

REVIEW HALF A CENTURY

Y. M. C. A. Convention Settles Down to Regular Work.

LESSONS DRAWN FROM PAST EXPERIENCE

Herbert H. Ames of Montreal Speaks of the Work of the Y. M. C. A. and How Best to Carry It Out.

BOSTON, June 12.—The great influx of delegates during the last twenty-four hours largely augmented the audience that filled Mechanics' hall today at the various sessions of the Young Men's Christian association international convention, which was chiefly devoted to the presentation by all speakers of subjects and problems bearing on the progress of the Young Men's Christian association work during the last fifty years.

In opening the convention this morning President William E. Dodge implied reputation on behalf of the convention of the remarkable circular issued yesterday by a few members of the association commending the Boston Museum of Fine Arts as an improper place for the young men to meet at a reception. Although couched in moderate language, his words were strong and forceful and were greeted by applause.

Although the addresses of the morning and afternoon sessions were interesting to those personally engaged in association work, it was the evening meeting which strongly appealed to the popular taste, on account of the curiosity to see and hear the military and naval heroes who were announced as speakers, and to catch a glimpse of the other notables who were present merely as auditors.

Among the speakers were Major General Joseph Wheeler, Rear Admiral F. J. Higginson, Captain A. V. Wadhams, U. S. N.; Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, Colonel Curtis Guild, Jr., who presided. The result was an immense audience that filled every nook and corner at the big hall and one that was wildly enthusiastic in its reception of the speakers, especially to General Wheeler and Captain Hobson.

Following the evening session a reception to delegates and friends tendered by the women's auxiliaries of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island associations was held in the Museum of Fine Arts.

The day opened with a song service. The floor of the great hall of Mechanics' building was well carpeted, and before the opening exercises were held, but the galleries were almost empty.

Bruno Hobbs of Cripple Creek, Colo., was unanimously chosen secretary of the convention. The first address of the day was given by Judge Selden P. Spencer of St. Louis, who spoke on the subject "The Lessons of Fifty Years of Young Men's Christian Association Work." He pointed out the fact that wherever men are and can be reached there is the place for association work.

Judge Spencer was followed by Herbert B. Ames of Montreal.

Y. M. C. A. Work in Cities.

The contribution of the Young Men's Christian association toward the solution of the city problems was considered by Herbert B. Ames. He spoke in part as follows: The solution of the city problem lies in successful effort on behalf of those whose lives are capable of development, but at least for whom the idea of expansion is yet conceivable; to fortify individual character so that the men get not overborne, may feel within him an expanding, uplifting force, a power of resistance sufficient to enable him to stand up to oppressive conditions; to weaken by every legitimate means the power of resistance sufficient to enable him to stand up to oppressive conditions; to convert the very circumstances of men's lives into an uplifting agency—these are the lines along which we may most hopefully deploy our efforts to attack the city problem.

Report of International Committee.

The biennial report of the international committee and the general secretary of the committee, Richard C. Morse, was read.

In the greater cities of the continent, where the American Young Men's Christian association organization has been steadily in strength and usefulness during the last half of the century. This development has been in many divisions, among clerks and mechanics, among students and railroad men, in the army, in the navy, and in the various "race and among other classes, also in the physical, educational and millinery of the world's individual associations.

The army and navy work has been developed into a separate department, operating in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine islands and establishing many branches at points of settlement, many permanently occupied by soldiers. Twenty such branches have been established, all of which are under the care of the city associations in their immediate vicinities.

The development of the work has been furnished over 50 per cent of the growth of the population.

The Stars and Stripes

July 14, 1777, one hundred and twenty-four years ago, lacking one day, the congress by resolution formally adopted the stars and stripes as an emblem of the republic. The only difference between the flag of today and the flag of 1777 is the increased number of stars in the field of blue.

Previous to the adoption of this flag, the different colonies and used flags of their own. The necessity of a common national flag was recognized, however, early in 1777 and congress delegated to a committee authority "to design a suitable flag for the nation." Accordingly General Washington and Robert Morris called upon Mrs. Betsy Ross, in her little home in Arch street, Philadelphia, and requested her to make a flag from a design made by General Washington. Betsy Ross was an old Quaker woman, the widow of John Ross. She was a dressmaker and Washington had employed her, and therefore, when the question of the flag came up thought of her as the proper person to make it.

