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the lawn for dancing, music by the Hagenow orchestra, the light of myriads of lanterns made the surroundings all that could be desired. Saturday was a busy day with business sessions, morning and afternoon. At five o'clock the convention attended a reception given by Miss Jane Macfarland in honor of Miss Dorothy Canfield of Columbus, O. The formal reception was held in the evening at the home of Miss Clara Hammond and many friends of the fraternity improved the opportunity to once more meet the visiting Kappas.

On Sunday convention attended services at Holy Trinity, where Rev. Percy Silvers preached eloquently the convention sermon. At 6 o'clock Monday morning the grand council and a few guests enjoyed a trolley ride and delightful breakfast at the Lindell with Phi Kappa Psi. In the evening Sigma Chi entertained at a garden fete at the beautiful home of Mr. Paul Fitzgerald. The affair was most brilliant and thoroughly enjoyable. Tuesday morning saw convention formally closed. In the evening at the Lincoln hotel occurred the farewell banquet. It was one of the most pleasant functions of convention week.

At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning the Kappa Kappa Gamma special took the girls to Omaha, where the day was spent at the Exposition. At 7 o'clock all met for the last time at the Japanese tea garden, where they were delightfully entertained at tea by Phi Delta Theta.

The convention was a complete success. The meeting of college women from all parts of the country will furnish inspiration to all chapters in the fraternity. The next convention will be held in 1900 at Barnard college, New York City.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The Young Men's Christian Association as it exists in our higher institutions of learning today, embraces in its membership more young men than any other organization found among college students. It has had a marvelous growth in the last few years, the man who first organized a college association not yet being an old man. It is world wide in its sympathies, organizations being found in all civilized countries of the world, and these are all bound together into the great federation, thus touching and binding together those men who in time will influence and mold the minds of a great mass of humanity. It is true there have always been religious organizations in our schools, but none has ever met the actual needs of young men as the association is doing today. It presents the manly side of religion. The association is demonstration to students everywhere that real religious convictions are not averse to muscle and the development of a strong physical man.

It is proving that a clean social life and a ripe scholarship are essential in a strong Christian character. The association in the university of Nebraska is to move forward the coming year. All conditions will warrant this statement. It has the good will of faculty and the sympathy of all fair minded students. The officers are efficient and active. A general secretary, experienced in the work, will give one half of his time to the association. Finances are in good condition, in fact, it seems that nothing more could be desired.

It will be the aim of the association during the year to stimulate and cultivate among its membership and student body that spirit of helpfulness and sympathy so much needed among all our students. Its ideal manhood will be that of the real college gentleman, that manhood based upon a well rounded Christian character.

The association will give special attention to new students, helping them in any way possible. Much stress will be laid upon the needs of devotional Bible study, especially among the active membership. The Sunday meeting will be a strong gospel service, planned with a view of helping young men. Good music will be one of the features. Mission circles will be organized, aiming to familiarize the students with the great mission fields of the world. As occasions shall demand, socials, entertainments, etc., and encouragement will be given to a healthy social life among students. Much can be accomplished during the present year and the association solicits the co-operation of all members of the faculty and of the student body.

CHANGES IN THE FACULTY

Several important changes and additions have been made to the faculty for the coming year. The recent resignation of Prof. R. B. Owens from the chair of electrical and steam engineering necessitated a successor for his place. The executive committee of the regents recently separated the chair of steam engineering from that of electrical engineering, and added it to the chair of mechanical engineering, making the title of Prof. Richards to be hereafter professor of mechanical and steam engineering. To the place occupied by Prof. Owens in the department of electrical engineering, the regents have assigned Prof. Morgan Brooks, manager of the Electrical Engineering company of Minneapolis. Prof. Brooks is certainly well qualified for the important position given him. He possesses a broad and practical experience of several years application in the electrical field, which, combined with his thorough preparation in theoretical knowledge, cannot but make him successful in his line of work in the university. Prof. Brooks is a graduate of Brown university and of the Stevens' institute of Technology.

The Hesperian is glad to note the changes in the library. J. I. Wyer, the new librarian, comes well recommended, and from what we know of him, and from what he has already done and intends to do, we feel certain he will receive the full confidence and hearty support of all the students. J. I. Wyer is directly from the east, coming from the Albany Academy School, but he is a genuine western man. Before going to Albany, he lived in Kansas, and is therefore well fitted to suit a western university. Since he has been appointed to the place of librarian here, the unpleasant and unwelcome rumor which was afloat during the summer to the effect that the stack room would be closed to the students this year, has entirely disappeared. We are glad it has proven only a rumor. The stack room will be open to students as heretofore, and the onward trend of the progressive libraries of the country will not be lost sight of by the management of the library of the university of Nebraska. The students of the university may rejoice with the good cause that they still retain the rightful privilege of going direct to the stacks for books, which is an education in itself.

The place made vacant by the resignation of William H. Brown, former instructor in electrical engineering, has not yet been filled. Chancellor MacLean will fill the place temporarily after consulting the wishes of Prof. Brooks.

Prof. Moritz of Hastings College will fill the place in the mathematics department, formerly held by A. W. Whitney, who recently resigned.

So far no one has been appointed to the place of commandant, for the cadet battalion. Owing to the unsettled conditions existing in our country, the government will not send an instructor in military science. There is a possibility that the place will be filled by an advanced student in the military department. C. W. Weeks and C. H. True have both been mentioned as possible candidates for the place.

Jackson C. Hitchman, '98, who recently returned from the Second regiment which was stationed at Chickamauga, has been assigned to the place in department of mechanical drawing and machine design. Mr. Hitchman is well known about the university, and all are pleased to see him take the place.

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