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Y. M. C. A. ANNUAL REPORT

WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN DOING

The Christian Association Active During the Past Year—Pres. Elmore Submits his Report.

W. T. Elmore, the retiring president of the Y. M. C. A., gave his annual report at the regular meeting of the association Sunday afternoon. Judging by the report, the association has more than kept pace with the development of the university this year.

At the beginning of the association year there were 150 members. At the close of the school year the membership had increased to 163. Only 106 of the old members come back last September. Since that time ninety-eight young men have joined the association. Seven have left school during the year.

The attendance at the weekly devotional meetings has been very good, somewhat larger than that of last year. Eight joint missionary meetings and 140 daily prayer meetings have been held. Seven special Sunday afternoon addresses have been given, all of which have been well attended.

The plan adopted last year of having university Sunday school classes in the different churches has been followed and enlarged upon this year. Nine different classes have been organized, 157 young men having enrolled in the same. Four personal workers' training classes have been in operation. About twenty young men have been in these classes.

Through the request of the association, the following electives were placed in the curriculum: New Testament Greek, Old Testament Literature, Hebrew prophets and Hebrew.

A mission study class has been conducted under the leadership of Miss Atkinson until the present semester and under Miss Rhodes since that time. "India" and "The Non-Christian Religions" have been the subjects considered this year. The attendance of young men at the class has not been as large as it should have been.

The two associations have undertaken to raise \$200 for Mr. Marshall's expenses as travelling secretary of the student volunteer movement. Thus far \$150 has been pledged toward this fund by members of the association.

The mission band now numbers fifteen members. During the year five young men and three young women have made their declaration. "God permitting, it is my purpose to become a foreign missionary." The band has held monthly meetings for prayer and consecration and the consideration of topics pertinent to the work.

Four young men, Messrs. Rhodes, Corey, Lunn and Elmore, attended the summer school at Lake Geneva last year. Thirteen young men attended the state convention at Omaha last November.

Until the opening of the present school year the advertising of the association was carried on by posting bulletins and occasionally printed cards. During last summer the advertising committee secured the loan of a small printing press and bought cards and furniture. Since the opening of the year cards announcing the Sunday meetings have been printed and distributed nearly every week. The association has thereby been enabled to save considerable money.

Including the Lake Geneva summer school fund, the association has received \$270.80 during the year. The expenditures have been \$262.30, leaving a balance on hand of \$8.50. The chief financial problem for the rest of the year is to complete the Marshall fund and raise a Lake Geneva fund.

There have been but two or three conversions among the students as the result of the work of the association. Many professing Christians have been made stronger and more spiritual by the influence of the work, and some have been so helped that they are very near to surrendering themselves to Christ.

During the Christmas holidays two evangelistic bands were sent out. Those engaged in this work were Messrs. Davis, Rhodes, Martz, Lunn, Hills, Corey, Kuhns and Elmore. Several conversions resulted from the work.

The chief new feature in the work of the association is its mission work in the city. Last fall a mission was es-

tablished in the school house at Ninth and Z streets. Workers were sent to take charge of a struggling Sunday school which now has a membership of 125. Gospel meetings, conducted by the students, have been held every Sunday evening, being well attended.

Soon after the Y. M. C. A. took up this work it was thought advisable to establish a college settlement in the locality of the mission. The co-operation of the faculty was secured and a cottage at Eighth and W streets was rented. Two large and pleasant rooms are open every week-day evening for reading and study. Evening classes have been taught by the young men. At present not as many are making use of the reading room as could be wished, but altogether the work has been very successful.

The entertainment given by the Young Women's Christian association in the chapel last Saturday night was a complete success. There was a good crowd present, and everyone seemed well satisfied with the program.

Mrs. Manning was sick, so her reading, "He and She," was given by Miss Smoyer. Miss Josephine Lottridge was also unable to be present on account of illness. Carl Tucker, however, consented to sing, and acquitted himself, as might be expected of the only boy on the program.

The stage was illuminated by an engine headlight in the back of the gallery, the electric lights being only used between acts. The performers were all in costume and the effects were very pretty.

