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IMPRESSIONS FROM THE DUKE CONFERENCE

The Seventh Annual Conference of the Students' Volunteer Movement was held at Duke University from February 17th through the 19th. It was a Conference composed of representatives from the colleges all over North Carolina. Everyone there was young—if not in physical age, at least in viewpoint and outlook on life. Everyone seemed to feel that the wisdom of an individual's lifetime could not be placed on a par with the instincts fashioned by the hands of many past generations.

Some of the major speakers were as follows: Dr. H. Akagi, Mr. S. W. Chang, a native of Korea, Miss Miriam Goodwin, Mr. Gordon Poteat, Dr. Jas. Shepherd, Prof. Orisshatuheh Faduma, Dr. Edmund Soper and Dr. Elbert Russell.

The Student Volunteer Movement in a brief manner may be called a corporate expression of consciousness on the part of Christian students, of the missionary implications of Christianity. The purpose of the movement as officially worded, reads as follows: "With the conviction that the first task of the Church is 'The Evangelization of the World in this Generation,' and with the firm belief that every Christian should put his life in harmony with the will of God, we state as our objective that every Christian student find his right relation to foreign missions."

This North Carolina Conference was an appendage to the Detroit Conference, which Conference was held last year. The Detroit Conference, composed of over 3,000 delegates from all over the world, was said to have destroyed old ideas and to have created new ones, both in respect to the furtherance of Christianity and the status of the colored races. And I might say that this North Carolina Conference was a replica of the Detroit Conference in these details.

The sessions were held in the East Duke Building. There were persons representing China, Africa, Japan, Latin America, Korea, India and the white and colored races of America. The brotherly and fraternal feeling that pervaded the entire Conference at each session was best shown on Friday night at the "Get-acquainted-hour," at which hour the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. were host and hostess to the delegates. In this hour there was truly a mixture of races: Caucasians, sons and daughters of Africa, Mongolians, each mingling and intermingling in such a friendly spirit as would cause an outsider to pause and wonder if he were truly gazing upon a scene from Utopia. There was no sensed segregation, no prejudices, no petty hatreds floating about among those boys and girls, boys and girls that represented a condition that must become a reality if the nations of the world hope at some time to bow before the majestiness of those ideals that were propounded by the great Idealist, Christ.

Seemingly, everyone there acknowledged America's position as a forerunner. But every nationality represented asked her to practice what she preached. Mr. Chen in his address stated this: America rocks the cradle of nations as the mother rocks the cradle of a babe, but does America remember her responsibilities? America must consider the fact that the Chinese youth challenges American Christianity, and America must supercede by practice her religious theories if she hopes to Christianize China. That was the spirit of

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CHRISTIAN IDEALS ARE ENCOURAGED AT JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY.

Johnson C. Smith University endeavors to keep alive the religious interest of the students and to develop within them Christian ideals of life which are necessary for the development of true manhood. Various religious services are held for the spiritual growth of the students.

On Saturday evening, March 3rd, Mr. C. H. White of the Middle Theological class, conducted the vesper service. He read the 12th chapter of Romans and centered his discourse upon the beautiful picture that is found in the 12th verse of this chapter, "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer." He vivified this picture by comparing the hope of the fulfillment of the students' purpose here with the eternal hope of Christians; and by comparing the students' struggle for education and the fulfillment of their future purposes with tribulations of Christians. Then he recommended the prayer life as a means of securing confidence, encouragement and support in trouble.

On Sunday night, March 4th, Rev. W. R. Mayberry, of the Theological class of '26, preached a heart-stirring sermon from Genesis 7:16. He drew a splendid lesson from the text mentioned. He aroused and held the interest of the student body so as to impress upon them certain vital spiritual truths that may serve to encourage them to dwell in the Ark Christ Jesus. His theme was: "Are You Shut in the Ark Christ Jesus?" The following points were thoughtfully developed: This Ark is a spacious one; It is safe; It is saving.

C. C. HOUSTON DELIVERS ADDRESS

Prof. C. C. Houston, of the Houston & Houston law firm of Washington, D. C., was a visitor at Smith University on last Saturday, March 3rd. Mr. Houston is a graduate of Amherst College, Amherst, Mass. Afterwards he taught at Howard University. During the World War Prof. Houston was a commissioned Lieutenant from Des Moines, Iowa. He entered Harvard Law School in 1919 and graduated in 1922 with a degree of LL. B. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1923. Prof. Houston went to Madrid, Spain, after receiving his degrees. After returning from Spain he went into business with his father as Houston & Houston law firm in Washington, D. C. Prof. Houston is now traveling in the interest of the Rockefeller Foundation.

Prof. Houston stated in his address to the students and faculty of Smith University that a youth who is planning to make law his life's work had far more to confront than the one who was planning to take medicine, for several reasons, one being that a doctor had the advantage of one year's actual practice as an interne in some hospital, but the lawyer had to come directly out of school and face the world. This disadvantage the Bar Associations of America were trying to remedy by encouraging every person desiring to take law to get himself placed in some accredited law office as a law clerk or stenographer. There he will get the actual practice. Mr. Houston mentioned the fact that as there are only a few race attorneys able to employ a law clerk and stenographer, owing to conditions, he recommends that every Negro youth take along with his scholastic work, stenography, in order that he may be able to meet the demands of a law office. Prof. Houston said many things that were very inspiring and his address was appreciated by both students and faculty.