The design proposed by Washington (which was made under directions of congress) had six-pointed stars arranged in a circle. Betsy Ross suggested that a five-pointed star should be adopted as being much easier to make. Her suggestion was accepted by the committee and the flag she made was adopted by congress on June 14, 1777. Under a resolution of congress Betsy Ross received \$24 1/2 for flags made for the fleet in the Delaware river. Afterward the contract to make all the government flags was awarded to her.

A bulletin issued from the War department a few years ago gives the following facts about the origin of the flag: The American congress, in session at Philadelphia, established by its resolution of June 14, 1777, a national flag for the United States of America. The resolution was as follows:

"Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

Although nearly a year previous, July 4, 1776, these thirteen United States had declared independent, this resolution is the first legislative action recorded relating to a national flag for the new sovereignty.

The use of the thirteen stripes was not a new feature, as they had been introduced (in alternate white and blue) on the upper left-hand corner of a standard presented to the Philadelphia Light Horse by its captain in the early part of 1775, and moreover the union flag of the thirteen united colonies raised at Washington's headquarters, at Cambridge, January 2, 1776, had the thirteen stripes just as they are this day, but it also had the crosses of St.

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South Omaha News

Property Owners Anxious.

Persons purchasing lots in the new Drews Hill addition are anxious to know what the Board of Education proposes to do in relation to vacating the alley it now occupies in the rear of the West Side school. When the school house was erected the board took it upon itself to run the lines and buildings back to the south line of the alley. Now that letter has passed the ground the alley is needed and the board will be forced to either purchase more ground or else move the outhouses up to within a few feet of the rear of the building.

The council declares that all plans must conform to the original survey and the school board will, therefore, be compelled to take action of some sort and that shortly.

Holders of bonds which are maturing at this time have notified the city authorities that no demand for the redemption of the securities will be made at this time, as the interest will go on just the same. This will obviate the necessity of the city officials borrowing money with which to take up the bonds now due and those about to fall due on July 1. Quite a sum of money will thus be saved to the city in interest. This arrangement has been brought about by Councilmen Johnston and Adkins.

Eighth Grade Commencement. A couple of score or more of pupils in the eighth grade of the public schools participated in closing exercises at the First Methodist church last evening. The church was well filled with friends and relatives of the pupils and the entertainment was a very enjoyable affair. At the conclusion of the program, which was printed in the Bee of yesterday, President Burd of the Board of Education presented the pupils with certificates which entitle them to entrance into the High school.

High School Commencement Tonight. Fifteen pupils of the South Omaha High school, who have successfully passed the examinations, will graduate tonight at the First Methodist church. At the instigation of the Board of Education the reception of flowers by graduates has been barred. Friday evening the alumni of the High school will tender a reception to the graduating class and on the afternoon of the same day the seniors will picnic, providing the weather is good.

Street Fair Arrangements. Colonel Jack Watkins, secretary of the Street Fair association, stated yesterday that plans had been approved for the erection of two arches across the street at Twenty-fourth and M streets and at Twenty-sixth and N streets. Three hand stands will be built at Twenty-fourth and N, Twenty-fifth and N and at Twenty-sixth and N streets. Plans for these stands have been approved by the board of control and work will commence next week. Jack Watkins has been awarded the Midway concession and he is presenting attractions. Among the Midway attractions Cuddington

will have an "Old Plantation" show, which he says will be a winner.

Magic City Gossp. Barney Corrigan is seriously ill and the attending physician says that his condition is indeed serious.

Sam E. Christie has returned from Kansas City, where he attended the annual meeting of the Shriners.

Members of the Eighth grade of the public schools presented Prof. M. E. Graham with a gold pen and holder yesterday.

The weeds along Twenty-fourth street need cutting. This work will be done just before the commencement of the street fair. Judge King still continues to send vagrants to the rock pile and by the time the street commissioner needs broken stone there will be quite an amount on hand.

Mark Beetham, for a number of years brand inspector for western states and one of the best known men in this city, has moved to Denver, where he has secured a lucrative position at the stock yards there.

Den Duhan, who puts in most of his time diminishing the visible supply of whiskey and who is absolutely destitute, fell last night and broke his left leg. He is now in the South Omaha hospital, but will be moved to the county hospital today.

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