About \$20 was cleared, which will be used toward sending delegates to the summer conference of the Y. W. C. A. at Lake Geneva.

Following was the program:

Violin Trio.....

Alice Cleaver, Mammie Hutchins, Lillian Post.

Lotos Eaters.....Tennyson

Read by Miss Esther Smoyer.

Pantomime by Bessie Bartruff, Lisle Wilkinson, Annie Stewart.

Vocal Solo.....Miss Griggs.

He and She.....Miss Smoyer

Pantomime by Lisle Wilkinson.

Song.....Carl Tucker

Crowning of Easter.....

Thanksgiving Day.....E. Irene Davison

Christmas.....Maud Atkinson

Good Friday.....Theodore Auman

Easter.....Nelle Griggs

Address to Easter.....Grace Broady

Sappho.....

Read by Miss Sadie Smith.

Illustrated by

Sappho.....Ena Ricketts

Erinna.....Marion Noyes

Damophyla.....Marie Pollard

Phaon.....June Smalls

Attendants.....Jean Tuttle, Berlie Spunk, Helen Harwood.

Piano Solo.....

Miss May Colson.

Bert Spencer has displayed a great amount of skill in making the machine for the development of X rays, now used in the physical laboratory. The machine works very satisfactory and is running every afternoon.

Phil Russell and Will Hayward were out on the lake in a sail boat Tuesday good now are they Bill. Lets do it." were seen shortly afterward with suspicious looking bundles. "They're no good now are they Bill. Lets do it." Nobody knows how much they got for them.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon gave one of its delightful parties last Friday night. The boys' rooms on N street were brilliantly lighted and thrown together by means of the folding doors to form a large hall. Progressive card playing was indulged in the earlier part of the evening. Miss Ena Ricketts secured the first prize by a narrow margin. About 10:30 rugs and tables were swept out of the way and a jolly dance occupied the next two hours. Among the girls invited were: Misses Ricketts, Lowe, Stuart Risser, Millar, Burks, Smith, Slaughter, Fechet, Manes, Miss Nichols of Beatrice; Brown, Green, Leming, Morrill. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler chaperoned the party.

Quite a little shrubbery is being planted on the campus. Most of the plants have not arrived yet. More prominence will be given to shrubs this year than to flowers.

THOSE COMPANY 'A' MEDALS

HOW THEY WILL BE AWARDED

Discipline, Efficiency and Duration of Service Will Count—The Medals Now on Exhibition.

Two medals are to be offered next June to the best drilled men in company A. One of these medals, the gold one, is valued at \$25, and the other, the silver one, at \$7.50. These medals are now on exhibition in Ballet's windows, where anyone can see them. They were specially designed for the purpose. The bar on each of them will be engraved with the name of the winner.

These medals will be awarded in June. Out of the sixty men in the company, six will be chosen by competitive drill. The two having the best records for discipline and drill will be awarded the medals. Inspections will be had every drill day. In case of a tie, the man having the longest service will be given the preference. If the two men have had equal service, some method to be suggested by the commandant will be used in making the award.

The committee on award will consist of the commandant, the captain and first lieutenant, and two of the ex-captains.

The ex-officers who will bear the expense of these medals are S. H. Cheney, captain '83-'84; George Hearn, captain '84-'85; Jared D. Smith, captain '85-'86; Roscoe Pound, captain '87-'88; H. J. Webber, captain '88-'89; T. H. Marsland, '89-'90; E. P. Brown, '90-'91; George L. Shelton, '91-'92; E. M. Follard, '92-'93; F. A. Tucker, '93-'94; Otis Weeks, '94-'95; W. D. Reid, captain '95-'96; O. B. Pck, first lieutenant '87-'88.

JUNIOR ANNUAL HEARD FROM.

Work on the junior annual has commenced in earnest. Plans have been definitely laid both by the business managers and the editors in chief. The work so far has been very encouraging and the business managers say that it will be by far the best volume of the Sombroero ever published. The editors in chief have planned for a great deal of the work to be done this spring so that there will be no trouble in having everything in the book that pertains to university life. The book will probably be about the size of the last one and the quality will be much better. The business managers are now confident of success financially, so the students can look forward to the finest publication ever sent out from the university.

