

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

### A REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

#### President Leonard Enumerates Association's Achievements and Needs.

The Association began its year's work under very peculiar circumstances, some favorable, others unfavorable. We were fortunate in having back with us this year several of the old Association men, among whom are C. C. Barnhardt, A. F. Jackson, and E. S. W. Dameron, for whose services we are truly grateful. It had been announced that at the beginning of this session the Y. M. C. A. building would be ready for use, but a delay in the shipment of the furniture brought us to the opening of the fall term with



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General Secretary F. B. Rankin.

the Building unfinished. We managed however to borrow a few tables and chairs in order that we might conduct a bureau of information, and carry on a book exchange.

The furniture arrived later and was immediately installed. The building has been increasing in usefulness ever since, until now that long felt need of a central meeting place and home for the boys is being realized. The first floor of the building is divided into a reading room, game room, lobby, and chapel, although the latter is still unfurnished. The second floor is fitted up with offices and committee rooms. While the building is doing a great service it is hampered in its usefulness by a lack of funds necessary to install a heating system, to furnish the chapel, and to get more good magazines for our reading room.

Our Association is better organized than formerly. During the year we have revised our constitution, making several important changes, one of which is the election of an Advisory Committee to oversee the general working of the Association. Our committees have been fairly well organized and have done faithful work along their respective lines. The office of a full time secretary has been installed and very ably filled by F. B. Rankin, '01. This step forward seems to meet the approval of the Association as well as the University as a whole.

The work for new students was carried on more extensively than in previous years. A new committee was appointed for this special work, letters were written last spring to practically all the schools from which we were likely to get men in order to secure the names of prospective students. To each of these was sent during the summer a hand book and friendly letter. In addition to these, each of the men received a personal letter from some Association man. During the opening days this fall a delegation was sent to meet each train in order to give the boys a welcome and to be of any service possible. A Bureau of

Information was conducted in the Y. M. C. A. building and also in the Alumni Building. "College Night" was observed for the first time to present to the new men the different activities of University life.

On Thanksgiving night a social was given in the Association Building for the members. This was enjoyed so much that others are being talked of.

The Association has conducted three lyceum courses this season. The last two were very successful.

The following delegations have been sent to the different conferences: Two to the Inter-State Convention which convened in Charleston, S. C., last spring. To the convention of the Student Volunteer Movement held in Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 27 to Mar. 4 we sent nine students, and Dr. Hume from the faculty. In addition to these, of the old University men there were in attendance Messrs. Harper, Dameron, Stephens, Hazelden, Gordon, Stevens, and Dr. Phillips, making a total of seventeen men.

At the Southern Student Conference held at Asheville Farm School we were represented by thirteen students and Dr. C. Alphonso Smith from the faculty.

We are indebted to A. F. Jackson for his faithful and efficient work as assistant secretary and chairman of the missionary committee. It has been through his effort that the larger part of the amount necessary for the salary of Chas. Boynton of China has been subscribed.

Although we have been criticized, and perhaps justly, that we have not extended our influence into all the activities of University life, we feel gratified to know that we are making advances in this direction and that the Young Men's Christian Association is becoming more universal in University life. Our Bible classes and mission study classes are doing good work. We have men enrolled in Bible study from from all the different activities of college life. Recently a Bible class has been organized in one of the Fraternity Halls. We are grateful further to see the first and second year men taking such an active part in Association work. That fact speaks well for the future of the Association.

We are under many obligations to the faculty for their friendly co-operation with us in our work. Almost every one has responded gladly when called upon for anything. We indeed feel grateful to them for their kindness.

We feel that as an Association we have not measured up to our opportunities. We have not reached as many men as we should in our Bible study, or in our mission study classes. In attendance at our regular meetings, in fact in many ways, we might have done more. But let us take on new courage and renewed energy and let us exert a strong effort to make our Association felt in every department of college life. We want every student in the University to use the Association Building freely and to feel that it is in truth the center of college life. And now let us work together and pray earnestly that the Young Men's Christian Association of our University may be instrumental in influencing many men to yield their lives to the life and personality of Jesus Christ.

GEO. F. LEONARD,  
President.

Secretary Taft has authorized the superintendent of the West Point Military Academy to take the entire corps of cadets to the Jamestown Exposition.

