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COMMITTEE MAKES NEW PLANS FOR WORK.

Statistics Show That 538 Institutions Have Taken Up the Work With

a Total Enrollment of

48,882 Men.

Of this number perhaps 400 continued in classes for two months or more. These men were attending fiftyone different classes, four of which were in fraternity houses. Three normal classes were conducted for the leaders of this group. Their enrollment for the past four years is as follows: 1905-06, 186; 1906-07, 400; 1907-08, 525; 1908-09, 576.

The Bible study committee this year plans to exceed all past records in both numbers and thoroughness of the work. E. H. Jorgensen, 1910, is chairman with Prof. F. C. French as faculty advisor. They plan to have a course of training for next year's leaders to bring the subject before the university men both through spring enrollment and through summer correspondence. This is to be followed by an aggressive systematic campaign in the fall, when next year's work begins again.

#### Movement Is General.

The remarkable Bible study movement among students of North American colleges and universities is of recent growth. Previous to the year 1885 the personal and voluntary Bible study of students was attended with little system or unity. The curriculum of a few institutions included a chair in Biblical literature, and there were a limited number of colleges which provided some Bible instruction by the way of college lectureships or large classes taught by college professors. A genuine system of individual Bible study was, however, quite another question and the student was left in this matter to follow his own unaided inclination.

In the year 1885 Mr. Moody and four members of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A. spent two months in the preparation of Bible outlines for the use of the young men in the colleges. These outlines were printed and circulated among the students. During the subsequent ten years other sets of Bible studies were written until ten years later, 1895, one hundred and eighty-nine institutions reported 6,131 students in voluntary Bible classes under the leadership of professors and ministers.

The following year, 1896, the present plan of small groups under student leadership was adopted. The results which followed this method have fully justified the wisdom of the change. The movement has grown steadily in numbers and in efficiency.

#### Many Are Enrolled.

Last year, 1907-1908, in 538 institutions 48,882 men entered Bible classes and 33,663 of that number continued in these classes for two months or more. At the present time the international committee of the Y. M. C. A. employs one secretary and two assistants whose sole duty it is to extend this work and organize it so as to secure a higher grade of work. At present Mr. C. S. Cooper, the Bible study secretary, is visiting the colleges of Asia to promote this movement among those institutions.

The personnel of the men who are promoting this propaganda is an indicative of its scope and character. The advisory committee includes twenty-three prominent educators, every one of which has a doctor's degree. In addition to this committee there are fifty counsellors taken from different institutions in the United States and Canada including such men as Col. C. W. Larned of U. S. military academy, West Point; Rob't E. Speir, of New York; Provost C. C. Harrison, University of Pennsylvania; David Starr Jordan, president Leland Stanford university; Benj. Ide Wheeler, president of University of California, and J. B. Angell, president of University of Michigan. At present there are fifty different courses published and used in this movement. They are adapted to the needs of all classes of students from high schools and preparatory schools up to the

#### Statistics Show Size.

The following statistics indicate something of the size and importance of the Bible study movement among colleges:

538 institutions report 48,882 men entering classes and 33,663 continued in the classes for two months or

342 institutions report co-operation of 829 faculty men in Bible study as advisors, leaders of normal groups,

129 institutions report 4,267 men in

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following daily habits of Bible study. 116 institutions report 1,196 men ed into Christian life through Bible 364 institutions report in Bible

classes 6,740 students holding prominent places in co..ege life. The following list shows the positions they

Class presidents	679	727
Members of college glee clubs		1,103
Members of baseball teams		968
Members of football teams		1.021
Members of track teams		950
Members of varsity crews		. 15
Members of basket-ball teams.		527
Editors of college papers		764
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