

BOY DELEGATES IN CONVENTION

Over a Score of Towns Represented in Gathering Under Y. M. C. A. Auspices—"Forward March" the Conference Theme—Illustrated Address by H. W. Gibson a Feature of Evening Programme—Conference Continues Today.

Delegates from many Young Men's Christian associations in the state and from many state churches convened at the Central Baptist church on Friday morning for the 15th annual conference of the older Connecticut boys' conference, which will continue today (Saturday) was opened Friday morning at 11:15 o'clock with fully 100 delegates in attendance. From 10 until 11:15 the time was occupied with registrations and this continued throughout the day, quite a few delegates arriving for the afternoon session. As each one registered he was given a program, a button and a banquet ticket. Allyn L. Brown, chairman of the entertainment committee, was in charge of the registration and was assisted by Arthur Libby and George S. Hyde. The registrations were made in the Y. M. C. A. building while the conference was held in the Central Baptist church. Edward H. Kessler of Holyoke, Mass., led the song service which opened the conference at 11:15 o'clock. Mr. Kessler is respected and loved, not only by the boys of the Paper City, but also by the boys of Connecticut to whom he has rendered splendid service as the leader of the music of their conferences, for four consecutive years.

Called to Order The convention was then called to order by the state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., E. T. Bates, and the officers of the association were introduced to the delegates. The officers are: James E. Hitchcock, New Haven, president; Fred H. Purvis, Norwich, vice president; Fred R. Kirschner, Torrington, secretary; Carl E. Kinney, Jewett City, assistant secretary.

Spoke on Enlistment Another devotional period followed Mr. Kessler leading the singing, and the first address of the conference was given by H. W. Gibson, state secretary of the Boys' division of Massachusetts, who spoke on Enlistment. Mr. Gibson has been the successful state secretary of the Boys' divisions of Massachusetts for a decade or more, and he is no stranger in Connecticut. He prefaced his talk by reading the 18th verse of the fourth chapter of Matthew. He brought to the attention of his audience the poster which the government advertising for the enlistment of recruits and touched on the fact that the life of a soldier is not as rosy as pictured in the poster. He said the fellow who enlists in Christianity will find the same kind of courage rises within him as when he is appealed to enter a football contest. He urged forcibly all present to enlist in God's work. The hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War" was then sung.

Howard A. Johnson, D.D., Stamford, gave a very forceful address on Mustering In. Enlisting, the speaker said, is just the starting point, and that after taking that step one should get into the business. A man must go into the fight convinced to win and that it is for life or to die in the way of a true soldier.

Welcomed to Eastern Connecticut A welcome was then extended all present by Assistant Secretary J.H. Ely, who stated that it was the first time the conference had ever been held in eastern Connecticut.

Don Houghton took a group picture of the delegates on the steps to the Central Baptist church, after the morning session.

Ernest Waldo Newbury officiated at the organ during the singing. The members of the Women's auxiliary served a cafeteria lunch for the delegates. There were baked beans, frankfurters, rolls and coffee. Those who were in charge of the work were the president, Mrs. H. M. Pollock, and Mrs. William L. Stearns, Miss Ellen Geer, Mrs. Arthur Blackledge, Mrs. Arthur H. Lathrop, Mrs. Charles Starin, Mrs. William H. Oat, Mrs. John B. Oat, Mrs. Barnes, Miss Lucy Greenman, Miss Marion Beebe, Miss Carpenter, Miss Morgan, Mrs. Edwin Hill, Mrs. John E. Rogers.

Afternoon Session. At 1:45 o'clock the afternoon session was called to order and opened with a song service. Mr. Kessler, leader, was followed by a devotional period during which H. W. Gibson gave a talk on Equipment. Then came the introduction of delegates, which various announcements were made by H. Ely, assistant secretary of the Norwich association, General Secretary Edwin Hill of the Norwich association and E. T. Bates, the state secretary.

On the March. After the singing of two hymns, Vernon W. Cooke of Derby gave an address upon "On the March." Mr. Cooke is a graduate of the School of Religion of Yale University, class of '14. He is a magnetic speaker. Having recently returned from Europe he was well prepared to speak upon the topic assigned to him.

Mr. Cooke said that after the soldier is mustered in the army he then goes through a training camp which prepares him for the battlefield. Continuing he said that we sometimes divide our lives when it comes to body and spirit. Our start is physical and he better we are trained along the light lines the better spiritual men we become. While boys go to camp one of the principle things they are taught is obedience. Obedience is the mark of possession. If we want something in a certain realm we must first remember that before that realm can give us the thing we must learn to obey. It matters not whether you are marching in the army of your country or marching in the army of Jesus Christ you must first learn obedience if you would be a good soldier. We must keep step; we must not lag behind or go before. Another thing that will make us good soldiers in the march is loyalty. Loyalty means complete identity of our personalities to the cause.