## A REVIEW OF LAST YEAR.

### WORK FOR 1905-6 IN CONDENSED FORM.

#### Mr. Jackson Reports Activities of Y. M. C. A. Prior to 1907.

##### BIBLE STUDY.

One hundred and eighty students were enrolled for devotional Bible study in eighteen groups under student leadership. Three courses were given in the Life of Christ, one in The Acts and Epistles, and one in the Old Testament. A Bible institute in the fall and a weekly normal class during the session were conducted for the student leaders. Forty-eight leaders from the neighboring institutions attended the Bible Institute in the fall.

##### MISSION STUDY AND GIVING.

Seventy students were enrolled in nine groups for mission study, the following courses being given: "Japan and its Regeneration," "A New Era in the Philippines," "Medical Missions," "The Great Religions of the World." The contributions of the students through the Association for foreign Missions amounted to \$26.50.

##### RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

Two meetings were held weekly during the session, the popular meeting, being addressed by members of the faculty, local pastors, and visiting speakers on Tuesday nights, the smaller prayer meeting being on Thursday nights. The average attendance on the Tuesday night meeting was about 70; the average on Thursday nights 9. A series of three special evangelistic meetings was held in January and were addressed by Mr. C. D. Hurrey, secretary for the West.

##### NEIGHBORHOOD WORK.

Four rural and neighborhood Sunday schools were fostered and partly led by Association men.

##### CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS.

About twenty-five of the Association workers acted as delegates to the Bible Institute held at the University last fall. The Association was represented at the International Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville, Tenn., by nine delegates; at the Interstate Convention of the Carolinas at Charleston, S. C., by two students, and at the Southern Student Conference at Asheville, N. C., by fourteen men.

The expenses of the delegates to the conference and conventions were borne largely by the delegates themselves, fifteen of the twenty-five paying all their expenses, and the other ten securing assistance from the Association to the extent of about half their necessary expenses (See financial report).

##### PUBLICATIONS.

In addition to the literature published in connection with the Bible study, Mission study, and Religious Meeting Departments, the following publications were issued:

One thousand U. N. C. Students' Handbooks, mailed to the new students before the opening of the session and presented to the old students after the opening of the session.

Seven hundred University Directories, one mailed to each student and member of the faculty.

Seven hundred University N. C. Calendars, sold and the money used to help defray the expenses of the work (see financial report).

### BOOK EXCHANGE AND WORK FOR NEW STUDENTS.

The Association conducted a book exchange during the opening days of each of the two terms, through which it handled students' books to the amount of about \$350. The new students were assisted in registering, and finding good board and lodging places.

##### RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Sept. 11, 1905	\$ 1.00
Membership Fees	218.00
Lectures	90.02
Contributions	181.25
University Calendar (net)	132.00
Student Cont. to For'n Missions	27.50
Bible Study Literature	90.30
Mission Study Literature	22.00
Student's Hand Book	66.50
University Directory	47.30
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##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Student Cont. to For'n Missions	26.50
Bible Study Literature	90.30
Mission Study Literature	22.00
Students' Hand Book	64.60
University Directory	32.90
Expenses of Visiting Speakers	18.25
Expenses of B. S. Institute	21.38
Subs. to Inter-National Com.	25.00
Subs. to Inter-State Com.	25.00
Rep. to Conv. and Conferences	129.42
Printing, Stationery and Post.	42.50
Salary of General Secretary	350.00
Ret. to B'ld'g Fund borrowed preceding session	10.00
Balance Sept. 11, 1906:	
In cash	1.99
In Bible Study Books	14.50
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A. F. JACKSON,

General Secretary for 1905-6.

### Morning Watch.

One problem that confronts the student is the problem of arranging, systematizing, and blocking off his work so that the spare moments may be made to count at the time and for the object desired. Those who spend some time daily in Bible study find different hours convenient for that work. Those who have made the experiment, however, are agreed that, all things considered, the best hour of the day for the Bible study period is the first hour. To make the Bible course really effective two things are to be considered in selecting the time for the daily study, i.e., it must be a definite, fixed time, and it must be a quiet, unhurried time. To meet these requirements no time in the day seems more suitable than a few minutes in the early morning before the regular duties of the day are entered upon. Then the mind is clear and easily impressed, easily fortified against the irritating little things, and strengthened for its harder duties. The thoughtful study of the truths of the lesson with an effort to apply them in the life at the beginning of the day, the concentration of the mind, the conscious effort to gain the right attitude, cannot fail to tell in the day's work. Nor can they fail to tell



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Assistant General Secretary A. F. Jackson.

in the growth and the development of the life and character. Such a course, it seems to me, would have the same tendency to develop a well balanced spiritual character that the college course has to develop a trained intellect.

W. H. JONES,