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STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE MEETS AT GUILFORD COLLEGE

ANNUAL EVENT FEATURED BY INSPIRING ADDRESSES AND MUCH ENTHUSIASM FOR CAUSE OF MISSIONS.

The Annual Conference of the Student Volunteer Union of North Carolina was held at Guilford College March 14, 15, 16. It proved to be a success from every point of view. Speakers of international reputation made inspiring appeals to enthusiastic audiences which filled the Memorial Hall auditorium to overflowing. The strong message brought by the conference and the delightful opportunities for becoming acquainted with such men and women as were represented in the delegations made the occasion one of unusual pleasure and profit to Guilford.

The conference was in charge of President Rondthaler from Chapel Hill, while the local arrangements were looked after by Alma Chilton, secretary of the Volunteer Union, ably assisted by Georgiana Bird, Hugh Moore and a number of others. All the men delegates were quartered in homes in the neighborhood and to its neighbors the college owes much for the success of the arrangements. The women delegates were lodged in the college dormitories and took their meals in Founders. Altogether 129 delegates registered, and 7 speakers. Seventeen separate institutions were represented.

Friday Afternoon and Night.

The conference began with devotional exercises in Memorial Hall at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon. At 8:30 that night the first regular session was held. Prof. Brinton extended the official welcome of the college emphasizing Guilford's pleasure in receiving such guests and the present day significance of the ideals embodied in the student volunteer movement.

He was followed by Dr. Reavis, of the Columbia School of Theology.

Dr. Reavis based his address on the twelfth chapter of Romans. True life, said Dr. Reavis, consists in yielding ourselves entirely to the will of God. This is required of us not by an autocratic Divine Sovereign, by a God of Mercy. God's mercies are numberless. Often His greatest gifts are not appreciated because they are so common.

The speaker then called attention to certain blessings for which we should thank God. Health, sleep, friendship, eye sight, and sleep are some of God's great mercies to us.

Prayers answered are a great blessing. Before the God of mercy we have sent up our prayers that our fighting men might be successful in their undertakings. So prayed the Kaiser, but his prayers were not heard because of his sins. But we, as well as the allied nations, had our prayers answered since we were fighting the battle of the Lord. So we should be thankful that God al-

lowed us to win for Him His victory over an undemocratic country.

Prayer so utilized will usher in God's Kingdom on the mission field, said Dr. Reavis in conclusion. A mighty force is at human disposal if only we will appropriate it.

Saturday Morning.

The Saturday morning session began with a discussion under the leadership of Miss May Fleming, traveling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement in the South, on mission work in Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s. Miss Fleming explained that the purpose of the Christian Association was to extend the Gospel to the world. If mission work is to be a success, interest must be created, and if there is to be interest there must be knowledge. A discussion of plans for missionary work then followed. In this discussion volunteers from various colleges too part; telling what their organizations had done along these lines, and giving suggestions for programs. "Mission study," the leader said, reaches more people than any other one thing and she gave this recipe. "Information plus enthusiasm, minus self activity, equals an enthusiastic study group."

Then followed a thrilling talk on Africa by Dr. J. O. Reavis. "There are three kinds of Africa," he said. Civilized, Mohammedan and Pagan. In the first Christianity has made great progress. Large numbers attend the churches and they are very willing to make great sacrifices to support missionaries. It was an inspiration to live among these people and catch the spirit of their enthusiasm. Without saying much about Mohammedan Africa he passed on to pagan Africa and told how there they lived almost in savagry and were waiting eagerly and almost in despair for some one to tell them of God. Mr. Reavis made a strong appeal for workers in that dark land.

Mr. J. E. Johnson, State student secretary, then spoke of the world fellowship campaign and asked the various colleges to make plans for contributing to the work of raising this fund.

The morning session concluded with a splendid talk on prayer by Mr. Ostrom. His talk he said was like prayer; often left to the last with only a few minutes for it.

Saturday Afternoon.

On Saturday afternoon the conference began with a discussion of what the Student Volunteer movement of North Carolina had done and the functions of the various officers in this movement. Mr. Hodges conducted this discussion and the thing that he emphasized was that the accomplishments of the Student Volunteer Movement were not nearly equal to its possibilities. The following officers were then elected for

the ensuing year: President, Janie Klutz, State Normal; Vice-President, D. W. Roberts, Davidson; Secretary, Sue Ervin, Normal; Editing Secretary, Mildred Stark, Salem.