P. B. D. C. ELECT OFFICERS.

Last Saturday evening the P. B. D. C. elected officers. Mr. E. B. Perry was chosen president, Turner, vice-president, S. B. Sloan, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Stewart moved that Mr. Piper, the retiring president, be given the unanimous vote of the club for sergeant-at-arms and upon hearing a second put the motion, which was unanimously carried. Mr. Piper decided that the motion must be put by the chair and after making a few soliciting remarks, put the motion and was gloriously defeated. Mr. Hansen was then elected to the office.

UNIVERSITY DEBATES.

The Kansas-Nebraska debate occurs Friday, the 1st of May. Nebraska has the negative side of the question. "Resolved, That the initiative and referendum should be introduced into our government after the manner of the laws of Switzerland."

Cornell in the third annual debate with the university of Pennsylvania on the question, "Resolved, That the federal government should provide by public taxation for the establishment and maintenance of a national university in Washington, D. C." Pennsylvania supported the affirmative and Cornell the negative.

Harvard defeated Princeton in debate on the question, "Resolved, That congress should take immediate steps toward the complete retirement of all legal tenders." Princeton for the affirmative and Harvard for the negative.

THE HELLENIC GAMES.

The teams of the Boston Athletic association and Princeton University, which will represent American athletics at the revival of the Olympic games at Athens, sailed from New York March 28. They expect to arrive on April 3d, the games commencing on the 5th and

lasting until the 15th.

The teams are made up as follows: Princeton A. A., Robert Garrett (captain), entered for putting the shot and throwing the discus; A. C. Tyler, for pole vault; P. A. Lane, for the sprints; and H. B. Jamison, who will try for middle distance honors. Boston A. A., T. E. Burke, the international champion quarter-miler, entered in all runs up to 800 metres; Arthur Blake, for the longer races; E. H. Clark, a Harvard crack, for the jumping events; Gardner Williams, who will try for the swimming honors; W. W. Hoyt, of Harvard, for pole vault and hurdle events; and T. B. Curtis.

In addition to these events there will be all kinds of gymnastic sports, exhibitions on the rings, parallel bars, horse leaping and team work, fencing and wrestling, shooting, nautical sports; races for steam yachts, sailing vessels and rowing; bicycles and a game of water polo.

Ernest A. Wiggenhorn spent Sunday at his home in Ashland.

Cliff Wescott made a flying trip to Plattsmouth Monday evening.

Craig L. Spencer and Sherman A. White were initiated into the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity last Saturday evening. Both men are young fellows of excellent character and scholarship. The initiation was followed by an enjoyable spread at the chapter house.

Frank Brown, who has been visiting the Phi Psi and old friends in the city, returned to his school in Grand Island, Saturday.

Mrs. Gullfoyle will be one of the crack lady players of the university this spring. Miss Pound will also play.

"Doc" Everett and the athletic committee are hustling things for field day, which will be held early in May.

The tennis ground is in excellent shape. The whole side west of the library has been graded down, worked over and rolled. The wire net, ten feet high, surrounding it will be completed this week. The new court nets are also expected at once, and playing will begin the first of next week.

Monday night the cadets had dress parade on the campus, followed by battalion drill on the bottoms north of the city. They put in the hour wandering about through weeds, tin cans and mud holes. As a taste of actual service it was delightful and relished by all.

The Ladies' Faculty club will give another reception to the students early in May.

The battalion will wear duck trousers again this spring. The new men are already being measured.

The commandant marched the battalion to the low lands north of the tracks for drill Monday evening.

The U. B. D. C. will have their second debate with Doane April 25 at Crete. The question for discussion is the value of precedent in judicial decisions. Messrs. Barr, Baker, Maguire and McGuffey will represent the U. B. D. C.

The mail boxes have been doing a rushing business this week. With the notices from the theme department, the regular weekly batch from the registrar, and the duns from the college papers, things have been lively in that quarter.

