

## UNUSUAL Y. W. C. A. TALK GIVEN BY MABEL WEST

### REPORTS CONVENTION AT ATLANTA OF STUDENT FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The regular Y. W. C. A. service Sunday evening, April 15, was under the auspices of the Student Fellowship Band. Following a very appropriate vocal solo by Annie Thelma Hinton, Mabel West, who represented Meredith at the recent conference, gave the following talk:

"The Student Fellowship for Christian Life-Service is a new organization. This fellowship group, formerly known as the Home Volunteer Band, is more than just another organization on the campus. It is a foundation for all other religious activities. It does not desire to duplicate any religious work on the campus, but rather to enforce and strengthen other work. The Fellowship Group finds its work chiefly through the other religious organizations.

"About a year ago in Illinois a group of students met to consider the need for a national fellowship. The matter of life work in the home field was not sufficiently or efficiently care for. Miss Jessie Dodge White was appointed general secretary, with headquarters at 25 Madison Avenue, New York, in the same building with the Student Volunteer Movement. Reverend Mr. O. T. Gilmore, student-pastor of the University of Virginia, was appointed as the Southern representative on the executive committee, and Mr. James B. Henley, a student of Emory University, Atlanta, was elected president of the Southern region. Although the Fellowship Group must take up a little different study in order to meet the many complex problems in the home land, this group works in coöperation with and not against the Student Volunteers.

"The convention in Atlanta, April 6-8, was the first regional meeting in the South. Other regional meetings are to be held in Pennsylvania, Yale, and several other places, April 20-23. A large national conference is planned for the latter part of December, 1924. All the students of the United States are to assemble and to consider world facts and students' responsibilities, with special emphasis given to America's need for Christ and to America's responsibility for the world needs. The decision of the conference in Illinois, February, 1922, was to limit membership to those committed to full time service in the distinctively Christian vocations—local groups were left free to adjust themselves to the local situation even to the extent of admitting others to associate membership of some form.

"The recent Southern regional convention of Atlanta had representatives from thirty-nine Southern colleges and schools. Although the convention was not so large in numbers, it was abundant in spiritual intensity and consecrated prayer. Mr. Peter Shih of Peabody University, Tennessee, emphasized the importance of Christian-

ity in American colleges as so many Chinese, as well as other foreign students, come to the United States for a higher education. A Chinese boy has as his idea of an American that of the missionaries in his country. His ideas and possibly ideals are greatly changed upon reaching America. He is disappointed because the young American students are more concerned about dancing, drinking, etc., than they are of the more serious and deeper thoughts of life. The Chinese student has one the greatest opportunities in a Christian college of becoming one of the strongest and most influential missionaries in his native country. It takes special effort to Christianize the world, but it does not take any effort to devitalize the world.

"Dr. Isaac Fisher (colored) of Fiske University made a plea for the betterment of conditions for his own people in America. He was humble and convincing in his delivery. His address, similar in the fellowship idea with that of Mr. Shih's, concluded, 'We are all brothers, children of one Father, we can love one another.'

Immediately following this report from the conference, Ethel Gillet gave an interesting account of the work and progress of the organization at Meredith.

Throughout the program there was an earnest appeal for workers in the home land as well as in foreign countries.

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dent of the student body. Following the welcome Miss Bryson, one of the Y. W. C. A. secretaries, made a talk. Later in the evening an informal reception was given in honor of the delegates. Saturday morning the girls were taken to breakfast by their hostesses, and were given attractive programs of the Council meetings. The morning discussion was led by Miss Bryson on the subject "The kind of Living we Find Ourselves Doing as College Students." The girls were encouraged to offer their views and to discuss the conditions existing on their campuses. The session then adjourned for the technical hours. The chairman of each committee met with the delegates from the other colleges and received instruction in her duties for the coming year. Just before lunch Miss Bryson discussed the advisability of organizing Student Girl Reserves in the high schools. The Reserves train the younger girls for membership in the Y. W. C. A. There are 150,000 Reserves in the country now.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Lois Williams of Farmville College, Virginia, discussed the organization of the Y. W. C. A. nationally. Miss MacDonald spoke on the coöperation of other organizations with the Y. W. C. A. Following that a report of the committees was heard. Then the meeting adjourned for the technical hours.

Saturday night a Blue Ridge Supper

was given in the dining room. The delegates were seated by colleges near their college banners. Dinner speeches were made in the true Blue Ridge fashion, and the colleges sang and yelled for themselves and their friends. Meredith boasted many new songs, and received much applause each time as the knife sounded on the glass as a sign for quiet and the song was given.

