

YEAR'S WORK OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Secretary's Report a Most Encouraging One for all Departments.

Secretary Van Horn's annual report of the work of the Y. M. C. A., contains the following:

"The year 1898 marks a new epoch in the history of the Young Men's Christian association as an organization. It has not only increased in usefulness and power, but has shown to the world that it is not an institution built upon theory but can and does enter upon the active parts of life and is not afraid of the perils of war. The progressive movement of the organization in the very beginning of our recent work won for the association many friends and adherents. "While we rejoice in the general good success of our organization as a whole, we turn with thankful hearts to our own local association and thank God for its progress, and our constituents for their support. The year began with a helpfully increased work. With this excellent beginning, our increased work in all departments and throughout the entire year was in advance of previous years. During 1897 we issued 218 membership tickets while 1898 ran the number up to the 318.

"Another great benefit derived from the reduction of the price of membership is the beginning of our privileges within reach of the poorer, but none the less worthy, class of young men. The objects of the Young Men's Christian Association in their helpfully increased work. It is a privilege to be able to assist any young men living a Christian life, giving him educational, physical or social advantages.

"We place the Christian life first and uppermost, because this is really our sole object. Our diversified methods are used only to aid in bringing men within the influence of the religious life and principles. Our Sunday meetings have been attended by 2,458 men, an average of 54 each service. At these meetings 13 have professed faith in Christ, and 64 have been men who came to our city seeking health, and have passed away, but not without a Christian's hope.

"Our bible classes have taken renewed life and energy. In one of these we have devoted the study of the life of Christ and the other is for the development and training in Christian work. Two hundred and ninety-eight men have been in these classes throughout the year as they are not confined to the association membership, they should have a better attendance.

"The past year has marked such progress in our educational department it almost seems like a new departure. In 1897 we gave instructions in three branches, charging \$1 for the entire course, thus leaving a balance to be paid by the association. This season we enlarged the work to seven branches, hired three competent instructors and raised the price of tuition to \$2 for the course. Our enrollment doubled quickly, and a better class of work has been obtained. This department is self-sustaining, so far, thanks to a few generous friends and the increased tuition. One of our daily papers very kindly headed its columns for the raising of funds for this work, and we thank the publishers for it.

"A reception to the educational men was given in December, and much help received by those present.

"At one of the meetings of the board of directors in January it was voted to repair and place new apparatus in the gymnasium. This was done, and a renewed interest was manifested at once, classes held during the spring and fall, while the same classes in '97 had an attendance of 445.

"An improvement was made during the first part of the year in the bath rooms, by placing a second shower bath in the place of one of the tubs, thus giving more facilities for bathing. 2,303 baths were taken during the year.

"There remains to be reported a very potent factor in our work, one which cannot be told in figures, but is only known to those who have been helped. I refer to the work done by the Y. M. C. A. "While we have not had as many receptions as usual, there has been an increase in the daily attendance at our work, both day and night. Many have taken advantage of the reading privilege of the gymnasium, and spent an entire hour or evening within the influence of a Christian institution where they might have spent in some of the places of evil in our city. An average of 110 visits have been made daily to the rooms, four receptions have been given and one lecture for the benefit of the members.

"From the fact that Asheville is a resort city, and visited by hundreds of young men in search of health, the open rooms, with their clean, airy, pleasant, cannot be over-estimated. For the benefit of this class, we also have a boarding house register, and assist many young men in getting located in Christian homes. Such places have been found for 22 during the year.

"By the able assistance of our Ladies' Auxiliary, the social feature of our work is made more effective. The labor of keeping our parlors attractive, of serving refreshments at our receptions, and of giving to the public pleasing entertainments for the benefit of the association, constitutes a part of their very helpful work.

PERSONALS.

J. W. Bailey, of Hendersonville, is stopping at the Swannanoa.

George T. Barnard, of Canton, Ill., is in the city.

J. O. Harrison was in from Franklin yesterday.

Ed Fletcher was in the city yesterday from Fletchers.

Mrs. O. E. Crowwell, of Woodfin street, leaves late afternoon for a few days visit in New York.

Hal R. Stephens, of Milan, Mo., has arrived and taken up his work as co-worker with J. L. Beale, in the French Street Press plant shop.