Miss Barbour has just finished putting together the large skull of an elotherium, or great hog, which abounded in Nebraska during Miocene time. This primitive hog was as large as the modern ox. The skull is almost as broad as long, and its tusks are nearly as thick as one's wrist.

Just as soon as spring gets in sight a number of giddy youths around this institution think it their duty to sprout mustaches. Everything green is bound to attract attention at this season of the year.

J. W. Crabtree, as secretary of the central historical association, is co-operating with Professors Fling and Caldwell in their efforts to introduce the study of history from the sciences in every county institute in the state.

Frank Hadley and Dave Hawksworth started on a hunting trip Thursday morning.

Dr. Knapp lectured to the medical class Wednesday, April 8, in the Nebraska hall. His subject was "Insanity."

LOOKING FORWARD TO CAMP

CONFIDENT OF A WEEK'S OUTING

Cadets Think the Prospects Good—Bids Being Received—Some of the Places in View.

The annual negotiations are now pending looking to a week of camp life for the cadets. The bids that have been received are exceptionally low, however, Omaha, Nebraska City, Seward and Ft. Robinson, are places that have been favorably mentioned. Of these Nebraska City leads in favor.

It is confidentially expected that camp will be a reality this year. The expenses will be brought to a minimum, possibly \$1.50 for the whole time, besides railroad fare.

W. Bruner, the father of Professor Bruner, was down from West Point to visit the university on Tuesday and Wednesday. He was one of the first members of the board of regents and is ever a warm friend of the university.

THE ENGLISH CLUB.

The English club met with Mr. Newbranch last Saturday evening. The attendance was not exceptionally full, but the evening passed was one of the most delightful of the year. The program consisted of sketches by Messrs. Lehmer and Cortelyou, the latter being read by Mrs. Shreve, as Mr. Cortelyou could not be present—and stories by Misses Frey and Melick. After the meeting refreshments were served, which were followed by a short musical entertainment, through the kindness of Miss Newbranch, who favored the club with piano solos, and Mr. Lehmer, who whistled to his own accompaniment. No business of importance was transacted.

The English club gave a delightful program before the Ladies' Faculty club Tuesday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. Dr. Ward. The program consisted of a recitation by Keene Abbott, stories by Miss Frey and Mr. H. G. Shedd, a sketch by Miss Dean, poems by Misses Bruner and Melick, and music by Mrs. Ward and Mr. Carl Tucker. The program was greatly enjoyed by all the ladies.

ELECTED OFFICERS

A business meeting for the election of officers of the English club and editors of the magazine for the ensuing year was held in room 25 last Wednesday evening. The following were elected: President, Ned C. Abbott; vice-president, Julian Wort; secretary-treasurer, H. G. Shedd. For editor-in-chief Miss Smoyer was re-elected; and the following board chosen: Misses Pound and Broady, Messrs. Cortelyou, Thompson, Lien and Shedd. Miss Melick was elected to fill Mr. Bates' unexpired term on the present board. It was decided to issue the next number of the magazine June 1.

Dr. Clark and the officers of the battalion are liable to go to war against each other. It seems that about six months ago the corps' physician placed one bushel of spring potatoes in the officers' dressing room to keep for future reference. Since then occasionally, and perhaps frequently, small portions of potatoes have been seen on the armory floor about drill hour. The doctor has accused these military men from time to time of wasting his potatoes, and since that there is now only about a pint or two of the obnoxious spuds left, accordingly he has waxed violent.

While everyone else has been talking about war Mr. LeMonte Belknap has been by no means quiet. LeMonte is a warlike man and if you chance to step down in the Co-Op about 1 o'clock you can hear him discuss the prospects of captaincies with numerous other non-coms. The last we heard from him is that he has just departed on an expedition into Egypt with Napoleon Bonaparte.

There will a joint debate next Saturday evening between the Union and Palladian debating clubs. Messrs. Meier, Abbott and McCormick will represent the former and Messrs. Smoyer, Taylor and Perry the latter. "Resolved, That home rule should be extended to Ireland" will be the question for discussion.

Miss Manning's dramatic class will soon give a recital.