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ANNUAL REPORT.

President J. H. Boose Reviews Work of the Various Departments.

To the board of directors, members and friends of the association this report is respectfully submitted:

Another year in the history of our association has come and gone. It is time once again to set forth a complete statement of the work actually done, summing up in a brief, comprehensive way all that either in plan or detail has been accomplished. It is with much gratitude and thanksgiving indeed that we make this report of the year's work, so splendidly and successfully done; and while in the midst of our joy and gratification, there comes a slight tinge, a certain vision of lost opportunities, of work undone, and of failures that might have been triumphs, yet in the main, we have good reason to thank God for a year of prosperity and usefulness such as the association has never before known. Building, as it has, on the good foundations laid in the work of former years and taking advantage of everything gained in those times of labor, the association has advanced not in size alone, but in influence and standing, and now it is the recognized organization for good in the university. The friendly feeling that exists toward its work on the part of all other organizations, the entire student body, the faculty and citizens, can not be too highly emphasized. It is a happy sign that morality is triumphant in the university, and makes bright indeed the future and the opportunities of the association.

MEMBERSHIP.

This committee was organized last spring with Walter S. Hunting as chairman. Shortly after assuming charge, however, Mr. Hunting went to war and the committee was then placed in charge of Harry M. Garrett. With the beginning of the present school year the work was pushed in good earnest. Through enlistment in the United States army, graduation and failure to return to school, on the part of a number of the boys, the membership of 210 at the close of last year was cut down to 144 at the opening of the present year. This number has almost been doubled, so that now the association numbers 282 men on its rolls, 138 new men having been taken in since last fall. Of the present membership, 242 are active members, 40 being associate members.

The effective work of the committee was much increased by a "membership contest" between two sides selected from association men. About fifty men were secured in this way. The committee has made an effort to enroll every Christian man in the institution in association membership.

BIBLE STUDY.

The department of Bible study being perhaps the most vital in the association, has had the consideration, plans and prayers of an exceptionally strong committee. The work was organized and superintended for the greater part of the year by H. R. Tucker, late succeeded by T. A. Maxwell.

It has always been the aim of the association to engage a large number of men in a daily devotional study of the Bible. This aim has been partly realized during the present year, a larger number of men being enrolled last fall in the classes than ever before, as well as a greater interest and enthusiasm maintained up to the present time. Seventy-two men were enrolled in seven classes, and of these numbers all the classes are still maintained, with the present membership of fifty-five. Six of these classes were placed, in study, in H. B. Sharman's "Studies in the Life of Christ," and the other class followed Professor I. E. Eastworth's outlines in "The Life of Paul." The class leaders are General Secretary John S. Moore (two classes), J. E. Boyle, L. J. Marsh, John H. Boose, Sam Anderson and C. J. Allen. There has also been a teachers' normal class, led in a very efficient way by J. L. Sheldon. This class was designed for the teachers alone, and contributed in no small way to the success of the Bible study department. The association has listened to two addresses on Bible study, one by Rev. William H. Mauss at the beginning of the school year, and the other by Rev. D. Everett Smoot, on the "Miracles of Christ."

RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

The work of this committee has been under the direction of H. L. Samu. It has been their work to secure leading men of the city and university to address the Sunday after-

noon meetings, with an occasional meeting led and conducted by the boys themselves. Speakers deserving special mention are Chancellor MacLean, Professors Hastings, and Ward, Dr. B. L. Paine, Professor A. W. Norton, international secretary, Cecil T. Gates, Rev. Mr. Hindman, Rev. Mr. Wharton, Rev. Mr. Rowlands, Rev. Mr. Mauss, Rev. Mr. Chipperfield, and Rev. Mr. Feldman, and city secretary John W. Dougherty. Altogether there have been held thirty-four devotional meetings with an average attendance of 50.

In the latter part of January meetings were held at the state farm for the benefit of the boys in the school of agriculture. Four meetings were held, with an average of 15 men in attendance at each meeting.

The noonday prayer meetings have been held daily without exception, with an average attendance of six. These little prayer gatherings also have been addressed from time to time by ministers, professors and cit-

MISSOURI VICTORIOUS.

Nebraska Beaten in the Hardest Game This Season. Score 8 to 5.

The first schedule college championship base ball game was pulled off Wednesday afternoon on the home grounds between the Missouri Tigers and the university team, resulting in a victory for the visitors, the score at the finish being 8 to 5. A large crowd watched the game, which was the best exhibition of the national game that has been put on the home grounds this season.

The home team was changed about considerably, the infield change proving a decided advantage, as McDiarmid at short and Reeder at second both played in excellent form. The fast, clean doubles were effected between McDiarmid, Reeder and

tee's fly and Wilcox's pop-up was accepted by Gordon.

Cuscaden made first on an easy fumble by Wilcox. Lehmer hit safe through deep first and Cus. landed on third. With men on second and third and nobody out, Melford hit the wind in one, two three order. And all was over for that inning, when Atchison caught Reeder's drive to left.

The third was a blank. Dewey went out on a ground hit to short. Hawkins hit one to left, which Cuscaden misjudged. Garvin struck out and Atchison finished the side with another pop-up to Gordon.

