

RELIGIOUS NEWS AND NOTES

The outstanding feature of the religious activities of Camp Greene the past week was the visit of Dr. H. H. Beatty, of New Rochelle, New York, to the camp.

Dr. Beatty spent his time right among the men and his introductory remarks dealt with camp experiences. His appeal to the men was to make just as good a fight against the things that would injure their own manhood as they will against the Germans in the trenches.

The men at Camp Greene have a treat in store for them March 2-8 in the visit of Mr. Trotter and a quartet of singers. Trotter is a preacher of rare ability and his singers are equal to the best.

In the future visits to the base hospital by the religious secretaries will be done more systematically than heretofore.

Mr. Crozier of 192: A-3; B-7; C-3, and D-2.

Mr. Jackson of 183: Isolation 4; B-6; C-2; B-3 and A-1.

Mr. Armstrong of 194: A-2; B-1 and C-4.

Mr. Budgett of 195: B-2 and four; C-1; D-5.

Mr. Brown of 196: B-5 and 6; C-2; and D-4.

Mr. Day and his assistants at the base hospital will continue their visits and ministrations as heretofore and the religious director will make general visits to the hospital also.

Arrangements have been made for the holding of communion services for Protestants as well as masses for Catholics at the buildings on Sundays. These will be conducted either by camp pastors or by ministers coming from outside the camp.

It is the policy of the Y. M. C. A. to allow its men to conduct communion services or administer any of the sacraments of the church, even though they are ordained ministers. Communion services were held in nearly all of the huts last Sunday.

The Bible study work has gone forward with increasing interest the past week. New classes were organized in every building and the attendance during the week increased in membership.

An attempt is being made by the religious secretaries to get the Bible classes started in every hut. A list of available teachers outside the regular camp workers are available for work in the various huts.

The Camp Greene welfare conference has been organized and consists of representatives of the Red Cross, chaplains, Jewish welfare workers, First Aid Commission, Knights of Columbus, Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A.

A committee consisting of Mr. Crozier, Mr. Hall, Mr. Manou, Dr. Spaxue, Mr. Harvey, Mr. Wheatley, Mr. Seligman and representative of the Y. W. C. A. was appointed to prepare plans of work and a basis of representation. Through the league it is hoped to coordinate all the forces of the camp in such a way as to secure the most effective co-operation of every agency in the camp.

There is complete harmony and earnest cooperation of all the forces of the camp in religious and social work.

The religious director and D. Ward Nelson, the music director, will visit most of the huts during this week at the regular services.

Two strong men have been added to the ranks of religious secretaries recently. They are Dr. Ches. L. Johnson, who resigned the pastorate of Strong Place Baptist church at Brooklyn, N. Y., to enter Y. M. C. A. work. He has been assigned to work at the base hospital and has spoken in several other buildings during the week as well as delivering the Washington's anniversary address at hut 192.

The other man is Dr. Raffle Beaton of West Haven, Conn., Congregational church. He was assigned to hut 194 and has spoken in other huts as well as hut 196.

The secretaries have all been very active the past week particularly in getting new boys and new converts organized. There is a deep interest in religious matters among hundreds of men and the secretaries are fostering and cultivating this interest.

The singing at the religious meetings is one of the regular features and the men join most heartily in it. Under the leadership of D. Ward Nelson the men are singing the old

hymns with a deep earnestness that betokens great interest. Dr. A. J. McClung, of Omaha, Neb., is in charge of the religious work at the camp. He is representing the Presbyterian church and Dr. Duane O. Nash representing the Protestant Episcopal church. Dr. T. A. Sprague represents the Baptists as camp pastor and Dr. T. A. Laner the Lutherans. These men are glad to have the men of these churches and render them any service possible.

Rev. A. R. Brown, D. D., the new religious work director at Building 106, gave his first address to the soldiers under his charge last Sunday. He gave a very strong and practical message and several of the soldiers accepted his invitation to talk with him personally about their religious life.

Dr. Brown was pastor of the West Haven Congregational church of New Haven, Conn. This is one of the strong and flourishing churches of New England.

