

The Financial Department.

The Young Men's Christian Association, like all other movements, has a financial side to it. The things that it does cost something. From "College Night" which is arranged under its direction, to Sunday morning Bible study classes, there is expense all along the line. There are the speakers like Mercer, Dr. Mims, and others who are a necessary part of the work if it be successfully carried on. There are the Directory, the Handbook, the Socials, the Information Bureau, the Book Exchange, the Reading Room,



FRANK P. GRAHAM, PRESIDENT

the Game Room, lights, janitor, and a General Secretary to be provided for. Not only has it this financial problem, but its usefulness is limited to the extent to which this problem is met. It can plant its work no farther than its finances will permit, for, of all things that it cannot afford to do, the chief is to get in debt.

It has an annual budget of approximately \$2,000 for current expenses to provide for. With the exception of small amounts from lyceum attractions and sometimes, though not always, from a calendar, this amount must come from student fees, and voluntary gifts from the faculty and students of the institution. As can readily be seen, it is no slight problem to secure this amount from such sources, but it speaks well for the liberality of all that they have not failed to come up to the demand. To do so has undoubtedly sometimes required a certain amount of sacrifice. Especially is this true of many fellows who are working their way through college and having a hard time of it. But they, with a loyalty and appreciation of the work the Association is doing that is commendable, are willing to sacrifice to help it along. And the same spirit is shown among its supporters in the faculty and out in the state.

In its turn, the Association feels that it justifies the support that is given it. While it is handicapped by the limited resources at its command, and could and would do more and bet-



E. E. BARNETT, GENERAL SECRETARY

ter work were they adequate, one has but to read of the many activities into which it enters and the part it plays in them reported in these columns to understand the large place the Association plays in our life. There is no man here who does not share in the results of its work. To mention only one thing, every man in college receives a copy of the Directory every year. To

this many other things might be added in which we all share, and it is on this record that the Association goes before every man and appeals to him for his financial support. We believe that on this record it has a right to ask every man in college to do a part towards its support. At present, three hundred men are bearing the whole burden so far as the students are concerned, or less than half the men are supporting it. According to the simple principles of our student government, where we all share the benefits, all should be willing to bear the burden. The ideas that the Association aims at in its finances and the end that it must work out before it fulfils its largest field of usefulness is to get every man in college to contribute something to its support financially.

D. B. TEAGUE,
Treasurer.

A Working Organization

I regard the Young Men's Christian Association as one of the most valuable factors in the organization of the University. Its influence is always for good. It stands for cleanliness of life, for fidelity to duty; This large body of strong, christian young men, banded together for mutual helpfulness in right living and spiritual culture means more than I can well express in the life of the University.

It is truly a working association. The sum total of christian work done is most noteworthy. A large percentage of the student gathered each Sunday for the study of the bible, mission classes held, Sunday schools supported, prayer meetings conducted, churches built, besides a number of other activities—all of these influence deeply the life both of the University and the community.

I rejoice in the prosperity of the Association and am glad to promote its welfare in any way in my power.

F. P. VENABLE.

The Y. M. C. A. a Constructive Force.

The members of the Young Men's Christian Association of this University are doing a work for the University and the State that merits the hearty approval of every alumnus and of every citizen. They constitute an organization that stands for clean living, high thinking, and social service in its widest sense. They are a constructive force that is making war on narrowness, prejudice, and selfishness and building up a strong, coherent, manly Christian sentiment that will be felt in every section of the State. As a member of the Faculty I wish to express to them my profound sense of indebtedness and to bespeak for them the co-operation of every one into whose hands this copy of the TAR HEEL may come.

C. ALPHONSO SMITH.

The Student Conference

The Young Men's Christian Association of the Southern colleges held its annual conference last June at Montreat, N. C. Thirty colleges and universities together with a large number of preparatory schools from eleven southern states were represented by a total of over three hundred delegates. The purpose of the conference is to train students in a systematic study of the Bible, to secure volunteers for foreign work and the ministry to outline the work of each college association for the year and to give the students the opportunity to catch the enthusiasm of such men as Speer, Mott, and Weatherford. Not the least important of the aim is to get the students of the southern colleges acquainted with each other and finally to give all an outing in the cool, crisp air of

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of Commons, but the unacademic door of Loyd's Cotton Mill. When the young student finally rang the bell at the president's house it was late and he was weary of walking and waiting. Thus he began his college career tired and discouraged.

The young man, as I said, came in early, before the regular opening and before the Information Bureau had begun operation. Otherwise he would have fared better, for men from the Bureau meet every train at the Univer-



D. B. TEAGUE, TREASURER AND CHAIRMAN
FINANCE COMMITTEE

sity Station and greet each new student, presenting him with a guide book published by the association, which tells him the things he wants to know. He is welcomed at the association building, made to feel at home, straightened out as to rooms, boarding houses, etc.

A book exchange is also conducted at the building. Last fall two hundred and thirty dollars worth of books were handled without commission. One hundred and eight men placed their books with the exchange and probably two hundred took advantage of it, either selling or buying.

Besides this, a letter of welcome was written during the summer to every prospective new student, welcoming him to the University, inviting to membership in the Y. M. C. A., and asking him to share in the privileges and work of the association. Fifty or more good men were engaged to a greater or less extent, in this new student work, and as many more would have done so had they been needed.

J. B. REEVES,
Chairman Committee on
Work for New Students.



H. P. OSBORNE, VICE-PRESIDENT

the Blue Ridge, although a good deal of attention is given to distinctly religious work. Athletics play no inconsiderable part in the life of the conference. The afternoons are devoted entirely to baseball, tennis, swimming in the Swannonoa river and climbing the near by mountains. The climb up Mt. Mitchell at the close of the conference is of itself worth the time spent at the conference. No ten days can be spent anywhere which result in more sound benefit and pleasure than the ten days spent annually at the Southern Student Conference.



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