

BIBLE STUDY DEPARTMENT

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the term fifty of the strongest men in the University to lead Bible classes next year, and we are going to make every effort to enroll five-hundred in Bible study.

W. M. Gaddy,
Chairman Bible Study Department.

The Ministerial Band

Last spring there was organized by the ministerial students of the University, "The Ministerial Band"

The purpose of this band are: 1. To promote a real feeling of brotherhood among the students who are looking to the Ministry as a life work. 2. Actively to present the claims of the Christian Ministry to the more serious minded of our fellow students. 3. To pledge each member of the Band to do some definite Christian work each week.

The Band so far has proved a decided success. Thirteen men are now on the roll and four more will be initiated at an early date. From this number ten are actively engaged in rural Sunday School work. Four are looking forward to spending their lives in the foreign field.

The Ministerial Band here was the first in any college of the South. It has been, however, only the beginning of a movement, which has already entered colleges and universities in every section of the South.

L. N. Taylor, Leader.

An Appreciative Tribute

Being asked for a statement of my views concerning the work of the Y. M. C. A. at the University, I have decided to make my reply consist of a brief extract from a letter which I recently wrote. I believe this will be a fairer means of showing my unbiased opinion as already expressed to others, than for me to write a "made-to-order" tribute for publication in this issue. The letter is in response to one from a friend having work similar to my own at another Southern University. In response to the question "Do you have a dormitory or Parish House for the Church Boys", the letter says;

"I have no dormitory and do not intend to have any, nor anything else which will isolate or segregate our boys from the others. If I am able, by God's help, to create a strong Christian manliness among my boys I want it to count for all its worth in every department and with every companionship of their University life. The Y. M. C. A. building is well equipped and splendidly managed along broad lines and I purpose to keep in full sympathy and active touch with its good work. They have given me a class in the study of the Mission Fields which has grown from fifteen to more than fifty members and I have the opportunity of speaking to their Bible Classes and of doing other work. There is here a band of young men who purpose to study for the Ministry and who as individuals bring a claim of the Ministry before other students. I hope to see this same work established in all our Universities and made into a general organization. Every Fraternity has a Bible class, lead by one of its members. There are be-

tween three and four hundred students engaged in Bible and Mission study. Students go out by twos and teach Sunday School in all the surrounding country churches. All this is under the direction of the Y. M. C. A. I know of no better work done anywhere else by the Y. M. C. A., or indeed by any other organization, than is done here under the leadership of their most efficient Secretary".

R. W. Hogue,
Rector Chapel of the Cross.

Publications of the Association

The main purpose of the Association is, of course, a strictly religious one. This idea we all primarily associate with the Association. To outsiders this is all there is to it. But those who are familiar with the machinery of the Association know that it does more.

Of this work, secondary to that of the organization, possibly the most important is its publishing. The University handbook, directory and calendar are published by the Y. M. C. A.,—the first two being presented, the last one sold, usually at a loss, to the student body.

The publications this year have been pronounced by faculty and students as good. The different writeups which have stood for years in the handbook, were done over entirely. This is a booklet of indispensable information, intended to aid freshmen in getting started right. It has earned the name of the "Freshman's Bible."

The directory offers from its nature no chance for improvement. It is simply a roll of the college, giving in convenient and permanent form the name, class, and college address of each student. It has been allowed to remain as previous ones.

A conscientious effort was made to get out in the calendar a publication, comprehensive, representative, attractive, and one which would give value received. We think, in this at least, we succeeded, tho the books of the Association register us on the calendar deal on the debit side. For some causes undefined the sale of the calendar was frightfully poor. So very poor were they that out of the eight hundred copies ordered 120 were left on the hands of the Association, whereas a large number of those sold were disposed of at cost. This being the third repetition of loss on calendars, this committee has about decided to dispense with this publication. It regrets the necessity of doing this as it is a pretty custom and one of very general interest, but the Association is not financially able to stand the loss. Until more financial assistance is obtained from outside, or until the students appreciate the calendars enough to take them off of its hands, the Association will be forced to limit its charities to the handbook and directory.

The work of the publication committee for this scholastic year has been accomplished. Receipts have been turned in by the publishers, and the Association still stands on the debit side. It has to its credit, however, the fact that its publications have been generally accepted as the best yet, which more than balance the account.

J. T. Johnston,
Chairman Publications Committee.

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