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THE record of growth and service achieved by the Young Men's Christian Association is a matter of pride to the student body and to all who are deeply interested in the University. The Association has been called the institution through which the religious life of the University expresses itself. It is an organized effort to serve, having as its ideal a life of Christian strength and usefulness. Its greatest service, perhaps, is to afford a means for men to develop themselves by doing Christian work in an organized, cooperative way.

Through its various activities the Association attempts to touch and to serve the entire student body. It goes even beyond that, sending a number of men to neighboring country churches as Sunday school teachers and superintendents. In its Bible study classes—classes studying the life of Christ, of St. Paul, and of Old Testament Characters—about 325 men are at present enrolled. These courses are open to all students, whether members of the Association or not. Through the information bureau and the self-help department a special effort is made to aid the new men.

Second only to its religious side is the social feature of the Association. The Association building is the common meeting ground for all the students. Its convenient location, its reading and game rooms, are advantages not overlooked by the students. It furnishes offices for the Tar Heel, the Yackety Yack, and the Magazine. The various clubs and committees of whatever nature find here a welcome and convenient meeting place. At the beginning of each year a reception is given in the Y. M. C. A., bringing together a more representative body, perhaps, of both students and faculty, than any other occasion of the year.

As a fitting tribute to the worth and power of the Young Men's Christian Association we quote the following words of Dr. C. Alphonso Smith:

"The Young Men's Christian Association is an organization that stands for clean living, high thinking, and social service in its widest sense. It is 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."

There are seventeen societies for the study of socialism in as many large universities of the United States.

## Valuable Addition to Library

A most valuable and interesting addition to the library has recently been made, through friends of the University, in the form of an old edition of "The Natural History of Carolina, Florida, and the Bahama Islands." The "History" consists of two large volumes, edition of 1754. It contains illustrations of the birds, animals, insects, etc., described, in natural colors. An interesting feature is that all the descriptions are given in both French and English. The following is a copy of the description title page:

The Natural History of Carolina, Florida, and the Bahama Islands: Containing the figures of Birds, Beasts, Fishes, Serpents, Insects, and Plants: Particularly the Forest Trees, Shrubs, and other plants not hitherto described, or very incorrectly figured by authors. Together with their descriptions in English and French. To which are added, Observations on the Air, Soil, and Waters: with remarks upon Agriculture, Grain, Pulse, Roots & c. To the whole is prefixed a new and correct map of the countries treated of, by the late Mark Catesby, F. R. S., revised by Mr. Edwards of the Royal College of Physicians, London.

Another valuable acquirement is the collection of bound volumes of the Raleigh Tri-Weekly Standard and Daily Sentinel for the years 1865-1870.

A third, and still rarer acquisition, is an original copy of the constitutions of the famous Ku Klux Klan. In a review of this interesting and historically valuable little booklet, Dr. Louis R. Wilson, in the January North Carolina Review, says:

"So far as is known only two other original copies exist, one of these being the property of the library of the Southern Society of New York, which is now deposited with the library of Columbia University; and the other belonging to Mr. J. L. Percy, formerly of Nashville, Tenn., now of Washington, D. C.

"Of the original Prescript, that is the one published before 1868, but one copy is known. Of the second there are three of which the one given to the University Library is the most recently discovered. Its interest, while great for the very reason that it is a silent witness of the once widespread power of the "Invisible Empire," is equally great from the point of view of its origin and publication."

## An Appreciation

Having been in Chapel Hill but a very short time, I cannot say very much of the University Y. M. C. A. from personal observation. But one does not need to live near Chapel Hill to hear or be in Chapel Hill long to see that the Y. M. C. A. here is a vigorous organization, that it is Democratic and elevating in its influence, and that in this specific instance the general claim is made good that the Association stands for the healthful exercise and normal development of every proper faculty of manhood. The Methodist church and all other churches in the community and in the state stand shoulder to shoulder with these men who undertake to give us an example of Christianity applied in University life and who are succeeding so well in their aim. We wish the Y. M. C. A. all possible success.

Sincerely,

W. A. STANBURY.

At the recent meeting of the Southern Educational Association at Chattanooga (Dec. 27-29), Dr. Louis R. Wilson, Librarian of the University, was made Chairman of the Department of Libraries.

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## A Tribute

The Y. M. C. A. of the University of North Carolina has an unusual percentage of the student body in its membership, about one-half. The activities in worship, study of Scripture, and eight Sunday Schools in and out of Chapel Hill, demonstrates the vigor of the religious spirit in the University. W. R. L. SMITH, Pastor of Baptist Church.

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