

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

The Montreat Young People's Conference, June 28th to July 6th, is arousing great interest among the young people of the Church and those who are particularly interested in Young People's Work. Registrations are coming in with increasing rapidity and enthusiastic delegations are being formed in many of the larger churches. The fact that the Alba Hotel has been reserved exclusively for conference delegates and their leaders has convinced those who are accustomed to such matters of the purpose of the conference directors to care for the interests of delegates from every point of view, and to secure for them every advantage of study and association.



Extensive preparations have recently been completed for the social and recreational activities of the delegates. This important feature of the



conference will be under the trained and experienced leadership of Professor J. Richard Crozier and Miss Cary Graves. All afternoons are reserved exclusively for pleasant recreation and wholesome exercise.

The young people and their friends may be assured that they will return to their homes after the conference healthier and happier, as well as better trained and inspired for the Master's service. One of the most desirable results of such conferences is their promotion of a Church-wide acquaintanceship and friendship among the choice and promising young people from different sections. Older boys and girls, and young people will find their circle of friends greatly widened, and their knowledge of consecrated church workers in different sections of the Church will increase their interest and usefulness in the larger activities of the kingdom of God.

Those who give a careful examination to the morning program for study and lecture courses may be surprised at the thorough provision that has been made for instruction and training in every department of church interests and work.

The following program has been provided:

Foreign Missions.

A study of "The Lure of Africa," by Patton, and an exposition of the work of the Foreign Mission Committee, conducted by Dr. John I. Armstrong and Rev. H. C. Hammond.

Home Missions.

A study of "The Task That Challenges," by S. L. Morris, and an exposition of the work of the Home Mission Committee, conducted by Dr. Homer McMillan and Professor C. G. Crooks.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

An exposition of the work of this committee, with special reference to vocational training,



conducted by Dr. Henry H. Sweets. Missions in the Sunday-school.

A course of lectures of intense interest by Mrs. E. C. Cronk.

Conference for Older Boys and Girls.

A specialized course aiming at a forward step in religious life work and training for service, conducted by Mr. John L. Alexander and Miss A. B. Binford. Christian Endeavor Efficiency.

A diploma course in expert efficiency, conducted by Professor James Lewis Howe.

Teacher Training.

A study of the "Pupil," first section of the new Standard

Course, with credit given as basis for further study, conducted by Dr. Gilbert Glass.

Woman's Auxiliary.

A special course in the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, its aims and methods, conducted by Mrs. W. C.

Winsborough.

Elementary Methods.

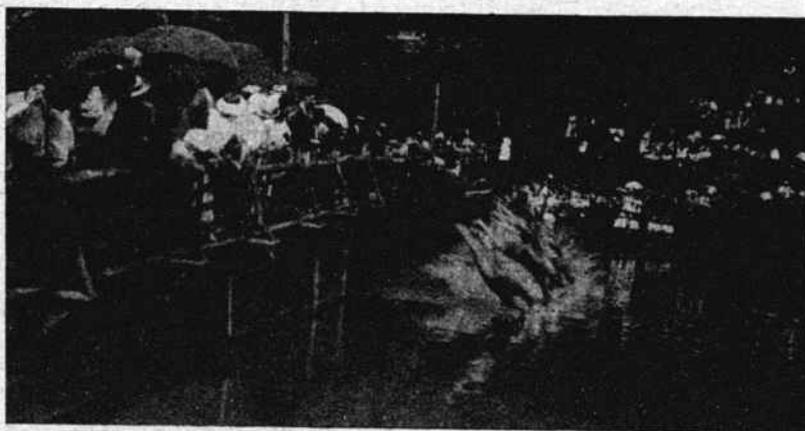
A course on the work of the Elementary Division of the Sunday-school, conducted by Mrs. Samuel N. Burts.

Teen Age Methods.

A course of the work of the Teen Age Department of the Sunday-school, conducted by Miss A. B. Binford.

Adult Methods.

A course of the work of the Adult



Department of the Sunday-school, conducted by Dr. W. L. Lingle.

The schedule has been so arranged that three or more of these classes can be taken by each delegate.

Blanks for conference registration have been sent to all our churches and Young People's Societies, and should be sent in as soon as possible. Delegates will be registered for class work at the organization meeting on the opening night of the conference.