At the Council Saturday night Adele Ruffin, the negro secretary, gave in a very delightful manner an account of the Race Problem as it is today. She said the problem is "learning to understand each other." The present day colored race must not be considered in the light of the slaves of yesterday. She mentioned also the fact that the simple, trusting faith of the plantation negro is what has saved him from the fate of the Indian, but that the negro of today has changed in faith and in type, and needs our help for his progress. A few of her statistics were rather startling. We learn that there are 38,000 negro teachers, 2,000 lawyers and judges, and that \$2,000,000 was given by colored people in the war drives.

After the talk on the "Race Problem," the conference adjourned to the chapel, where every college gave its stunt. Meredith's stunt came second on the list. It was a humorous test of *Madame, She's a Wonder*, a magician, conducted by Susie Creech and Dorothy Gower. The other stunts were Salem, *The Spirit of Salem for a Hundred Years*, given by the delegates in costume of the different periods; N. C. C. W., a shadow play, *The Love Story of Benjamin and Mary Jane*; G. C., a performance of funny people with a magician; Elon, *A Scene from the Orpheum Gallery* (Orpheum, the Grand of Durham); Guilford, *The Spirit of the Guilford Classes*; Trinity, a comic scene between two doctors.

On Sunday morning Miss Bryson continued her discussion of campus problems, after which the delegates went to church with their hostesses. In the afternoon an industrial program was given. Miss MacDonald and Miss Eleanor Hill of N. C. C. W. gave their experiences as working girls. They worked in Atlanta factories last summer to learn, at first hand, the conditions of the working girls. Miss Susie West outlined the history of the summer school for working girls held at Bryn Mawr, Pa., and asked that the colleges of this district give a scholarship of \$200 to send an industrial girl there for this summer.

Mary King Ellison gave a report of the coöperation of the Trinity girls with the industrial girls of Durham. Miss Leonard, a Y. W. C. A. secretary, closed the discussion with a brief history of the industrial development in this country and England.

The Council was closed Sunday night with a talk by Miss Bryson on "What it means to be a Cabinet Member." It has not yet been decided where the Council will meet next year.

## Student Opinion

### DOES THIS HIT YOU?

Oh, Mr. Gallagher! Oh, Mr. Gallagher, Meredith girls bite just like fish

In ocean sound.

Capital Studio played a prank  
To increase account at bank,  
And the poor girls thought a bargain  
They had found.

Oh, Mr. Shean! Oh, Mr. Shean!  
Fifty cents the cost of coupons it  
seems.

Now can't get their pictures took,  
Photographer's filled up on his book;  
Are they economists, Mr. Gallagher?  
No, cedar birds, Mr. Shean.

### SOCIAL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, April 20, 8:30 P. M.—Raleigh Chapter of University Women give entertainment, "Glimpses of College Life," in Meredith Auditorium.

SATURDAY, April 21, 8:30 P. M.—Meredith Sophomores entertain State College Sophomores.

SUNDAY, April 22, 6:00 P. M.—Y. W. C. A. Service.

MONDAY, April 23, 6:45 P. M.—International Relations Club.

THURSDAY, April 26, 5:00 P. M.—English Club meets.

FRIDAY, April 27, 8:30 P. M.—Junior-Senior Banquet.

SATURDAY, April 28, 8:30 P. M.—Phi Society presents "The Charm School" in College Auditorium.

### STUDENT CHAPERONAGE

The history of the chaperon is long and varied. Despite the general opinion that the present generation is reverting to barbarism in regard to this matter, even the most conservative critics heave a sigh of relief that the days are now passed when even lovers' sighs were strictly audited. We readily admit, however, that there are times when chaperons are really necessary. A word, however, as to the ultimate purpose of the subject under discussion. Is it merely to furnish the opportunity for the girls to pay the chaperon's way—to the extent that previously bought tickets are sold, so as not to deprive the girls of this particular pleasure? Or, mayhaps, 'tis for ornamentation—"a thing of beauty is a joy forever," 'tis said.

Laying all jokes aside, however, we feel that only the friendliest of feelings should exist between the chaperoned and the chaperon.

*Quae cum ita sint*, let us consider the duration, so to speak, of chaperonage. Does it not seem rather queer that the fourth-year girl is treated as is the Freshman? Does it not seem merely reasonable, let alone practical, that a certain amount of responsibility should be entrusted to the Senior, in view of the fact that in so short a time she must needs shoulder in reality not only her own burdens and responsibilities but also the cares of those about her?