?

Fill out the Blank and mail with your check to **HARDING COLLEGE, MORRILTON, ARKANSAS.**

Dear Brethren:—Inclosed you will find check (or Money Order) for \$.....

I want to have fellowship in the good work of Harding College

Signed

Address