O. H. English, of Madison county is in the city.

Bert Jackson, of Hendersonville, was in the city yesterday.

Judge W. L. Norwood, of Waynesville, is in the city.

The Black Mountain hunting party has returned. The party had a successful hunt.

Deputy Clerk George Young is suffering with a severe attack of la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. J. Barnett have returned to their home in Hendersonville.

Mrs. J. O. Howell's condition is very critical.

Judge Charles A. Moore was in town yesterday on his way to Greenville, S. C.

Lawrence P. McCloud returned from a visit in Cleveland, O., yesterday.

Rt. Rev. Junius M. Horner, bishop of the Asheville jurisdiction, went to Richmond, Va., yesterday morning. He will be gone about ten days.

W. E. Gorman, advance agent for the Herrmann, Leon and Adelaide, the great magazine, arrived in town yesterday and arranged to bring the production here for January 17.

A. H. Brandhorst, representing the J. Well Co., of Cincinnati, O., dealers in pickles and condiments, left yesterday afternoon, after a four days' stay. He has arranged to send a car load of goods to Slayden, Fakes & Co., Asheville agents of the firm.

The Misses Noyes and Whitney, who have been visiting at Asheville college in the interests of the Young Woman's Christian association, left yesterday for the city of Mexico, stopping over at Atlanta and New Orleans.

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January 5, 1899. W. E. ALLEN.

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Low limb trees are not so easily injured by hard winds as taller ones.

The best apples are grown in a hilly country and a somewhat rocky soil.

The only objection to low headed trees is that they interfere with cultivation.

Save up all of the ashes during the winter to use as a top dressing in the garden next spring.

A mound of earth raised around each tree should never be omitted in the fall transplanting.

In growing fruit for market it is an advantage to have varieties that will keep well and bear transportation.

It is claimed that a liberal dressing of soil under quince trees and far from the roots extend will help to induce bearing.

The greatest enemy of house plants is dust. Much of this may be avoided by covering before commencing to sweep. Wash the leaves occasionally.—Exchange.

NOTICE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed in trust executed to the undersigned trustee, by W. H. Penland and Mary H. Penland, his wife, on the 1st day of May, 1894, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Buncombe county, North Carolina, in book 37, at page 4, of mortgages and deeds in trust, to secure a certain note in said deed in trust fully described, default having been made in the payment of the principal of said note, and the interest thereon, and having been so requested by the legal owner of said note, I will on Wednesday, the first day of February, 1899, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m., sell at public auction, at the court house room, in the city of Asheville, to the highest bidder, for cash, the property conveyed in said deed in trust, and described as follows: A piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the city of Asheville, county of Buncombe and state of North Carolina, beginning at a stake in Dr. J. H. Williams' northeast corner, and runs with said east margin of said Haywood street north 1 deg. 40 min. west, 189.5 feet to a stake, the southwest corner of Mary C. Penland's lot; thence with the south line of the last mentioned lot, north 62 deg. 13 min. east 197.5 feet, to a stake in A. M. Penland's line; thence with said A. M. Penland's line south 29 deg. 41 min. east 130 feet to a stake in Dr. J. H. Williams' line; thence with his line, south 71 deg. 18 min. west 166.1 feet to the beginning, containing 31,720 square feet, and being the same lot of land conveyed to said W. H. Penland by Mary C. Penland, by deed dated the 20th day of November, 1893, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds of Buncombe county, in book of deeds No. 87, at page 177 et seq., reference to which is hereby made.

This first day of December, 1898. CHAS. A. WEBB, Trustee.

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NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of W. H. Sales, deceased, late a resident of Buncombe county, all persons having claims against the decedent are hereby notified to exhibit the same to such administrator, on or before the 8th day of January, 1900, or this notice will be pleaded as a bar to the recovery thereof. This January 8th 1899.

JOHN A. BROOKSHIRE, Administrator of estate of W. H. Sales, deceased.

TO WATER CONSUMERS.

This is a new year, and new quarter for payment of water rents. The city is compelled to cut down expenses. Therefore, I give you until January 15th as the final day of settlement of water tax; after that time, I will proceed to cut off the water used by delinquents, and it will cost you 50 cents extra when turned on. Now don't get worried, and abusive for complying with the law, but come and settle in the time given you.

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