UNIVERSITY GLEE CLUB SMITH "Y" REPRESENTED AT STATE COUNCIL AND CONVENTION

The Glee Club went down town on Wednesday evening, March 7th, for its first annual concert. The boys have been highly praised for their work this year, and it was hoped that they would draw a capacity house but the audience was small. However, the enthusiasm manifested by the crowd was very pronounced. The ensemble work was marked by shadings and manes which might be expected from a group of mature musicians. The attacks and climaxes in the choral numbers were remarkable for an organization just in its second year. It is hoped that when the second annual concert of the Glee Club is announced a much larger audience will take advantage of the opportunity to hear this group of singers. The concert was interspersed with readings, quintettes and solos.

Our hats are off to Director W. S. Peyton for such a fine Glee Club.

PRESIDENT OF QUEENS COLLEGE DELIVERS SERMON

Many different speakers have given variety to the Sabbath evening chapel services during the last three years.

Speakers have been furnished by the white Y. M. C. A. of the city. These speakers have come under the direction of and at the instance of Mr. A. C. Shelton.

The University has been blessed with three annual visits by Dr. W. H. Frazier, the amiable and efficient President of Queen's College of the city of Charlotte.

The nature of the gospel messages, the pleasing personality of the speaker and the forceful manner of delivery are some of the qualities which cause Dr. Frazier's discourses to abide.

In a message delivered recently, Dr. Frazier spoke disparagingly of eye-servants, men pleasers or dodgers of rules and regulations. Emphasis was laid upon the importance of developing from within. "New life within," said the speaker, "will throw off and keep off the old man with his deeds."

THE LOWELL PATTON TRIO

The Lowell Patton Trio appeared in Bidde Auditorium on Monday evening, March 5, 1928, before a very enthusiastic audience. Much had been said of this trio before its coming to the University, and, very naturally, much was expected of it. To say that the trio lived up to the high expectations of the students, faculty and citizens is but to state a simple truth very mildly. The Trio gave one of the most varied and most vivid and most entertaining concerts it has been the privilege of the University to hear. Beginning with a Chinese Fantasy it ran through the various episodes. One of the most gripping and moving of these episodes was that devoted to the life of Christ. There was a solemn hush and stillness in the auditorium during this episode which touched the most blasé. One of the most liked numbers on the program was "The Stars and Stripes Forever," by Sousa.

The students were highly pleased with the Patton Trio and are very sorry that this is their last year on the road.

The North Carolina State Council and Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association held its annual meeting in Winston-Salem, February 18th-20th, 1928. The State Council which is composed only of Student Local Associations throughout the State, held its sessions at the Winston-Salem Teachers' College, February 18-19, with Mr. J. S. Jackson, of Livingstone College, presiding.

In the first session after formal introduction, the Council was greeted by Dr. S. G. Atkins, President of the Winston-Salem Teachers' College, and at the same standing he gave an inspiring lecture pertaining to "Christianity on Our Campuses" which was quite suggestive in helping to solve the many campus problems.

Mr. W. A. Robinson, Supervisor of State High Schools, effectively led a discussion on the WHY problems on our campus and how they can best be solved. Among those giving valued suggestions were: Profs. Trigg, Harris, McGrew and Dean Turner. The most outstanding revelation of the day was the demonstration and explanation of the evolution of the Y. M. C. A. Program, given by Prof. W. C. Craver, the Director of the Council, and Student Secretary.

In a lecture by Prof. McGrew, the Boys' Secretary, made a sympathetic appeal to the delegates to fill the unoccupied fields. In reply to the question, What is an unoccupied field? he stated that any field where there is a necessity for what is not, there is an unoccupied field. He pointed out many very needy places right here in our own State along with other States and Max Yergan's field.

The one topic which held our attention throughout the entire meeting was our present situation in the "Y" organization.

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DEBATING AT SMITH

It can hardly quickly be dismissed, as we are wont to do so often, with the stressed and politely disciplined "congratulations." There is possibility of a marvelously new benefit arising for the special reward of Johnson C. Smith men. In fact, there is nothing new or marvelous in college debating, and our men are to be congratulated.

Messrs. Terry A. Steele, '28; W. A. Scales, '28; A. J. Clement, Jr., '30; A. R. Dawson, '28; A. S. Powe, '29; and Leon Steele, '29; are the members of the Varsity Debating Squad. They will represent the University in the Pentagonal Debates. On the evening of April the 13th the negative team will meet Knoxville College at Knoxville, Tenn., on the resolution: "That the Curtis-Reed Bill Providing a Department of Education Should Be Enacted." That same evening the affirmative team will discuss that question with Talladega in Biddle Memorial Hall at J. C. Smith University.

We congratulate each man more on the possibility of yet being selected in the squad debates as one to represent the school; on the privilege of having the opportunity to subject all feeling and hastiness to effectiveness in speech and conclusiveness in argument mainly because of the great emotional and intellectual experiences they are having and will have, and not solely on what ability and industry they must have shown to survive the eliminations.