Then followed a very interesting and appealing talk on China by Miss Troy, who has been stationed in that country. She gave a vivid picture of the need for leaders in every line of education in China and most of all she spoke of the need of Christianity.

Following Miss Troy's talk Miss Fleming gave an inspiring explanation of what it meant to be a student volunteer.

Saturday Night.

On Saturday night Mr. Ostrom gave a graphic address on Japan. He began by showing the great prestige won by Japan in the war and her enormous industrial expansion during the last few years. Japan has become a creditor nation. Only one-fifth of one per cent. of the population is Christian. Civilization has brought great industrial expansion, but without a corresponding spiritual enlightenment Japan's growing power is a serious menace. The industrial revolution has brought on a serious situation and missionaries are needed to meet the great need that has arisen. Most of the people have no religion at all. God alone can save Japan. This address was followed by an equally able one by Dr. W. E. Browning, who has charge of all the educational work of the American Board of Foreign Missions in Mexico and South America. South America he said is an unknown field. Its resources are enormous. Self-supporting churches have been established in many places but there are 10 or 20 millions of Indians who have never heard the Gospel. The Indians are merely beasts of burden. There is only one missionary and one school per million in Colombia and Venezuela; 60 per cent. of the population are of illegitimate birth. Mexico needs missionaries and school teachers, not intervention. Dr. Browning described in turn conditions in each South American Republic and his talk was most informing and interesting.

Sunday Morning.

Sunday morning at 9 o'clock Henry Langston, student secretary for Virginia, discussed the race problem and means for studying it. Great progress has been made in Virginia by admitting negro speakers and delegates to student conferences. A study of conditions by both negro and white students will do much towards creating a situation which will be void of conflicts and misunderstandings.

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JUNIORS BANQUET THE SENIORS

The Good Ship Nineteener Merrily Sets Sail.

Last Wednesday night a banquet of superb attractiveness was tendered to the class of 1919 by the class of '20 in the dining room of New Garden Hall.

Promptly at 8 o'clock the guests journeyed from Founders to New Garden and there passed down the long receiving line of jovial hosts and hostesses and grouped themselves in the reception hall. Here each young man was given a bouquet of jonquils bearing the name of the lady he was to escort to her banquet seat. At each plate was a very neat and attractive little menu and program card in the shape of a sailing boat which upon being unfolded gave the outline of the pleasures to follow. It was noticed at once that the occasion was to be a fantastic voyage on the "good ship Nineteener" for placed upon the columns of the room were life-preservers and other shiplike adornments, while suspended from the ceiling with chains of green, was an enormous ship's lantern shining over the center of the table. Beneath it was a miniature of the S. S. "Nineteener" gaily arrayed in flags of many colors. The abundance of yellow jonquils that arrayed the whole room along with the other decorations made a most spectacular banquet hall. Throughout the feast, the soft and sonorous strains of a hidden orchestra fell upon the ears of the merry makers and added to the charm of the occasion with its spell. The following menu was served by jaunty sailorettes dressed in uniforms of white.

Fruit cocktail
Baked chicken Cucumber pickles
Parker House rolls
Mashed potatoes Creamed peas
Pineapple salad Saltines
Cream a la Neopolitan
Golden Cake
Coffee Mints

After this feast the following interesting and entertaining toasts were given:

Welcome—Toastmaster L. H. Barrett, '20.

Ship Ahoy!—Prof. H. H. Brinton.
Port of Many Ships—Norman Fox, '20.

Sea Foam—Ruth Coltrane, '19.
Lookout for Icebergs—Mary Coble, '20.

Thirteen Sails to the Winds—Roger Kiser, '19.

After the classes had drunk the health of their sister classes the banquet was appropriately ended by singing "Hail Dear Old Guilford." Each Senior was given a miniature battleship for a souvenir.

The appreciation and love of the Seniors for the class of '20 is unbounded and the jolly good comradeship of the Juniors will ever be remembered by the class of 1919.

COME TO THE Y. W. C. A. PLAY
ON THE 22ND.