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THE Y. M. C. A. MOVEMENT

IN THE COLLEGES OF NORTH AMERICA

1. Among the 200,000 students of North America there are Young Men's Christian Associations in 763 universities, colleges and schools, and a membership of 59,000 students and professors. By enlisting them in service for their fellows, the Association is training students for eventual leadership in the Church. Last year 48,000 were enrolled in voluntary Bible Study and 33,000 remained in attendance two months or more.

2. The missionary department, promoted by the Student Volunteer Movement, enrolled 23,000 students in the study of missions and raised \$107,000 for Missionary objects. Since the founding of the Volunteer Movement in 1886 over 3600 have sailed as missionaries.

3. Hundreds of students have led into Christian life and membership of the Church through evangelistic meetings, conferences, Bible classes and individual effort.

In the University of North Carolina

1. Of 767 students in the University of North Carolina (excluding those in the Medical School at Raleigh), there 260 students who are members of the Association. The Bible Study enrollment is 350.

2. The missionary department has enrolled 125 students in the study of missions. A missionary collection is being raised. There has been organized a Volunteer Band of five men who are candidates for missionary service. There are 16 candidates for the Ministry at home.

3. In an evangelistic campaign, conducted in the fall, there were more than a score of decisions for the Christian life. Further accurate statistics are not available.

4. The association employs a General Secretary who gives his entire time to the oversight of its interests. Twenty delegates are expected to attend the Asheville Summer Student's Conference in June.

A Tribute

It gives me great pleasure to put on record my testimony of the value and efficiency of the University Y. M. C. A. as an organization for Christian work, and to its hearty cooperation in every matter of common interest, with the churches of the town. It is possible, I suppose for different religious agencies operating in the same field to work at cross purposes, as some have stated to be the case with the churches and Christian Endeavor Societies in Great Britain; but certainly one would look in vain for any such phenomenon in the religious life of Chapel Hill. Personally I regard the University Y. M. C. A. as the most indispensable coadjutor and backer that I have.

LeRoy Gresham,
Pastor Presbyterian Church.



Y. M. C. A. HOUSE (SIDE VIEW)

THE ASSOCIATION HOUSE DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS

CENTRE OF COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

Lounging Quarters—Reading and Game Rooms—Newly Furnished Auditorium

The Association House, centrally located on the campus, and admirably adapted to the needs of the students, has fast become the centre of University life. In it are found the only lounging places on the campus open to all the student body. In its reading room are kept all the college papers and magazines, a number of college annuals, the leading denominational papers of the state, and a dozen of the leading dailies of this and five neighboring states. The game room contains two large tables of table croquet, chess, checkers, carrom and other games, and is in almost constant use.

The offices of the Tar Heel, Yackety Yack, and Magazine are also in the building and are provided for these publications by the Y. M. C. A. The Mission Room and Bible Study Room, while set aside especially to these departments of the Y. M. C. A., are in nightly use by other organizations of the student body, Athletic organizations, literary clubs, county clubs, class committees, religious organizations, all find in the Association House a convenient and comfortable meeting place.

The Auditorium which has been vacant since the occupation of the building two years ago, is now being furnished with electric lights, steam heat, and opera chairs at an approximate cost of five hundred dollars. When furnished it will seat two hundred people and will fill a great need in providing a meeting place for the religious meetings of the Association.

The office and rooms of the General Secretary and three dormitory rooms occupy the remainder of the House.

The purpose of the Y. M. C. A. is to provide in its House a college "Home" for the students. An increasing number of students are appreciating and utilizing it as such.

MARKED GROWTH DURING THE YEAR

125 In Mission Study—Missionary Giving—Volunteers

The Missionary Department has its headquarters in the well-furnished Mission Room on the second floor of the Y. M. C. A. Building. Missionary charts and maps have been procured and mounted to hang in the room. Leaflets have been placed in the room for the use of those who are interested in missions.

The purpose of this department is to cultivate among the students a lively interest in missions, to encourage the students to give missionary work, and to recruit for the mission field.

The Missionary Department has made more progress this year than any other department of the Y. M. C. A. Whereas there was no mission study and little missionary giving last year, the work was re-organized this year and has been running smoothly. It was launched last fall by a Missionary Rally at which Mr. Laflame, of India, presented the missionary cause. Then a canvass was made for mission study classes, in which there were one hundred and fifteen men enrolled in four courses. Several men have since joined the classes of their own accord.

A canvass has also been made among the students for missionary contributions. This is to help support a Y. M. C. A. Secretary in China and Korea. From the nature of the collection its amounts can not be reported definitely until later in the spring.

A Volunteer Band, composed of students intending to go as missionaries to the foreign field, was organized October, eighteenth with four members. The purpose of the Band is to help the members in their preparation for future work and to enlist men to go as missionaries to the foreign field.

A. R. Morgan, Chairman.

BIBLE STUDY DEPARTMENT

350 MEN IN VOLUNTEER BIBLE STUDY

4 Normal Leaders--30 Student Leaders--
A Football Group

The first task confronting the Bible Study Department was the securing of strong men, who are leaders in college life, to lead the student classes. This was done during vacation, or shortly after the University opened, by Mr. Barnett, Mr. Graham, and the chairman of the department. Thirty men agreed to lead Bible Classes. It was decided to have four courses of study, two covering work in the Old Testament, two in the New Testament.

Having secured the leaders and selected the courses of study it was absolutely essential that we have a normal class for the leaders in each of the four courses, in order to prepare the leaders to conduct their classes more efficiently and effectively. We were fortunate enough to secure Prof. A. H. Patterson, Rev. LeRoy Gresham, Rev. W. R. Royall, and Dr. H. M. Wagstaff to lead the four normal classes.

The next step was to enroll the students in Bible Study. In order to arouse a general interest in Bible Study we first had a Bible Study Rally in Gerard Hall, at which Dr. Edwin Mims of Trinity College explained the advantages and importance of Bible Study. This was followed a few days later by a canvass of the entire college, and as a result three-hundred and ten students were enrolled in thirty classes. Since the Christmas vacation forty more have been enrolled, making the total enrollment three-hundred and fifty.

Nine of the thirty groups are strictly fraternity groups, which meet in their respective fraternity halls. A group composed of the members of the football squad has recently been organized. It is the largest group we have, and the men seem to be very much interested in the work. As far as possible groups meet Sunday at 12:30, an hour that is suitable to most of them.

The leaders meet once each month to talk over the work that has been done, and to make plans for the future. A plan has been adopted in several of the classes which has worked well. The whole class is divided into two committees, one on membership, the other on attendance. The duty of the former is to enroll new members, of the latter to see that the members attend. In this way the whole class is given some active work.

We believe, in fact we know, that the students have derived a great deal of benefit from the Bible study work this year, but we hope for even greater results for next year. We are now trying to secure and partially train before the end of

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