

Y. W. C. A. CONVENTION.

THE FIRST SESSION LAST NIGHT.

Several Hundred in Attendance. Address of Welcome by Dr. Barron. He Said There Were 700 Young Women, Whose Homes Had Been Elsewhere, Employed in Charlotte. Mr. Huntington Speaks in Behalf of the Y. W. C. A.—Dr. Hardin's Fine Address on the Holy Spirit—How Marvellous Power is Obtained by the Spiritual Grace—The Programme To-Day.

There was a large attendance upon the opening of the first annual convention of the Young Women's Christian Association of the Carolinas last night at Tryon Street Baptist church, which began about 8 o'clock. Several hundred persons—and there were many men among them—had gathered, and there were a number of delegates from various points in the two States.

Rev. Dr. A. C. Barron made a warm address of welcome on behalf of the church. In a very eloquent manner, he spoke of the work of women in the whole history of the Christian Church, their fidelity, loyalty and piety to the Saviour and to mankind. "It is fit that you should gather here and earnestly, indeed a great work for you to do. My heart goes out to those young women who are compelled to leave the love and comfort of their own homes, and to come here and other cities to work in the struggle for existence. The woman missionary of our church told me that there are 700 young women in the city of Charlotte of the employed class.

"It is a noble work that contributes to their happiness. The association gives them a home where they may find some of the comfort and love which they had in their homes. We give you a hearty greeting, and I want to express the hope that before you come to Charlotte in convention again, we shall have a woman owned by the Y. W. C. A. to show you and not merely a rented building. And I hope, too, it will be a structure even superior to that which is the home of the Y. M. C. A."

Miss Lillie Long then introduced Mrs. G. C. Huntington, who spoke in behalf of the Y. W. C. A. for the Carolinas. "I greet you in behalf of the Y. W. C. A. of Charlotte, and would have you know how heartily we co-operate in your work. We have found great opportunities for good in the fact that a large number of young men are entering our cities in the Carolinas. It is equally important that the young women who are also congregating in the cities away from their old homes should be looked after."

"I believe our greatest opportunities for good are to be found in the mill settlement work. Already excellent results have been obtained wherever the work has been undertaken. Our work should go hand-in-hand with yours. The Y. W. C. A. is contributing greatly to the evangelization of the world. My Miss in a few well-chosen words extended a hospital of welcome to Charlotte to the delegates. She said that the motto of the association was "That the Father will be glorified," and she hoped for the verification of this in the work of the association."

Dr. Barron read a telegram of greeting from the association at Asheville. After the singing of hymn 208, Rev. Dr. Martin D. Hardin, of the Second Presbyterian church, made the opening address. He made an excellent talk, after with the spiritual, and forcible and logical withal. "Your motto," he began, "is 'God will be glorified, and so I thought I might talk with profit to you on the relation of the Holy Spirit to the spirit-filled life.' After reading a number of apt Biblical references which showed how the spirit had come into the lives of great believers, Dr. Hardin rapidly got into his subject. He said that all through the history of Christianity there were instances of men having received this great power. He told how the life of Christ, from 12 to 30 years, is known little about.

"But how marvelous was His power when He did come forth before the world, continued Dr. Hardin. The spirit had been given to Jesus without measure. From that time on his words and his presence were filled with marvellous power. He saw in his life the spirit of God—something which intensified his powers, which was the holy spirit. In the disciples the growth of knowledge was gradual, at times they so completely failed to understand the Master's words that they thought them almost stupid. But they grew in power and finally got great knowledge. But they were not ready for the great work yet. Christ told them to await. They must have more than intellectual strength. They should have the in-burning spirit of God before they were ready. A spiritual change was necessary. At last the remarkable coming of the spirit occurred, and at that time they were men of force and won thousands of souls to Christ. It was the power of the spirit extended to the apostles that made their great work possible."

"Dwight L. Moody shook the whole world, not because of his intellect, but by the mighty power of God. The capacity of human life to be caught up and glorified has made men of wonderful use in doing good. "Some one has said that 'unfelt knowledge is scarcely more fruitful than ignorance,' and so it is every man's duty to feel the power to feel this knowledge of the spirit. It should be given the power to manifest it. This is just what God has permitted every man to feel. For the Holy Spirit is not a special gift to a few. It is asleep in most of us, and we may all receive it. Ask you if you have received the Holy Spirit? Have you become so that your religion is supreme, the dominant force in your life? It is the supreme need. With it you can work wonders. When each of us meets the conditions which will enable the coming of the spirit, then there will be a joining of the divine power with each."