Y. M. C. A. building No. 106 has started religious work Sunday evenings at 8 o'clock. Rev. George H. Taylor will conduct these services and members of 106 staff will assist. The first service was held last Sunday evening. Rev. G. H. Allen preached the sermon to an interested group of soldiers. His subject was "Christian Courage for Our Times." The commanding officers of the regiment are giving this project every encouragement and the soldiers seem enthusiastic for this service.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AT "Y" 104

During the bad weather the religious work has progressed without interruption. Attendance at the services has been above normal.

On Sunday, February 17, the First Army Headquarters Regiment band rendered a cracking good concert while ending the religious service in the evening. They were obliged to respond to several encores. Sergeant J. J. Conroy, who is in the hut along with his band accompanying him, Sergeant Ambrose spoke on "A Man's Choices." The hut was full of men. The services were held on February 19, was in the hands of Dr. McKeeen, camp religious secretary who led the singing. Dr. H. H. Beatty spoke to the men and won their hearts at once. At the close of the service 25 men swarmed the inquiry room with him.

The home hour on Sunday afternoons during the past week has been right up to the minute. Because of the inclement weather and the quarantine we had to use soldier clubs that has ranged from piano concerts, Italian singers, to opera performers. It is to be hoped the weather will soon be such that the Charlotte club will be able to come on to assist and encourage. We cannot have a real home hour without.

An innovation has been inaugurated in this hut. It is a religious reading room, tastefully decorated with curtains, pictures, pennants, etc. Religious papers and books are there. The sign on the door invites men to "read, rest, read, and be quiet." It is the nearest thing to home in the whole camp.

Better weather has made it possible to increase Bible class work. Lack of properly warmed class rooms formerly handicapped us during the winter. But in spite of this, however, work has continued throughout the winter with very fine results. At present there are 11 flourishing classes led by secretaries and enlisted men.

Each Sunday morning a service of worship is held in the hut. The men enjoy this and it is characterized by an atmosphere of prayer, song and inspiration to see this group of men in khaki worshipping God.

We welcome Secretary Anderson, who is an energetic religious worker.

SOLDIERS' SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The past two Sundays have been very busy days with the boys in "Y" building 195.

Sunday before last started off a fine company of men interested in the religious activities of the association. A fine start was made in the organization of a soldier's Sunday school. Sunday afternoon Chaplain Peters, of the Thirty-eighth regiment held regimental services. Chaplain Hall of the Fifty-ninth occupied part of the home hour, 3 to 4, with an inspiring Bible lecture. Dr. Thomas Spague, of Troop N. V. Baptist camp pastor, presided at the Sunday evening program. Day eleven offerings were made and \$4 asked for and received Testaments. Seventeen signed the war roll and many enrolled for Bible study.

Corporal George Willis, of Company G, Sixtieth infantry, also started a Bible hour with the men in his hut. He has increased the membership of his class to 50 men. They meet each Monday evening at 6 for study.

INTENSIVE RELIGIOUS PROGRAM FOR CAMPS

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25.—At the recent conference of all general secretaries with Southeastern department headquarters staff held here February 19 to 24, inclusive, it was decided to conduct in the camps an intensive religious program during Easter week, ending Easter Sunday, March 31. As Easter week commenced the last seven days of our Savior's say on this earth, likewise Easter week of 1918 may be close to the last week for many of our boys in khaki on this continent for many months to come," said Associate Executive Secretary W. W. Alexander, a Meth-

odist minister of the Southern conference, discussing the plan of the conference. "The need soon will be calling overseas."

"During Easter week, away from home and church, men will be hungering in the camps for the proper religious services of all creeds. Nightly during Easter week ministers representing the various denominations should conduct religious meetings in the Y. M. C. A. huts, with a service for all on Easter Sunday."

The camp secretaries have returned to the training camps prepared to obtain the co-operation of the various churches from the nearby cities and towns in arranging the intensive Easter week religious program. Palms and Easter lilies will be used in decorating all red triangle buildings.

FIRST STUNT NIGHT AT HOSPITAL 'Y' HELD

On last Tuesday evening, February 19, the recently opened Y. M. C. A. at the base hospital gave its first stunt night.

Mr. Gray, of Nashville, Tenn., and had more than ten years' experience in amateur theatricals. For several years he was director of the famous "Village Choir" of Nashville which enjoyed a reputation throughout the south. Mr. Gray's first number, a comic monologue on both the bliss and the trials of married life, was well received by an appreciative audience of more than three hundred doctors, nurses and enlisted men. Later on in the evening Mr. Gray gave a negro dialect followed by character songs which were enjoyed even more than his first number. He most assuredly lived up to his reputation as an entertainer and his experience in amateur theatricals to welcome him back in the future.

