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These Summer Conferences of students are as free and simple almost as the school of Jesus on the hills and the brooks and the blue waters of Galilee. No attempt at anything arid or high. The mornings began with some references as to methods and needs of Christian work in college. This was followed by Bible classes, one designed each the devotional use of the Bible for spiritual growth, and the other its practical use in dealing with men and endeavoring to lead them into Christ's discipleship. After these came one or two earnest, direct addresses, designed to produce result in resolution and character. The afternoon was free for recreation or quiet study and fellowship. In twilight as the sun slipped down behind the hills and flung their lengthening shadows across the lake, the men gathered on the grass on the water side under the trees for a meeting to consider the great fields for life's opportunity and service, and the day closed with a general meeting like the last meeting of the morning and quiet little gatherings of students from each college to gather up and seal the influences of the day."--By Robert E. Speer.

The Editors and Business Managers of THE TAR HEEL have generously permitted the Young Men's Christian Association to issue this special 5,000 Supplement to send to all the Southern institutions east of the Mississippi river. The Association feels gratified for this cordial cooperation. To those who have made this possible we desire to give our hearty thanks.

THE PERMANENT STUDENT CONFERENCE FUND

Unique Method by which many Strong Institutions are Sending Delegations to the Southern Conferences.

1. What is the Fund? At the recent North Carolina Student Conference it was decided to establish a Permanent Conference Fund at Wake Forest College, Guilford College, The A. & M. College of N. C., Trinity College, Trinity Park Preparatory School, Davidson College, University of North Carolina, and Clemson College of South Carolina. Since then three institutions in Alabama and one in South Carolina have decided to do the same thing. In fact, wherever this Fund has been thoroughly explained plans have been made to establish

The Fund is an amount ranging from \$200 to \$500 which is loaned to the Association to students in amounts of from \$10.00 to \$15.00 for the purpose of helping them to attend the Summer Conference. After being out of College one year the delegate returns the amount loaned him. If he is unable to refund the amount when he agrees to pay interest at 6 per cent. until he is able to pay the amount. For instance the Fund is \$100, and ten Sophomores '09 borrow \$10 each this year. Next year the Sophs. '10 each borrow \$10, and likewise the the third Soph. Class '11 the year following. When the fourth Soph. Class of 1912 enters, the Soph. Class of '09 will have been out of College one year, and thus will have refunded the amount advanced to them in 1907. Supposing only \$100 is secured in spring. This is loaned to the present Soph. Class '09. Next year a similar amount can be secured, and the third year a similar amount. In the fourth year will witness the return of the amount loaned to the class of 1909, and the Permanent Conference Fund will thus have been established.

The Fund is not confined to any class. Neither is the Fund limited to \$300. Pomona College has a fund of \$500. The Fund can be established if necessary with only \$5 or \$50.

II. Advantages of the Fund.

First, this Fund makes the Association work permanent by causing Association leaders to attend the Summer Conference every summer. Every three or four years the best Associations have a slump in their delegations. The result is that the splendid possibilities for the Association the following year are unrealized. Often it requires several years for an Association to overcome this handicap.

The second great advantage is that if there is a permanent fund the money now raised each year for sending men to the Conference may be spent for missions, for social service in the college, and for strong speakers or lectures. The best Associations today are placing an increasing emphasis on these things.

Another advantage of this Fund is that it will cause the strongest leaders to attend the Conference. Occasionally a delegate is selected because of his popularity without much thought of his leadership. When a student borrows money he is in earnest and will undoubtedly serve his college the following year.

The permanency of the Fund will lead students, faculty, alumni, and other friends to give more money this year. They will feel that they are not giving students a trip which

they perhaps cannot afford to take. They are establishing a Fund which will continue to bring results more definite than any other fellowship or scholarship in the institution.

III. Objections. 1. "All the money cannot be raised this year." Then start the Fund with what you have.

2. "Not many men will go if they have to refund the money." The experience of those Associations which have tried it tell us that just the opposite is true. Pomona College, to which reference has already been made, a small denominational institution in California, now sends twenty delegates each year; whereas before this fund was established it sent only five or six. Many institutions in the middle west also testify that this Permanent Fund increases instead of diminishes the size of the delegation.

IV. How to Establish the Fund. Present the scheme to another strong man who is open to the reception of a new idea. Then with his cooperation present the proposition to the cabinet. You may have to fight for it since some will say that it may work in other places but that your institution is peculiar.

After you have won the cabinet make out a definite plan to establish the fund at once.

Devote the next Association meeting to arousing interest in the summer conference. At the close of this hold a business meeting of the Association, thoroughly explaining the Permanent Fund. Get an influential man to propose an amendment to the constitution to provide permanent means for administering the Fund.

Get out a printed folder giving a report of the Association work with an emphasis on the Fund, or else get out a special conference folder giving one half of the space to proposing the Fund.

At once make a thorough canvass among the students, faculty, alumni and friends. Expect and ask for large amounts.

V. Suggested Amendment to the Constitution.

"The Permanent Summer Conference Fund."

"This Fund is to be established for the purpose of sending delegates to the Southern Student Conference each year. It shall be ad-

ministered by a committee consisting of the President and Treasurer of the Association and one member of the Faculty. The member of the Faculty shall be elected for a



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term of three years. The election this year shall take place at the next regular meeting of the Association. After this the election shall be held at the regular election of the officers



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of the Association.

The following rules shall govern this Permanent Conference Fund:

1. No one shall receive any money from this Fund who is not elected or appointed as a delegate by the Association.
2. The personal note of each person using this Fund shall be taken, payable within one year after he leaves college. If the amount cannot then be paid it shall draw interest at 6 per cent. per annum until paid.
3. The Treasurer shall keep a separate account for this fund, notifying the men when their notes fall due and collecting all money when due.
4. The Faculty member of the Committee handling this Fund shall



E. G. HOWE, Athletic Director.

be chairman of the Committee. At the first Association meeting in May each year he shall make a report of the Fund to the Association."

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