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The great work the Young Men's Christian Association is doing here at the University, the noble principles the organization stands for, and its pressing needs for more room are well known to all the students and faculty. But to many of the friends and Alumni of the institution in this and other states, this great work and these pressing needs are not known.

This issue of The Tar Heel has been got out to tell the friends of the University what this noble band of young men are doing, to set forth their needs, and to publish their plans for securing means to erect a building that shall be equal to the demand for more room and adequate to the most efficient service.

It is with great pleasure that the editors of The Tar Heel turn this issue of the paper over to the management of the Y. M. C. A. for the purposes above named. These young men are deserving the highest praise for the hard, earnest, untiring labor they are expending in this noble work. We can commend them most heartily. May their efforts be crowned with the highest success, and may our campus soon be graced with a handsome Y. M. C. A. building that shall stand as a monument to their noble work.

N. W. W.

Special attention is called to the extract from the Alumni address of Hon. John Sprunt Hill, on the last page under the head "A Good Beginning for the Building." This is indeed an excellent beginning, and brings the cash part of the building to about two thousand dollars. The speech and gift are doubly appreciated—first for their face value, and then again because they serve as a glad introduction to the movement to lay the foundation of the building in October.

During the summer a canvass of the most prominent towns in the state will be made for the Y. M. C. A. building, but many of the Alumni in our state and all outside the state will not be seen. Then again many who receive a copy of this issue who are not Alumni but who are interested in this movement will not be called on personally. We therefore appeal to each one who receives this notice for help. Send all subscriptions and address all communications concerning the movement to Mr. R. M. Harper, Chapel Hill, N. C.

As there can be no special church organization connected with a State University how shall we define and direct its religious life? Churches fully alive enviring the school, we firmly believe, must be behind any vital movement. But such churches in a rural community cannot find the resources for meeting all the requirements; and the student is *sui generis* and moves in a little world of his own. The College Christian Association organized on the basis of the creed common to all that invisible church who believe in the one Lord and Savior, Christ, meets him on his own ground, bears witness to the spiritual unity—insists on religion in everyday life and offers opportunities for practical and missionary activities which develop the gifts and graces of the young Christian. It should have its rallying ground, its appropriate home-place, not only for proper services and Bible and Mission classes, but for all that fellowship and social life, for all those satisfying recreations for mind and body which parent and teacher, common sense and Christianity, must combine to put in the place of false and hurtful amusements. Imperious nature, the expansion of the whole man in the growing boy, pleads for a building; noble comfortable, attractive, a refuge, a cosy place, a home for soul and body, the centre of the social and spiritual life of the University of the people. THOMAS HUME.

Prof. of Eng. Literature.

I note with pleasure that a movement has been inaugurated to secure a Building for the University Association. The work of the Young Men's Christian Association, being as it is, such a part of the college life, exerts, directly or indirectly a permanent in-

fluence for good upon the individual life of every University man, and such an emphasis to the work as a modern Association Building would give could be had in no other way.

GEORGE STEPHENS.

The Young Men's Christian Association has greatly promoted the religious training of the students of this University. Its regular meetings for prayer, discourses and singing of hymns, its classes diligently engaged in Bible study, are efficient aids in inspiring high and serious views of life. If it could have a suitable building for its exercises its influence for good would be greatly enhanced, by its being more attractive. I strongly recommend the movement for such a structure as of signal benefit, not alone to this University but to the state.

KEMP P. BATTLE,
Prof. of History.

I do not believe that it is possible to spend \$10,000 anywhere in North Carolina to a greater advantage than in the construction and equipment of an attractive Y. M. C. A. building upon the University campus. Already more than six hundred young men gather here annually, and within a few years the number will be more than a thousand. This constant stream of the State's young manhood flowing through the gates of this institution bears the impress of University training out into every walk of life, into every section of the state. Shall we not rear amongst these wild walls a Christian temple the incense of whose constant service shall sanctify all the splendid training of this institution to that noblest of conceptions of life? It will be an investment for the advancement of church, the ennobling of homes, the strengthening of state—an investment in civilization and Christian manhood. CHAS. ROSS.

SOME HISTORY AND AN ARGUMENT.

The history of the critical period of the Young Men's Christian Association of North Carolina offers one of the best arguments for the general support of the University Association by our people. Organized Christian effort for young men was at a low ebb in 1885-6. George B. Hanna, James H. Southgate, Eugene L. Harris, and a few other choice spirits were behind the movement in the towns. A half dozen of them met the faithful few of the college men at the University in March 1886 with twelve dollars in the State treasury and little reason for hope except in the promises of God. L. D. Wishard, the remarkable leader in the religious awakening in India and other Eastern lands, urged that Dr. Thomas Hume, who had just become Professor of English Language and Literature in the University, should undertake the reconstruction of the Association work in towns and colleges. He gave his services for five years and consecrated University leadership, aided by Davidson and other colleges, helped Hanna, Harris, A. G. Brenizer, David G. Worth, Southgate, N. B. Broughton, W. A. Blair, J. F. Rogers, J. R. Young, (how shall we give the complete roll of the worthies?) to re-awaken spiritual life. H. P. Brockman, John R. Mott, Claus Olandt, L. R. Coulter, H. P. Anderson, we must not omit the names of Weston Gales and R. G. Pearson, came to the rescue. Olandt's wonderful vitality met with a wave of revival power amongst the students that bore scores of them into earnest Christian living. It was not strange that our spiritual leadership here took advantage of the Student's Volunteer movement and that more than fifty young people dedicated themselves to foreign missions, of whom Lacy Little, W. A. Wilson, George Worth, our own students, followed our R. T. Bryan and went to China and Japan. With renewed conservation came more money and the full organization of the work now so efficiently conducted by the State Committee. For several years Dr. Hume superintended an intercollegiate visitation plan by which University students and men from Davidson, Trinity, Wake Forest, Guilford, Elon and other schools,—two from each institution,—would exchange visits at their several college homes, talk of "the things of the Kingdom," spur one another to duty, and call for volunteers for the great world-field who should report to their own church societies for service. Our Association paid the outgoing expenses of one of these missionaries. It is no undue claim, but occasion for gratitude and mutual sympathy, that God's Providence used our organization in this work of reconstruction and inspiration. The self-sacrificing benevolence of Charlotte and Wilmington in the erection of noble Association buildings sent a thrill into these young College societies and was comforted and strengthened by their responsive touch.

WHAT SOME OTHER ASSOCIATIONS HAVE DONE.

	No. of Students	Cost of Building.
Hamilton College, N. Y.	183	\$25,000.
Johns Hopkins University	651	\$20,000.
Dartmouth College, N. H.	768	\$15,000.
University of Tennessee	721	\$18,000.
Cornell University	2,980	\$55,000.
Syracuse University	1,800	\$25,000.
Davidson College	175	\$7,000.

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