But Mr. Gray was not the only stellar attraction of the evening. The base hospital band, consisting of a corps of nurses and enlisted men, won the hearts of the audience before they had sung a single note, and even after they sang the crowd was still at their command. The remainder of the program which was of the same high-class talent follows:

Chinese Song, Geo. W. Ryder.

The Song of a Banjo (Kipling), Miss Lizzell.

Selection from Aida, Private Callie.

Clog Dance, R. J. Davis.

Characteristic Dance, "Kid" Rayfield.

Three Round Boxing Bout, "Knockout" Terrell and "Gambat" Shore.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that one of the chief features of next week's program will be a concert by Sergeant Zander's "The Base Hospital Jazz Band."

FOOLISH IDEA OF A CHARLOTTE GIRL

Private George Anders, of the Supply Co., 7th Infantry, was walking down Trade street the other night with a young lady, and as he passed all the officers he saluted.

After walking about five blocks and passed about fifty officers, the young lady looked George straight in the eye and said: "George, you must be awfully popular to know all these officers."

Places: At the M. P.'s fire.

Time: 11:15 p. m.

Scene: Sentry pacing back and forth.

Sentry (dark figure approaches): "Who goes there?"

Figure: "Civilian with a bottle."

Sentry: "Civilian, halt; bottle, advance and be recognized."

FAST MATCHES FEATURE STUNT NIGHT PROGRAM

Nine Hundred Quarantined Soldiers See Boxing Carnival at Y. 104.

With the theaters, churches, and what-not closed in the city and the amusement places at Liberty park closed, Y. M. C. A. 104 was jammed to its capacity Saturday night.

The order that the camp be quarantined kept all the men without passes within the military reservation. Under such conditions they materially took advantage of the Y. M. C. A.

The program for the evening consisted of boxing bouts and they were greatly enjoyed by the 900 men who gathered to witness them. Some material that had never exhibited itself before, appeared and proved its worth. The entertainment was ably handled by Private F. Friedman of Company D and Private Fitzpatrick of Company M, both of the Thirty-ninth infantry.

First on the program was a scrimmage between Private Scott, of M company Thirty-ninth infantry and Private P. Valentine of Company C, Tenth M. G. Co. battalion. The argument was even all the way and both men showed to a good advantage. The bout went two rounds and it was a real battle.

Next came Private A. C. Rusch and Private G. R. Foster, both of Supply company, Thirty-ninth. They were quite clever and drew considerable applause from the crowd. Like the preceding go, this one became hot and a times it looked very much like a real battle.

Sgt. A. Leslie, of Company K, Fifty-eighth infantry and Private G. R. Roe, of B company, First N. C. Tenth M. G. Co. followed in the following match and certainly produced the goods. It would be well if the men should be put on again.

Furnished the entertainment of the evening Private G. F. Anderson, of Co. H, Thirty-ninth infantry, boxed Private C. P. Dahsall, of M. Co. First N. H. There was plenty of action all if the time, and both men appeared to be fine boxers. Anderson had a little the better of the go but Dahsall was not outclassed by any means.

The Fifty-eighth and Thirty-ninth came together in the next set, when Private J. Wilson and Private G. Crossman met. The former is out of the U. S. Co. and the latter from Co. M, Wilson had the better of the go although Crossman showed a little science. The Thirty-ninth men are expected to bring in a man some night and challenges any one in the hall.

The last bout of the evening was between Private J. S. Dakoski of Co. A, Fifty-eighth and Bugler H. Mondress, of Company D, Thirty-ninth. That Dakoski is a "tatter" of the first order is evident from the moment he stepped on the stage. He is shifty and carries a good punch in either hand. Any time Dakoski appears on the stage are assured of a good exhibition providing he is matched in his weight.

The audience applauded the performers roundly and their commendation knew no bounds. The secretary feels gratified that he was able to fill up the gap in the mens time and ropes in the future to be equally successful. Next Saturday night it is expected that the wrestling mat will be in shape and if this is the case the men can look forward to some fast grapping matches.



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