

Y. M. C. A. Addresses

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er of him and like hundreds of other college men he expected to quit these, when he left college to enter his life work. Finally, his father was forced to disown him. Three years after he he was told that the front door of his home was forever closed to him, he found himself in the gutter in the streets of New York. On August 6th, 1904, in the Jerry McAuley Mission, 316 Water Street, he found Jesus Christ through testimony of some fifty redeemed sinners, who frankly told their stories and their lives were a proof of what they said. He went to the mourners' seat and asked God to forgive him and help him fight the victorious fight. His prayer was heard and answered. One year after he took a stand for Jesus Christ, his father came to New York to see if what he had heard about his boy was true. After he had visited the mission and seen for himself the change that had been wrought in his son's life, became a Christian himself. His wife, who was formerly a nominally church going Christian, gave her life to the Master, and is now helping the girls of New York City.

In conclusion he said: "I stand in front of you students here tonight as a concrete example of God's power to save those who cannot save themselves; to change a man's whole conception of life and to use a redeemed life in helping men who are fighting a losing battle."

Mr. Weatherford's talk Thursday night might be summed up thus:

We are living in a time of intense pressure and every man who expects to count must be at his best.

A University of Chicago athletic who was not at his best one day out of the training season lost the championship battle of the year for his team.

No man can be at his best who has weak places in his character.

What are some of the weak places in college men's lives will keep them from attaining the highest success?

First of all is unfair mindedness. No man can claim to be a student who will not face truth, it makes no difference from where it comes or whither it leads. To be fair minded means to face truth and to follow it when found.

Some men are afraid to face truth because it will overturn their petty dogmas, others, because it will overthrow their evil practices, others, because they are so wrapped up in one fragment of life that the whole truth never gets a chance at them. But no man is fair minded who does not give fair attention to the various realms of great truth.

Neither is a man fair, who will not act on the truth when he has found it.

Another weak place in college life is its dishonesty. No man who will take unfair advantage of another under the cover of an athletic game, or will take help on examination, could be trusted with a dollar, provided there was no more danger of being found out or punished if found out. The south is leading the way in honor, and be it said to the glory of such institutions as North Carolina, Virginia, Vanderbilt, Texas, and others, that the student bodies in these institutions will not tolerate any breach of honor. These institutions are making real citizens because they are training men not only to be honest, but to force honesty in the community.

Impurity is another great weakness in college life. No man can expect to count who has any of these weak places in his character.

We must be free from sin and have a personal friendship with the supreme person of the universe if we expect to make the most of our lives.

Excellent Week's Chapel

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fostered the spirit of research characteristic of this university. The formation of this society was the first stirring of old bones, the first evidence of new life in the university. The students attended the society meetings, and in this way there came into the university an inspiration and a scientific spirit lacking in other southern colleges.

On Wednesday, Mr. Weatherford addressed the students. His talk was based on the great philosophy of life uttered by St. Paul in the Epistle to the Philippians 4-8. The speaker said that neither by a man's birth nor by his environment is a man's life determined, but by the things on which he is fixing his attention, as witness the purely intellectual man or the purely athletic man. A great danger lies in the fact that now at a time when great philosophical thinkers are turning more and more toward personality, students may forget the one supreme personality of all time—Jesus Christ. It is to fix the students attention on Him that the Y. M. C. A. workers have come to Carolina.

Mr. Willis spoke to the students on Thursday morning. He said that it was a great blessing for students to have before them the high ideal of manliness. It was this side of the life of Jesus Christ that he presented. Honesty, purity, sincerity, and courage are the qualities of manliness. No man has ever surpassed the Christ in these. No man has ever been more honorable, no man more pure, no man more truthful, and no man has ever been more courageous,—not the physical courage of the brute, but the moral courage of man. Moral courage demands that man face the needs of his own life and of the lives of others, and then live up to those needs. Christ did this. In courage he was the manliest of men, worthy of our highest devotion and loyalty.

The week's services at chapel were closed Friday by a plain and forcible talk from Mr. Mercer concerning the attitude of the business world to college men. Mr. Mercer said that he had been through many business houses and manufacturing plants trying to find out what business men considered the defects of college men; and what business men are demanding from college men. He has found the former to be, "lack of responsibility." Business men say they are satisfied with the college man's brains and ability, but are not able to trust them. And it is this quality of trustworthiness that business men are demanding. The college man's ability, his social standing, or even his training do not make so much difference. Character is the supreme demand. Character is largely gained through association with others, and so to gain a worthy character, one must have association with that great character—Jesus Christ.

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