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THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

In 1919 the Southern Methodist Church subscribed approximately \$20,000,000 for her various educational institutions. Each institution had presented its needs as it saw them and the aggregate of these needs after equalization was apportioned to the different conferences. It was decided that individuals or churches might direct their contributions to specified institutions if they so desired, but that funds contributed without such direction should be prorated among the participating institutions. There was, of course, some expense in administering this great fund, and this expense was advanced by the institutions themselves.

Weaver College was very fortunate in being practically in the environs of Asheville and in the college town of Weaverville. Practically all of the funds from these two places were directed to Weaver College. The total of the directed pledge amounted to \$47,516. Of this amount \$6,744.50 was subscribed from Weaverville and the Weaverville Methodist Church and \$32,586 from Asheville. The largest donations outside Buncombe County came from Canton, which pledged \$1,000; Gastonia, which directed \$639 to Weaver College, and High Point whose directed pledge amounted to \$595.

It is interesting in passing to notice that the Weaver family alone, living chiefly in Buncombe County, subscribed \$3,880 for the special use of Weaver College. This is a remarkably liberal donation coming from people who have been helpful in the various emergencies which have confronted the institution.

In 1872, upon the burning of "Temperance Hall," which had housed the school for 15 years, Mr. Mont Weaver of Weaverville donated land for the new building and the Weavers, Reagans, Pickens and other old families of the county, contributed most of the money for the first unit of the administration building. This structure still stands and is in daily use. The old chapel is now the library. The society halls still serve their original purpose. One class room has been divided into three offices. The Masonic Hall, above the old chapel, has been divided into class rooms which are being used by the domestic and commercial departments and the athletic-association.

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THE DEBATE COUNCIL ACTIVE

The Debate Council was organized last year, and has inculcated among the students of Weaver College an interest in debating. It has co-operated with the faculty and the literary societies in matters of inter-collegiate and forensic debates. The main purposes are to arrange contests with other colleges and to select subjects for all debates, and to provide for the debaters such literature and training as they may need.

The new organization was completed last week with the following officers: president, Howard Wells; vice-president, Maude Burrus; secretary, Grace Allen; treasurer, William Hart. The faculty and each of the four literary societies has two members. Professor Trowbridge and Miss Smith are the faculty members. The society members are: Misses Allison and Smeltzer, Mnemosyneans; Misses Bell and Moore, Euterpeans; Messrs. Broome and Warlick, Clios; Messrs. Carpenter and Jones, Delphians.

Considerable interest is already manifested and much is expected from each society. A definite plan of work has been mapped out for studying current questions. A fund of \$2.50 from each society will be used to purchase literature, debaters' handbooks and records. One day in the week, twenty minutes will be given to stage a debate, in which each society will participate.

Specific training will be given the debaters this year. A course in public speaking is now offered. Mr. Trowbridge will teach the theoretical elements and Mrs. Henderson expression. Slater's Rhetoric, Thorndyke's Elocution, and Baylor's Practical Argumentation will be used as texts. The course includes extensive library work and lectures on the practical application of the psychology of argumentation. A great deal of attention will be given to extemporaneous speaking, and originality of thought will be encouraged.

A tri-angular debate between Rutherford College, Mars Hill College and Weaver College has been arranged. This debate will be given March 10, 1925. The question has not been chosen. Each institution will be represented by two teams, one from each institution championing the affirmative and the other team the negative of that question. A

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STAFF OF "MOUNTAINEER" NEARS COMPLETION OF ITS WORK

Several members of "The Mountaineer" staff returned to the campus a few days prior to the opening of school after the holiday recess to put the finishing touches on the copy for the printer of the year book. Those who returned were, Hoyle S. Broome, Howard L. Wells, and Misses Edna Orr and Geneva Neill. They were highly complimented by Miss Smith, head of the Department of English, for the high class of literary matter that they prepared for publication. Another thing which speaks well for "The 1925 Mountaineer" is the very favorable criticism of the Bureau of Engraving concerning the art work. According to Mr. Sher, manager of the annual department of the Bureau, the sponsor section has "been handled in mighty fine style." And he avers that we shall be more than proud of the reproductions.

Practically all the copy has been sent to the engraver. Only a few odds and ends will be sent after this date. All copy is ready for the printer, and before this publication of "The Pep" is off the press, he will have his complete "dummy." If there is no break in the speed with which the engraver is doing his work, the proofs for this year's annual may be expected early in March.

The business manager has made out the assessments for space and all students and faculty members are urged to pay all, or a part at their earliest convenience. This will aid materially, in that it will enable the business manager to obtain an additional discount from the engraver for prompt settlement of accounts. Therefore, it is urged that all students assist in every way possible to bring about this economy in business management.

BULB DAY TO BE OBSERVED FEB. 1

Weaver College has set the first day of February as Bulb Day, and desires that all those persons who have plants and shrubbery would make contributions to the college on that day. Plans are now under way to beautify the campus for the coming spring. Trenches have already been dug for hedges, and plots for flower beds laid off. We would appreciate any aid that you could give.

Y.M.C.A. ORGANIZED

The Y.M.C.A. has just recently been organized for the year's work and a competent corp of students have been elected as officers, who promise great things for the year.

The officers for the year are: Wade Kiker, President; Roy Blackwelder, Vice-President; W. A. Dairs, Secretary; Paul Butt, Treasurer. Chairmen for four committees were appointed: L. D. Capps, for Religious Education and Program Committees; Ray Carpenter, for Campus and Community Service Committees; Evan Wilson, for Social and Friendship Council Committee; Prof. Trowbridge, for Advisory Committee.

The "Y" Cabinet was very fortunate in securing Mr. Leonard, Regional Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., and Mr. Loomis, District Boys' Work Secretary, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga., for addresses at a meeting held in Skinner's Hall, Wednesday evening at 7:30. The President introduced Mr. Leonard, who in turn introduced Mr. Loomis, who has been connected with the Y.M.C.A. work for a number of years. Mr. Loomis gave us several examples of the best way to do a job.

great success; how it first began, and its object. Mr. Loomis brought out the point that in the larger cities the "Y's" have fine buildings and they make good impressions with their great work, but a student "Y" can do just as good work if not better than the city "Y," because the real object of it is to win souls to Christ and service to others. In school the students are more intimate with each other, and know the other fellow's needs better; thus putting him in a better position for service to his fellow-students. Mr. Loomis emphasized very keenly that a "Y" is not a building, but an institution.

The officers were advised to put every member to work so that he may get his share of the joy in "serving others," which is the real "Y" spirit. Mr. Leonard answered several questions concerning the best way to maintain a student "Y," and promised to send us a quantity of literature. He assured us that we may call on them at any time for help.

The Weaver College "Y" is very grateful to Mr. Leonard and Mr. Loomis for their very valuable information.