

**CHURCH AFFILIATION
FACULTY AND STUDENTS**

**Student Gives Church Preference at
Time of Registration—Aids
Churches in Their Work.**

The personal registration card which the University secures when a student enters upon his course shows the church preference which the student may express if he cares to. This religious data is not only helpful to the pastors of the city in introducing the student to the church of his choice, but is also very interesting as reflecting the church life of the state. For example, the numerical showing of the denominations in the University is relatively the same as that of the state. The Methodist church has almost double the membership of that of any other denomination. The Presbyterian and Congregational churches have about the same number, and the greater number of students belonging to these two churches come from the towns and cities in the eastern part of the state, which was settled by pioneers from New England and the eastern states. Church affiliation also shows the varied nationalities to be found in the state. The Roman Catholic and the different branches of the Lutheran church tell of Irish, Bohemian, German, Scandinavian, Danish, portions of our population.

It is an interesting fact also to find that more than sixty per cent of the students are members of the church and not more than one in twenty fails to express a preference. All except this small proportion show an interest in some particular denomination and it may be assumed, therefore, that nearly all the students are sympathetic with church life and work.

A recent unofficial census of the faculty discloses very much the same set of facts. The information is not entirely complete, yet it is fair to state that about sixty-five per cent of the members of the faculty are affiliated with the churches of Lincoln. Twenty-six members are officers in the Lincoln churches and twenty-one are teaching classes in the Bible schools. In most cases these classes consist of students. Members of the faculty are frequently called upon to address church organizations, both within the city and in the near-by cities and towns. It is a valuable influence that the University professors are able to bring into the church life, and the point of view of the University professor in matters of religion and social christianity is a valuable asset to our community, and in most cases is fully appreciated by the churches. The mere mention of the religious life and influence of the late Dean Bessey is sufficient to enable us to understand what a University professor may mean to a community outside the classroom.

An All-American football man from Michigan says, "Gee, but I have missed a lot these college years. God only knows what a fight it is taking to carry this thing out. I have written the gang and am praying for the time to come when I can go home and call the old gang together and tell them the dope. I have stayed at Michigan during the Christmas vacation and have kept open house for the men who could not go home. AFTER I WIN OUT IN A STRUGGLE, THE HAPPIEST MOMENTS THAT I HAVE EXPERIENCED COME OVER ME."

Billy Sunday had three meetings at the University of Pennsylvania during which more than six hundred men definitely began the Christian life.

Man (excitedly, to hotel porter): Run up to my room and see if I left my ticket on the table. Hurry! the train is coming.

Porter (rushing downstairs again): Yes, sir; it's there.—Texas Magazine.

Silver Serpent Work

"Name a charitable organization," said a teacher in the Longfellow school to one of her pupils shortly after Christmas.

"The University," piped a small Russian boy.

Although the dictionary does not mention charity in defining "university," perhaps some of the organizations have won the title given by the little boy.

Every Christmas the Silver Serpents do charity work. Shortly before the holidays they held University tag day. The sale of the tags was good. After three days "Merry Christmas" tags waved from the coat of nearly every student and a little over seventy dollars was in the Silver Serpent treasury.

The money collected provided Christmas dinners for many needy families in the Russian district, other parts of Lincoln, and Belmont.

While the funds brought in by all University subscription were spent in the practical way of feeding the hungry, from the private treasury of the Silver Serpents money was taken to buy dolls. Each of the sixteen members dressed a doll. These were taken to the Neighborhood House and given to the little girls whom Santa so often forgets.

A Letter from "Jorgy."

"Some time ago a student in the Government School of Foreign Languages told me that if I would secure



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a leader he would agree to enlist the interest of a few men in his institution in the study of the Bible. I was able to get the help of a young missionary and to our surprise nearly forty men, many of whom were Christians, responded to the efforts of this one student. This number was so large, so many were Christians, and the others so evidently in sympathy with the aims of the Association that within a few days their request for a formal student association was granted. This is simply an illustration of what can be done in many other institutions once we discover key men who can secure the necessary nucleus. The total number of student associations in the city is now sixteen."

The All University Church Day has been observed twice at the University of Nebraska, with very gratifying results. The students have welcomed the idea, and have attended the morning and evening services in large numbers. No exceptional advertising has been used; an invitation has been sent to each student, some small hand cards printed for distribution, and a medium sized window card bearing the simple announcement of "All University Church Day" have been placed on the bulletin boards.

**CHURCH AND SCHOOL
STUDIES IN BIBLE**

**Biblical Courses Offered by University
and Special Classes at
Different Churches.**

Our University community affords an ideal opportunity for religious development. First, the University offers excellent courses with credit on religious subjects, with their main object, the scholarship values of religion. Professor Staff, in his course on Comparative Literature in English takes up an extensive study of Job and other Hebrew literature, also the literary art in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Professor Hinman of the department of Philosophy offers courses on the History of Religion, the History of Religion Among the Hebrews, and the Philosophy and Psychology of Religion. Professor Webster of the department of Political Science and Sociology offers a course on Primitive Religion, taking up the important systems of religious belief, future life, and such topics as would naturally come under this heading. The very latest course of this nature will be offered by Professor Alexander of the department of Philosophy on The Bible in an Education. A historical study of the Bible in order to give a background for church history. Then the churches of Lincoln aim to cooperate with the University in supplying Bible study for the students for its religious and personal value. These classes held at the different church every Sunday show a great variety of subjects covering a study of the Old and New Testaments, church history, and the social teaching of Christianity. The discussional method is usually employed.

At St. Paul's church there are five classes of young men studying Christian Standards in Life, a text especially planned for voluntary Bible study, taking up student interests and student problems. The young women are studying the Manhood of the Master, led by Mrs. J. J. Marshall. The leaders of the young men's classes at St. Paul's are Prof. O. R. Martin, R. L. Ewing and Prof. G. A. Stephens; at Grace church, A. R. Worth; at Emmanuel, W. E. Gates, and at Epworth, Prof. P. B. Barker. There is a total of about three hundred students in all the Methodist churches of the city doing voluntary Bible study.

At the First Presbyterian church a comparison of the church of the first and twentieth century is being discussed. Rev. Dean R. Leland is in charge of the young men's class and Mrs. Leland leads the young women's section. The classes often meet together to discuss topics of interest to both and to hear addresses by noted men and women. The social life of the classes is very enjoyable, with usually a "mixer" every month, afternoon teas for the young women, and always some sort of fun scheduled.

Prof. P. K. Slaymaker conducts a class in Old Testament History at the Second Presbyterian church at Twenty-sixth and P streets.

The International Lessons and the Making of the Bible is the subject-matter of the student classes at the First Baptist church. Rev. C. J. Pope and J. F. Yelton are the leaders. At the East Baptist, Rev. C. J. Pope has The Making of the Bible, and T. A. Williams has Student Standards of Action with a class made up largely of agricultural students.

Rev. S. Mills Hayes is conducting a seminar on the History of the Church of England at Holy Trinity. Some seventy or eighty discuss this subject every Sunday at twelve o'clock.

At the First Christian church the classes are led by W. A. Robbins and Mrs. T. F. A. Williams.

The students' organization, The Liberal Religious Union, at the Unitarian church are discussing social topics of interest.

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