In Lins for the Conflict. After the singing of another hymn, C. Robinson, International Secretary of Wage Earning Boys, gave a most helpful address on the topic, "In Lins for the Conflict."

On his talk Mr. Robinson said he hoped the boys would take home with them the messages given them by the speakers. He said we are looking forward to greater things in life as we live in an era of expectancy, illustrating his point by describing the lush of expectancy just before a big college football game such as he witnessed at Princeton. Mr. Robinson spoke of those attending the conference as missionaries and hoped that they would take back to the boys in their home towns what they think will help them along in the great battle of life.

Mr. Robinson said the delegates would be proud of the fact that they are numbered in such a gathering as a conference because of the great use which they represent and which is an influence absolutely incomparable in the world. The speaker concluded by reading one of Dunbar's epics on Strengthen.

Called on Waterman Burnham, Prayer was offered by Mr. Cooke and

the session then adjourned. Some of the 248 attendees at the football game at the academy while several on invitation of James L. Case went through the Shetucket mills in Greenfield. Others with State Secretary E. T. Bates called on Waterman R. Burnham at his residence on Main street. Mr. Burnham was the first president of the Norwich association and has always taken a deep interest in its welfare.

Banquet and Evening Session. At 5:45 all the delegates enjoyed an excellent banquet menu at the Waterman hotel as follows:

Fine Herbs, Duchess of Potatoes, Chicken Croquettes, Sauce Supreme Potato Rosette, Tiny Tot Peas, French Bread, Assorted Cakes, Neapolitan Ice Cream, Demi Tasse.

The evening session at the Central Baptist church to which the public was invited was called to order shortly after 8:15 o'clock with a devotional period. Orders from Headquarters, led by General Secretary Edwin Hill.

At Work Among Boys. H. W. Gibson was then introduced to the large size assemblage and gave a highly interesting talk on "At Work Among Boys", which he illustrated with a number of very hand-some illustrations. His talk reviewed at length the beginning of the Y. M. C. A. the life of its founder and the great work the association is doing among the boys. In part he spoke as follows:

The song of the boy is the song of life and joy. His super-abundance of life is so contagious that it percolates into the system of the grownups. Even joyous boyhood however has its troubles. Sometimes they are mathematical sometimes pugilistic, sometimes because of lack of social adjustment. Whatever kind of trouble it may be, he always knows there is one who cares and whose sympathetic heart responds to his own heart throbs—his mother. Through the careful guidance of mother the boy emerges from the period of early boyhood into the period of youth. He is preparing to become a man and as he looks over the field of life he needs the guiding hand of father, the friendship of one who is older and wiser. Blessed is that father who can retain the spirit of youth and be the chum of his own son.

Mr. Gibson paid a tribute to the life of George Williams, founder of the Y. M. C. A. who was impelled to begin this great work because he saw the awful temptations gripping young men in London. He called together a few fellows in his bedroom to talk over conditions and engage in prayer. It should never be forgotten that the foundation of the Y. M. C. A. was laid in a prayer meeting of young men in an upper room of St. Paul's churchyard. The historic date was June 6, 1844. Twelve young men were present. The jubilee of the foundation of the Y. M. C. A. held in London in June 1894 was a striking public recognition of the worth of the organization as well as an overwhelming testimony to the place George Williams held in the personal affection of every member of the association who lived over. From a group of twelve men the organization had grown in fifty years to over 5,000 branches with a membership of over half a million. Years of triumph followed and the later years of George Williams' life were crowned in honor. At 83 years of age he attended the jubilee of the World's Alliance of the Y. M. C. A. held in Paris in April 1905.

A few months later he slept and woke no more in this world. His burial in St. Paul's cathedral was the rightful honor paid to one of God's noblest citizens. Seven years after the little group of twelve men founded the Y. M. C. A. in London. Two groups of men came together in North America, one in Montreal and the other in Boston, an organized Young Men's Christian association. The one in Montreal was organized November 25, 1851 and the one in Boston on December 24, 1851. From this small beginning came the present mighty organization of 1925 associations reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, occupying 1004 buildings valued at 74 millions of dollars, employing 3,853 men as secretaries and other officers and having a membership of 600,000.

Prevention Better Than Cure. We believe it is better to train a boy to do right than to restrain him from doing wrong; easier to cultivate good habits than to remove bad ones; cheaper to prevent crime than to cure the criminal; businesslike to reform character than to try to reform it, and better to win a boy to Christian life when he is in the formative than to wait until he is hardened.

Boy leisure is a greater evil than boy labor. It is during the leisure time that character is largely determined. The boy must play. The boy without a playground is fatter to the man without a job. The door is ir- resistible to a red blooded boy. Character is taught; not caught. Leadership is therefore an important factor. Capitalizing Christian leadership is a bigger and harder job than capitalizing a new business venture. John Wanamaker once said: "Save a man and you save one, save a boy and you save a whole multiplication table."