The session was closed with the singing of the hymn, "Holy Ghost With Light Divine," followed by the benediction by Dr. Hardin. The delegates and citizens of Charlotte mingled awhile and then the gathering was dispersed.

The programme for to-day is an interesting one. The session will be begun, as in fact, will be the order each day, with a Bible class at 9 o'clock, conducted by Miss Matson, of Staunton, Va. Then there will be an address on personal devotion to Bible study as an essential factor in the work by Miss Frances Bridges, student secretary of the American committee. Mrs. Martin D. Hardin will, at 11:15, speak on personal work as the most effective agency in winning souls. Dinner will be served in the church to all the delegates by the Charlotte association.

In the afternoon there will be a report from the city association, and beginning at 1:30, Miss Emma Hayes, city secretary of the American committee, will speak on the conditions of successful association work. The city and student conferences will be discussed by Miss Bridges and Miss Hayes, respectively, beginning at 3:15 p. m. The evening service will be a song service, led by the young ladies of the Presbyterian College, beginning at 7:45

o'clock. At 8:15 will start an interesting service, to which the public is cordially invited. There will be a discussion of the work in the mill settlements. Misses McGaughney and Pickett, who are secretaries of an association house which was started last month at the Pelzer Mills in South Carolina, will speak on the first results of the work. Nearly all the delegates have arrived and a great deal of enthusiasm is shown.

SOCIAL.

The Woman's Club held its regular meeting yesterday morning in the 40's building. After the usual business, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Charles W. Jones, chairman of the home science department. Mrs. Jones read a very interesting paper, presenting the importance of the subject, which was to the effect that good cooking in the home is so essential to the well-being of the family (especially the men), that it should be placed high in the list of the essentials.

During the discussion that followed, some of the ladies were busy at the gas range, kindly loaned by Mr. E. D. Latta. A delicious luncheon soon testified to the success of their labors. Mrs. A. M. Spang prepared coffee and peppermint creams; Mrs. Lake Seawell, croquettes; Mrs. A. C. Hutchison, cheese sandwiches; Mrs. A. C. Porter, beaten biscuit; Mrs. Edwin Howard, fudge.

The ladies sent Mr. Latta a share of the dainties, with hopes for his recovery thereof, and with thanks for his courtesy. . . . The Daughters of the American Revolution will send out no invitations to their silver tea, at the home of Mrs. James M. Oates, on South Tryon street. . . . The Virginia Dare Circle will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. James M. Oates, on South Tryon street. . . . The Chelidon Book Club will meet with Miss Hattie Orr, at her home, on East avenue, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. George M. Bishop, who has been visiting her father, Col. D. G. Maxwell, left yesterday for her home, in Columbia, S. C. . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Patterson left yesterday for Atlanta, Ga., where they will spend several days. . . . Miss Mary Rouche returned yesterday to her home, in Salisbury, after a visit to her cousin, Miss Belle Reid Muller. . . . The social event of the day is the card party given by Misses Grace and Agnes King this evening at 8:30 o'clock. Complimentary to their guests, Miss Kate Bull, of Orangeburg, S. C., and Mrs. M. E. Bruce, of Norfolk, Va. More than a hundred invitations have been issued. . . . Miss Belle Tillett of Durham, is spending a few days in the city, the guest of her uncle, Mr. C. W. Tillett.

Mr. and Mrs. Went and two daughters were guests at the home of Mr. S. W. Cramer last night en route from Savannah, Ga. to their home in Buffalo, N. Y. . . . PERSONALS. The Movements of a Number of People, Visitors and Others.

