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ADDRESSES AT CONFERENCE

Dr. Poteat.

The opening address of the Y. M. C. A. Conference was given Thursday evening, Sept. 23rd by Dr. W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College. Dr. Poteat's theme was "Christ's Program of Action." From his opening sentence, "A young man of the first century greets a young man of the twentieth century," he held the undivided attention of the audience. He told how Christ came to heal the broken-hearted to preach deliverance to the captives, to give sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. He said further that "Christ is more concerned with conduct than opinions and that redemption of the world will come about through the changed life of the individual."

The following clipping is taken from the Greensboro Daily News:

"Dr. Poteat described the methods of Christ as being thoroughly democratic. Christ's purpose was to correct the sinning and fore-stall the unfortunate members of society. Christ's plan, Dr. Poteat explained, was the renovation of society. This great plan was to be accomplished and realized by the simple process of changing the life of the individual and thereby transforming the entire social group."

Dr. Neal L. Anderson.

The speaker of Friday evening was Dr. Neal L. Anderson, of Winston-Salem. His theme was "The Book." After a brief introduction, Dr. Anderson spoke of the Bible as it applies directly to students. When speaking of the great conflict between the church and modern science the speaker asked the question: "Can the Bible survive the modern conflicts?"

In his answer to this question he brought out the fact that of all books on Philosophy and Ancient History, the Bible is the greatest and most ancient. "It has survived the attacks of the past centuries and will continue to survive," he said, "and since this is an age in which mind reigns it should be an age in which God reigns."

In conclusion Dr. Anderson told what to do with the Bible—"know it and read it," he said. "When reading this Book of all books, think of what you read and read intelligently. Above all things, have great passages which

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Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE

The Young Men's Christian Association of North Carolina has just closed its annual conference at Guilford College. It was perhaps the most inspiring gathering that ever came together upon our campus. Ninety-five delegates and several visitors and speakers came to spend their time in this conference. For three days we had the pleasure of entertaining a bunch of the finest college fellows in our State.

Early last spring Guilford invited those in charge to bring the conference to Guilford and the invitation was accepted. Therefore when we came back this fall our whole student body was permeated with anxiety over the coming conference. Those of us who had attended the meetings elsewhere, and especially those who went to Elon College last fall, were much concerned, for we had had a glimpse of the importance of these gatherings, and also of the way in which other colleges had entertained the delegates. We realized that we were to have a great privilege and also a great responsibility. But the little trouble in preparing the entertainment was too small to be thought of when we considered the great benefits that would fall to us by having such a group of men visit us. Then, too, the faculty was very generous in aiding us; the Young Women's Christian Association was glad to help; and the people in the community offered rooms to the delegates in a most Christian-like spirit. And let us say now and here that the Guilford College Y. M. C. A. feels deeply indebted to those who have been so kind in helping to make the conference possible.

Our time for preparation was not to last long for the time soon arrived. As the time drew nigh several associations sent in their notices. However the first real sign of the Conference was the arrival of the eleven delegates from Wake Forest College, one from Buie's Creek, and one from Rutherford College. These came Thursday afternoon. A little later Mr. E. G. Wilson, State Secretary, arrived accompanied by twenty-seven delegates from Davidson College. That evening and next day they continued to come until Elon College was represented by twelve delegates; A. & M., fifteen; Carolina, five; Trinity, fifteen; Winterville High School, one; Oak Ridge, five; Brevard, one.

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The conference spirit started at breakfast Friday morning. The college yells and songs made Founders Hall dining room, where all dined, ring. At 8:20 Thursday the conference began. Dr. W. D. Weatherford led in an hour's Bible study, using as a text book, "Introducing Men to Christ," written by himself. Of course comment is not necessary for everyone knows what the results were with such a leader as we had. The leader in his usual way of clear reasoning explained what it means to be a Christian. He would ask difficult questions and then help the fellows to answer them. Some of the definitions which he gave will show how able he is as a teacher. He said:

"A Christian is a man whose whole personality goes out in fellowship with God and man. It is one who through daily association with God and Christ has taught him what to do." Mr. Weatherford declared that intellectual assent was not sufficient to make one a Christian. Many new and profound truths were brought to us by this earnest Christian worker.

After this Mr. J. J. King, General Secretary of the A. & M. Association, and Mr. T. C. Boushall, General Secretary of the University Association, made very interesting addresses on general Y. M. C. A. work. The afternoon was spent in discussions led by Dr. Weatherford, Messrs. King and Boushall. In these discussions one's duties and privileges in life were held up in a forceful manner.

Again Saturday morning Dr. Weatherford led the Bible study, his subject being, "Questions of Forgiveness and Faith." He defined faith as "the intellectual assent as to the reality of a fact or person and a deliberate surrender to that fact or person." He maintained that God could forgive no one until such a one would repent, for "God cannot approve one's actions until one makes one's actions conform to the will of God. This makes God and man friends." The leader then proceeded to consider what the meaning of Friendship is. He said the use of friends is to share ideals. He declared: "The biggest thing that you can do for another man

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CAMPUS SOCIAL

On Friday afternoon, Sept. 24, from 4:30 to 6 o'clock, the members of the Y. W. C. A. entertained the visiting conference delegations and the Y. M. C. A. cabinet.

The campus was decorated with sofa pillows and pennants of the colleges represented. As each visitor appeared on the scene he was given a little grey book entitled Quaker Maids, and assigned the task of securing the names of the girls present, and, incidentally, a word or two from them. As soon as a few names had been exchanged and visitors began to feel a bit acquainted the members of the social committee served punch from a green bower which had been arranged under a tree with vines and screens.

FACULTY MEMBERS ELECTED TO GUILFORDIAN BOARD.

At a recent meeting of the GUILFORDIAN board, Prof. W. E. Moore and Prof. J. B. Woosley were elected to membership. They will enjoy the same privileges (of writing a column or so each week) and will have the same powers as the student members of the board.

These men were gladly welcomed to our last meeting at which time they kindly consented to serve us in the capacities of censor and Alumni editor. Prof. Moore as head of the English department will be a very competent censor, while Prof. Woosley as secretary of the Alumni Association is best fitted to keep us in touch with former Guilfordians.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

At the Thursday evening meeting this week Mary Ina Shambarger presented very briefly our plan of systematic giving to missions.

Every member is given the opportunity of making monthly pledges to a fund which contributes each year to the support of two foreign missionaries. This custom was established several years ago because the Association realized the fact that a definite, regular habit of giving is a fundamental lesson which every college girl should learn.

The number and amount of the pledges made at this meeting shows that our girls understand the significance of the Master's words when he said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."