To lead boys into definite relationship with Jesus Christ and the church is the main objective of the Y. M. C. A.

The singing of My Country "Tis of Thee followed and the closing prayer was offered by C. C. Robinson.

Committees Announced. The following committees were announced during both afternoon and evening sessions:

Business—Walter M. Mitchell, Stamford; Franklin H. Gardner, Derby; Henry S. Lyon, Bridgeport; Henry E. Miles, Meriden; Charles Ross, Old Lyme; Archie Brown, New Haven, adviser.

Credentials—A. Louis Murdoch, Hartford; Mervin Peterson, New Britain; Burton Hillier, New London; Edmond B. Jones, Norwich; Harold Adams, Fitchville; Louis Cape, Bridgeport, adviser.

Resolutions—William Pemberton, New Haven; Earl B. Benton, Torrington; Clayton Lyman, Columbia; Fred Clarke, Jewett City; Leslie Eggleston, Hartford; E. W. Yergin, adviser.

Delegates Attending. The conference, which continues with morning and afternoon sessions today, has over a score of the cities and towns of the state represented by the delegates attending.

Those who registered up to 5 o'clock were as follows: Norwich—J. H. Ely, Bruce F. Rogers, Leonard Hill, Charles Crane, Fred Parvis, Herbert Fregan, Charles Hopkins, George F. Hyde, Howard L. Peckham, Robert H. Church, Richard Arnold, Richard P. Gregson, Lawrence W. Bee-

ch, Joseph H. Hall, Jr., Emerson Jones, Arthur Collins, Benjamin M. Bruce, R. W. Stevens, Lorimer B. Slocum, J. O. Hull, Leonard Purvis, A. L. Tedford, James McNulty, Earl Solway, Sidney Morrill, John Farlie, Clifford Oat. New London—Julius B. Tikoll, Cecil D. Spicer, Willard Gray, Stephen M. Graves, Courtland Dickson, Pierre-point Dew, Robert B. Cruise, A. T. M. Van Rensselaer, Burton B. Hillier, Lowell Stearns. Willimantic—Kenneth Hanoun. New Haven—J. E. Hitchcock, Richard B. Walter.

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Columbus—Elliott O. Foster, Clayton Lyman and Horace E. Little. Hartford—Carl Spencer, A. S. Knowles, Leslie Eggleston, Stuart Caspwell, Frank Cushman, Herbert Sulerweiser, Alfred Kiehler, J. W. Williams, F. A. Stanley, Herbert H. Mills, William H. Rackie, David Case, Walter Johnson, David K. Gardner, Bradford H. Scott, Harold G. Eastman, Morgan Craig, A. L. Murdoch, Frank Fairweather, Donald Allard, J. J. Tupper.

New Britain—William B. Wilber, Ray W. Buell and Mervin Peterson, Elmer T. Theves, William S. Brackett, Robert S. Buel, Emory C. Corbin, Robert R. Raber, Kenneth H. Walker, Charles A. Schmidt, Jr., Bennett Hibbard.

Middletown—F. H. Winchester, Floyd Hooper, Fred Green, William Camp, Stewart Perryon, Walter Luch and Harold Davis.

Wethersfield—Clarence Benson, Harold Braithwaite, John Hunt, Torrington—Kenneth D. Beckwith, Howard B. Newport, Harold F. Braman, Edward M. Pond, G. Stanley Drew and Earl R. Barton.

Old Lyme—J. Franklin Pines, Charles Ross and Clifford Howard, Jewett City—Earle L. Howe, Fred Clarke.

Stamford—Walter Mitchell, Robert Hay, F. A. Swathef, C. F. Graves, H. M. Rooney.

Ashford—David Matthewson, Walter E. Brown, Milton L. Durkee, Robert M. Balch.

Holyoke—Edward H. Kessler, Derby—Raymond Thompson, Franklin V. Tardner.

Bridgeport—Fred L. Main, H. S. Lyon, Conrad J. Steinet, Raymond Goebel, Paul Barnes, Fred Kischner, Russell Shay, Newell Church, J. Alan Riley, D. Spinning, J. Sherman, James Cape, Charles E. Morgan, Norman C. Brooks, Henry Smith, Oscar W. Kuchner.

HEARING HELD BEFORE COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER Relatives of Wallace Hodges and George Marsdale Presented Their Claims.

Compensation Commissioner Dr. J. J. Donohue of this city gave a hearing in the case of heirs of Wallace Hodges

and George Marsdale, who seek to recover from the Thames Towboat company damages for the loss of the lives of the young men mentioned at the time the tugboat Arles was crashed into by a barge and sunk at Hariton Bay some months ago. The boys were collision occurred they jumped into the water. No one else in the crew of the tug suffered injury nor was anyone lost. The hearing occupied all the afternoon.

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