Mr. Lattie W. Humphrey returned yesterday from a trip to Western cities. . . . Mr. C. W. Tillett left last night for Yorkville, S. C. on business. . . . Mr. J. B. Scherer, Ph. D., president of Newberry College, S. C., who is booked for several addresses before the Y. W. C. A. convention now in session in the city, during his stay here, will be the guest of Dr. R. C. Holland, at No. 408 North Tryon street. . . . Mrs. L. E. Brelsford, of Zanesville, O., who has been on a visit of two weeks to her sister, Mrs. W. W. Watt, of this city, left yesterday morning for Savannah, Ga., to visit her parents. . . . Mr. R. B. Morrison, of the Lumberton bar, is spending a few days in the city on legal business. . . . Mr. C. L. Warrfield, of Clinton, a traveling salesman for the International Harvester Company, is in the city. . . . Mr. S. M. Robinson, a Lewis merchant, was in the city on business yesterday. . . . Rev. T. J. Allison, who has been ill at Newell's, was in the city yesterday and will leave this morning for his home in Monroe. . . . Mr. Robert Hayes returned yesterday from a business trip to Lexington. . . . Mr. E. E. Tomlinson, of Durham, left yesterday for a business trip to Salisbury and Greensboro, on his way to his home. . . . Master S. A. Nathan returned to his home at Wilmington yesterday after spending a few days in the city with his brother, Mr. Marx S. Nathan. . . . Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hasty and daughter, of Monroe, were registered at the Buford last night. . . . Mr. A. M. Wingate, of Lincolnton, is in the city. . . . Mr. T. J. Ingram, of Wadesboro, was a Charlotte visitor yesterday. . . . Mr. and Mrs. George G. French, of Lumberton, spent last night in the city, guests at the Central. . . . Mr. H. B. McNair, of Tarboro, is a visitor in town. . . . Mr. C. R. Hedrick, of Lexington, spent last night in the city. . . . Mr. H. J. Brown, of Davidson, is in the city. . . . Mr. Z. V. White, of Stony Point, was in the city last night. . . . Mrs. J. E. Parker and Mrs. A. H. Dulbert, of Salisbury, were at the Central Hotel yesterday. . . . Mr. J. A. Martin, of Hickory, arrived in town last night. . . . Judge and Mrs. Henry R. Starbuck, of Winston-Salem, are in the city, stopping at the Buford. . . . Mr. W. Harper, of Wilmington, was at the Buford Hotel last night. . . . Mr. A. C. Miller, of Shelby, arrived here last night. . . . Capt. P. Dilling, of King's Mountain, is a Charlotte visitor. . . . Mr. R. C. Jones, of Winston-Salem, is in the city. . . . Mr. W. R. Radtall, of Harmony, came in on a late train yesterday. . . . Mr. A. W. Linberger, of Shelby, is at the Buford.

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Mortuary Report of Elmwood.

Following is the November mortuary report of Elmwood Cemetery: Total number of deaths, 12; male adults, 5; female adults, 5; children, 2; tuberculosis, 1; Bright's disease, 1; pneumonia, 1; paralysis, 1; still-born, 3; consumption, 1; cause unknown, 1; typhoid fever, 1; neuralgia of heart, 1. MRS. THOMAS.

Pinewood Mortuary Report.

Following is the Pinewood (colored) mortuary report for the month of November: Total number of deaths, 13; male adults, 5; female adults, 2; children, 6; pneumonia, 5; still-born, 2; injuries in railroad accident, 1; malnutrition, 2; senility, 1; burns, 1; gangrene, 1. MOSES THOMAS.

Employes Entertained. According to their annual custom, Messrs. J. B. Ivey & Company entertained their employes at a supper last night. There were 27 covers laid at a table in the balcony in the store. All that the season affords was served attractively, and there was an informal and royal good time.

A FATHER'S EXPERIENCE.

Trying to Give His Little Girl Cod Liver Oil—Says He Had Regular Circus.

An interesting incident was told by a man in R. H. Jordan & Co.'s drug store the other evening. The man came in and bought a bottle of Vinol, and while waiting for change engaged the clerk in conversation. He says: "We were told to give our little girl cod liver oil. I bought a bottle and took it home. We had a regular circus trying to get the child to take it. Then it did not agree with her at all, the oil upset her stomach. She did not get any better, so I told the doctor how we had failed, and he at once recommended your Vinol, saying that it contained all of the curative, heating and strengthening properties of cod liver oil, without a drop of oil, and that children all love it."

"I took home a bottle and we began to give it to our child right away. Almost from the first dose we noticed a change, and she has gained flesh, strength and appetite and sleeps well every night. "I don't believe anyone should give a child old-fashioned, nauseating cod liver oil or emulsions when Vinol is so delicious, and it will do so much more good than any other tonic. It is simply a wonderful medicine for weak, puny children, and I am recommending it to my friends."

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