

MONTREAT CONFERENCE.

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ened by the conference, and the record-breaking attendance testifies to the increasing interest in this branch of our work, and the evident presence of the Holy Spirit is a token and a prophecy of his sure blessing upon our efforts to save the lost.

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and led the music we hereby tender our sincere thanks with assurances of our high appreciation of their labors of love.

Resolutions.

1. In view of the great possibilities of the Montreat annual conferences in promoting the interests of the kingdom of God throughout our Church, we express the hope that these conferences will be attended by an ever increasing number of our ministers and officers of our churches and teachers of our Sunday-schools.

2. In view of the unprecedented opportunities and demands of the hour, greatly increased by the bringing together of hundreds of thousands of our young men into the many training camps of our Southland, we believe a more earnest and progressive spirit and practice of evangelism is demanded from the pulpit and the pew.

3. We commend to our ministers and people the excellent program of evangelism both for the Church at large, and for the individual church suggested by our Department of Evangelism.

4. We ask our people throughout the Church in a deep sense of our dependence on the Holy Spirit to unite with us in penitence and confession, and in prayer for His guidance, His presence and His gracious power."

A. B. Curry,
Alexander Sprunt,
J. M. Clark,

Committee.

(For programs referred to drop a card to the Department of Evangelism for "Pressing Toward the Mark.")

WAR WORK PLANS OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

The first meeting of the recently constituted War Work Council of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations was held Saturday, April 28th, in New York City under the chairmanship of Mr. William Sloane. This Council of one hundred men representing the Continental leadership of the associations has as its immediate task the raising of the \$3,000,000 necessary for the support of association activities in army camps, naval stations, munition plants, and hospitals during the remainder of the year 1917 and the enlistment and training of at least 1,100 secretaries to carry on this work. With a large experience in such activities during the Spanish-American war and along the border during the recent trouble with Mexico the American Associations now face the vast task of promoting this work among enlisted men who are likely soon to number double the regular membership of all the American Association brotherhood.

The men who met at the Yale Club to formulate plans to meet this perhaps the greatest opportunity that has come to the associations in all their history were cheered by the following letter from President Wilson to Dr. John R. Mott, general secretary of the International Committee and of the War Work Council:

The White House,
Washington, D. C.,
25 April, 1917.

My Dear Doctor Mott:

May I not, in view of the approaching meeting of the War Work Council, express to you the very high value I have attached to the work which has been accomplished by the Young Men's Christian Association in behalf of our own army and navy as well as in behalf of the prisoners of war and the men in the training camps of Europe, and may I not express also my sincere personal interest in the large

plans of the War Work Council for the work which is still ahead of the association?

Cordially and faithfully yours,
(Signed) Woodrow Wilson.

Dr. John R. Mott,
124 East Twenty-eighth street,
New York City.

It was announced also that the afternoon of April 27th President Wilson had signed the following executive order:

"The Young Men's Christian Association has, in the present emergency, as under similar circumstances in the past, tendered its services for the benefit of enlisted men in both arms of the service. This organization is prepared by experience, approved methods and assured resources, to serve especially the troops in the camp and field. It seems best for the interest of the service that it shall continue as a voluntary civilian organization; however, the results obtained are so beneficial and bear such a direct relation to efficiency, inasmuch as the association provision contributes to the happiness, content and morale of the personnel, that in order to unify the civilian betterment activities in the army, and further the work of the organization that has demonstrated its ability to render a service desired by both officers and men, official recognition is hereby given the Young Men's Christian Association as a valuable adjunct and asset to the service. Officers are enjoined to render the fullest practicable assistance and co-operation in the maintenance and extension of the association, both at permanent posts and stations and in camp and field. To this end attention of officers is called to the precedent and policy already established in

(1) An act approved May 31, 1902, giving authority to the Secretary of War to grant permission by revocable license for the erection and maintenance of association buildings on military reservations for the promotion of the social, physical, intellectual and moral welfare of enlisted men.

(2) An act of Congress making appropriation for the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, and referred to in General Order No. 54, wherein the furnishings of heat and light for the above mentioned buildings was authorized.

(3) General Orders No. 39 wherein commanding officers were enjoined (a) to provide all proper facilities practicable to aid the Association; (b) to assign suitable sites; (c) to supply transportation for association tentage and equipment; (d) to care for and police association tents and grounds; (e) to accord accredited secretaries the privilege of the purchase of supplies from the quartermaster's department; (f) to furnish where practicable tentage for shelter."

The international character of the association movement and of this

work for the men under arms was emphasized by two cablegrams read by Dr. Mott which had been received from the respective national offices in England and France:

"The National Council of the Young Men's Christian Associations of England expresses its great appreciation of the determination of the United States of America to join in full association with the allies in the fight for truth and righteousness and of the close fellowship and co-operation which the Young Men's Christian Associations on both sides of the Atlantic will now have in doing their parts in the cause.

(Signed) Yapp."

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