Our part of this inning was short, McDiarmid and Gordon going out on ground hits, while Kingsbury failed to make connection with the ball.

The fourth inning opened up with Melford giving his only base on balls of the game to Cooper. Feltz hit easy to Melford, who caught Cooper at second.

Curtright hit to McDiarmid and again a snappy double was executed.

For our side Bolin went out on a long drive to center. Cuscaden hit an easy one to short, but a bad throw left him on first. Lehmer fouled out. Rhodes hit safe to right and Melford went out to first on a ground hit to that bag.

Bartee began again for the Tigers, and was thrown out by Reeder. Wilcox hit safe to deep left. Reeder made another assist, throwing Dewey out at first. Hawkins hit a mean one to McDiarmid, who fumbled while Wilcox passed the plate.

The story of our side of the inning is told in a few words. Reeder, McDiarmid and King were all thrown out by Wilcox in one, two three order.

Here is where the trouble began again. The visitors netted three runs on a dead ball and two safe hits.

In our half Gordon was first man up. For the second time he drove a stiff one to Bartee in center and that was the last of him. Bolin hit safe over second. The ball rolled through Bartee's feet and Bonn landed a third. Cuscaden sacrificed, being scoring. Lehmer got first on a dead ball and Rhodes finished the inning with a high foul to Garvin.

The visitors drew a blank in the seventh, Melford striking out Hawkins and Feltz, while Cooper fouled out to Lehmer.

Melford reached second on Hawkins' fumble. Reeder forced Melford out on a ground hit. McDiarmid followed, forcing Reeder out. Wilcox caught King's fly and all was over for that inning.

The eighth opened up with Curtright, Bartee and Wilcox going out on ground hits to Melford, who got three assists to his credit.

Rhodes that gained the good will of the fans. Lehmer behind the bat played a star game, making three or four sensational foul catches that set the crowd wild. Melford was steady, but at critical times could not keep the visitors from connecting successfully with the sphere. The Tigers are especially strong at the bat, in the first inning they pounded out three runs before the third man was out. Again the seventh they bunched hits successfully, netting 3 more runs in that inning.

Curtright did good work in the box for the visitors. Several times we had men on third and second and no body out, but at these critical times he was invincible, the men falling before him in one, two three order. Dewey at third and Wilcox at short played fast ball. The outfield of both teams was found lacking in fielding ground hits.

Bartee in the center garden for the Tigers made four pretty catches of long drives. Our boys hit the bag, but failed to bunch their hits at critical times; they were found wanting. From the very first it was evident that the game would be a close one, and there was actually a few yells from the fans and those who sat in the laboratory windows and peeped over the canvass.

Bartee at the bat opened up for the visitors with a pop up fly on first line. The ball was not called and Melford and Lehmer let it drop safe between them. Wilcox hit a ground ball to the right field. Bolin fumbled and Bartee scored. Dewey followed suit with a similar ball, while Wilcox crossed the plate. Hawkins followed with a safe one over short and the third man scored, with no body out. Garvin was up next with an easy one to Reeder, who made a clean double. Atchison made the fourth hit of the inning with a safe one over second, but died as Cooper was caught out on a fly foul.

Three runs to start with is enough and our side opened up in poor batting form. Captain Reeder went out on a little hit to the box. McDiarmid smashed the first ball over second for two bags, and second on Kingsbury's hit to right. Gordon forced Kingsbury out at second and Bolin outed the side with a fly to center. In the following three innings a clean, snappy exhibition of the game was given, either side scoring. Feltz singled through short. Curtright fouled a hard one to Lehmer. McDiarmid caught Bar-



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izens.

Two special prayer meetings were held with a total attendance of 50.

As a direct result of the work of this department, there have been three conversions, while two others have come about from the work in Bible study.

FINANCES.

The report of C. J. Allen, treasurer, shows the finances of the association to be as follows: Amount provided for from dues, \$1,282; from other sources, \$449.41; total, \$562.23.

Receipts—To balance from last report, \$10.32; membership dues, \$102.30; subscriptions, general secretary fund, \$145.50; general subscriptions, \$87.92; rooms, \$15.48; entertainments, \$68.30; Lake Geneva, \$101.50; miscellaneous, \$30.71; total, \$562.23.

Disbursements—Salaries, \$200.00; rooms, \$58.14; entertainment, \$5.25; missions, \$10.00; current expenses, \$180.00; Lake Geneva, \$90.00; total, \$543.44; balance on hand, \$18.79 total, \$562.23.

This report does not include the expense of the hand book, which was \$50 for 1,500, paid for by advertising.

MISSIONARY.

The missionary committee in conjunction with a similar committee from the Y. W. C. A. has done the planning and conducting of the monthly missionary meeting, and a mission study class. Of the former five meetings were held, with an average attendance of ninety-three men. The mission study class, led by Mrs. O. Hansen, a returned missionary from Burma, has followed the course of study outlined in the intercollegian. Five men were enrolled in this class. Ten dollars was paid last spring toward the support of a traveling Y. M. C. A. secretary in Japan. Twenty-five dollars more was pledged last fall for missionary purposes, but the amount has not yet been paid.