Music.

A most helpful and inspiring feature of the conference will be the musical program. We expect to have Mr. Charles M. Alexander, whose reputation and success in musical leadership are world-wide, to conduct the song service every evening of the conference.

Bible Study and Devotional.

One hour each day will be given to a helpful and constructive study of the Bible. Dr. W. W. Moore, president of Union Seminary, Richmond, Va., has been secured for this work. Dr. Moore is always a great drawing card at

Montreat assemblies, and his leadership in Bible study alone will make the conference worth while.

Provision has been made in the schedule for a morning quiet hour of devotion.

The "Forward Step" meeting on the last Sunday afternoon of the conference will be of great inspirational and practical value to the delegates.

Inspirational Address.

In addition to class room work, some of the most attractive and helpful platform speakers in America have been secured for the inspirational program. Dr. W. W. Moore, of Richmond; Dr. James I. Vance, of Nashville; Dr. J. S. Lyons, of Atlanta; Dr. James Lewis Howe, of Washington and Lee University; Dr. W. L. Lingle, of Richmond; Dr. H. F. Williams, of Nashville, and Mr. John L. Alexander, of Chicago, are among the speakers engaged.

What It Will Cost.

Arrangements have been made for conference rates so that the total expense for the ten days, room and board, including gate fee, will be only \$15.00. This ten-day period begins with supper, June 28th, and ends with breakfast, July 9th. The Alba Hotel has been engaged exclusively for delegates. Reservations should be made in advance. Special rates are offered by the railroads. Tickets on sale June 27th-28th, good for seventeen days. Ask your railroad agent beforehand



ference offers—bracing mountain air and scenery—acquaintance and association with other choice young people from all sections of the Church, health-giving

outdoor recreation, under sympathetic and wise direction, vital and cheerful devotional atmosphere—unexcelled advantages in study and inspirational addresses.

The attention of pastors and sessions, superintendents and parents and leaders of Young People's Work is called to the following action of the General Assembly at Birmingham, on May 22, 1917:



"That the General Assembly warn the sessions against allowing the young people to grow up in forgetfulness of the history and tenets of our historic Church or in ignorance of her present activities, and to that end urges them, so far as possible, to send one or more of the young members of their congregation to such conferences, under Presbyterian auspices, as that to be held at Montreat from June 28 to July 8, 1917, in which some of the Church's most approved leaders will give instruction."

For additional leaflets and information, address Gilbert Glass, General Superintendent, Box 1176, Richmond, Va.

A NOTE OF THANKS.

Allow me through the columns of your paper to express my very great appreciation of the kind and generous offering made at the General Assembly to help meet my loss caused by the terrible Atlanta fire.

The contribution was handed me in a single check, and I have no way of knowing who the donors are, and can only take this method of expressing my appreciation.

The loss was great and this offering will mean much in helping to start toward recovery. But the spirit of kindness and love that prompted it means more. These things touch us deeply in an hour like this.

Many thousands of families are rendered homeless. The ruined section is two and one-half miles long and two to eight blocks wide. But the people are responding with a heartiness that will largely relieve the immediate distress. Permits have already been secured for rebuilding the Westminster church and several large apartment and other houses. The building will doubtless be pushed rapidly, but



it will take a long time to restore all, especially the beautiful trees, for which this section was noted, and which means so much in the crowded city.

W. H. Miley.

Jesus can touch our broken hearts with a perfectly tender touch, for he has had a broken heart himself.—Bishop Moule.

for particulars. The railroad station for Montreat is Black Mountain, North Carolina.

These conferences will—

Stir enthusiasm and quicken devotion.

Open new paths of knowledge and service.

Bind consecrated and trained young talents to the service of the Church.

Start centers of interest and development in their home church.

Put new life in Sunday-school and Young People's Work.

Who Should Come.

Sunday-schools, Young People's Societies and organized classes, send delegates to this great conference and gain the stimulus and advantage of their new zeal and knowledge.

Pastors and Sunday-school superintendents, see that your capable and promising young people do not miss this opportunity for training and inspiration, and for higher Christian service in the home church.

Parents, give your sons and daughters the rare blessings which this con-