There are five student volunteers in the association membership. J. E. Boyle, one of that number, has had charge of the committee during the greater part of the year.

CITY MISSIONS.

The mission work at Ninth and Z streets has been conducted under peculiarly disparaging circumstances. Through various reasons the work has been in the hands of different men.

Early last fall Mr. R. E. Davis assumed charge of the Sabbath school

ORATORY FRIDAY.

Inter-State Contest at the Oliver Theatre. Contestants and Judges.

The interstate contest, in which the states of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska are represented, will be held in the Oliver theater, Friday night. The contest is held annually and goes to each of the ten states in turn. Ten years ago it was held in Lincoln, but Nebraska had no representative, because of the failure of the winner of the state contest, a Wesleyan man, to appear because of some complication. This year the contest is under the auspices of the state university, and bids fair to be a complete success in every way. The officers of the association are: Fred B. Hill, Carleton college, Minnesota, president; J. A. McGuire, state university, Nebraska, vice president, and Mayo Savage, College of Emporia, Kansas, secretary-treasurer.

The judges will be: Thought and composed of John P. Irish, San Francisco; President Thwing, Western Reserve university; President Angell, Michigan university; Delivery, Congressman Champ Clark; Rev. C. H. Michel, Minneapolis; Hon. T. E. Dewey, Abilene.

The representatives of the different states and their subjects are as follows:

Nebraska: C. D. Talbot, state university, "William Lloyd Garrison."

Illinois: Harry G. Howard, Aurora college, "The Grand Old Man."

Wisconsin: R. L. Lyman, Beloit, "The Altruism of American Expansion."

Minnesota: Ernest G. Loan, Carleton college, "War a Factor of Civilization."

Kansas: A. C. Northrop, Salina Wesleyan, "The Changing Policy of the United States."

Colorado: Charles W. Deardorf, University of Denver, "The Dignity of Obedience."

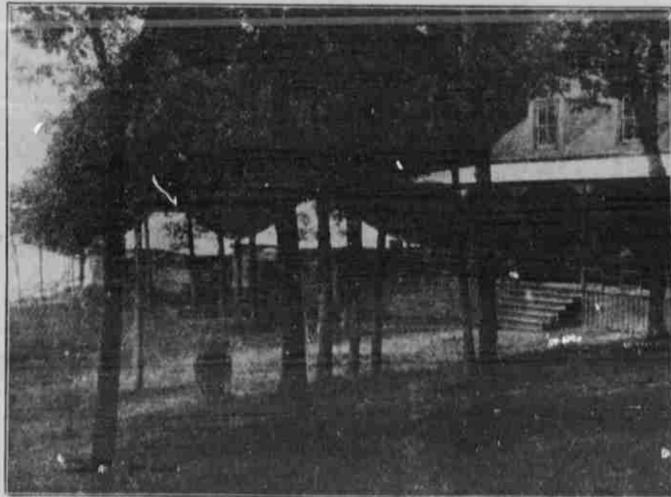
Iowa: S. M. Holladay, Simpson college, "Twentieth Century Politics."

Ohio: John S. Chamberlain, Dennison university, "Legislative Control of Cities."

Missouri: D. H. Farrell, Tarkio college, "Retributive Justice."

Indiana: George E. Farrar, DePauw university, "The Coming King."

It is reported that large delegations are coming from the neighboring states, Tarkio, Missouri, estimating her delegation at 100. Other large delegations are coming from Simpson colleges.



RECEPTION HALL, LAKE GENEVA.

Now the boys buckled down and hit the ball in earnest. Two singles and a two-bagger were bunched, but the boys made but one run. Gordon opened with a nice one to left. Bolin made his second hit over second. Cuscaden picked out a nice place and wrapped the ball between the seams for a double-bagger in the trees of right field. Gordon scored, but Bolin, disregarding his coach, was caught at the plate. Lehmer went out on a pop-up fly, while Dusty closed the ride with an easy one to first.

The visitors came to the bat for the last time, securing one more. Dewey opened with a two-bagger over by the machine shops. Gordon threw Hawkins out. Garvin hit to McDiarmid, who threw wild to the plate, letting Hawkins get in. Atchison went out on a ground hit to Reeder. The Nebraska boys had one more chance. Everything was against them, but they

lege, Iowa; Creighton, Omaha; Cotner, Doane, and Wesleyan. The delegations here are already arranging for their seats. The general seat sale will begin Wednesday at 10 o'clock, at the Oliver box office. The prices will be 25, 50 and 75 cents.

Omaha, Lincoln, Beatrice, Crete and York high schools will send representatives to the interscholastic meet to be held at here May 13. North Platte, Wymore, Fremont, Hebron, and Nebraska City will probably send teams.

The Beta Theta Pi fraternity gave a smoker to the Missouri and Nebraska base ball teams at their chapter hall in the state block Wednesday evening. The athletic board and several base ball enthusiasts of the city were present. Music was furnished by the mandolin club.

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