

CLOSING SCENES.

Saturday and Sunday With the Y. M. C. A. Convention.

Final Business Meetings—Yesterday's Day and Evening Mass Meetings—Ceremony of Adjournment.

The work of the Y. M. C. A. Convention was begun on Saturday at 6 o'clock by a prayer meeting held at the local association rooms, led by H. E. Banham of Stockton. At 8:45 Evangelist O. B. Read gave a Bible reading. Promptly at 9:30 the regular session began by singing hymn No. 162.

The first order of business was the report of the State Committee, read by the State Secretary, W. H. Mead. From this report the following facts were gained: Number of associations last year, 33; two associations have been dropped; eight new Secretaries and two new Physical Directors have been obtained from the East, who have commenced work.

These figures were obtained: Total membership, 4,669; number of committees, 630; number of men employed, 407; total amount of current expenses, \$58,577; nine buildings, valued at \$369,500; buildings, \$148,700; total building property and funds, \$81,200; \$3 religious meetings are held weekly; 322 men professed conversion; value of libraries, \$7,188; value of furniture, \$20,210; 12 associations report evening classes; 7 associations report 33 classes weekly in gymnastics.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

The place of holding the next State Convention was then discussed. Mr. Alexander of Oakland pressed the claims of his city, and was followed by George Taylor of Pasadena, who asked for his town, and read invitations from the pastors, Board of Directors and the citizens generally.

J. F. Fay of San Jose read a letter from Governor Markham, asking for the twelfth convention to be held at Pasadena, which was followed by Robert Boynes, of the Twentieth-street Branch, San Francisco, requested that the convention be held with his association, and was supported by Mr. Clayton, Assistant Secretary of San Francisco.

PASADENA WAS VOTED FOR UNANIMOUSLY.

The Treasurer's report showed: Amount received from contributions, \$3,495.72; disbursements, \$8,234.57; balance on hand, \$174.16.

THE STATE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Committee on State Conventions, showing a healthy growth of work during the year, and expressed great satisfaction at the work of State Secretary Mead. The sum of \$5,000 was declared necessary to carry on the work for the year. Mr. Mead was unanimously selected as State Secretary for next year. The employment of a State Office Secretary was also recommended.

The following gentlemen were recommended as members of the State Committee: Rolla V. Watt, A. H. Fish, H. J. McCoy, William F. Gibson, J. J. Preston, M. S. Woodhams, Dr. Z. King, San Francisco; George F. Hawley, D. Edward Collins, Irving D. Watson, Oakland; F. H. Kings, E. S. Field, A. Clayton, F. M. Porter, Los Angeles; A. M. Drew, Fresno; L. C. McAfee, Bakersfield; Geo. H. Marston, San Diego; Giles Kellogg, Coronado; David Jacks, Monterey; J. Norton, Robert Corbett, Napa; C. M. Campbell, John L. Spears, Sacramento; O. F. Dyer, Riverside; F. H. Babb, W. J. Kirkpatrick, San Jose; H. A. Redlands, Redlands; A. F. M. Strong, Pasadena; C. M. Collins, Santa Cruz; George Rushforth, Stockton.

STATE WORK—DONATIONS.

The State work was next considered and presented by R. V. Watt, Treasurer, and after remarks made by Mr. Kellogg of San Diego and Robert Weidensall of the International Association of the Y. M. C. A., New York, subscriptions were taken, with the following result, in a short time: Five thousand dollars was the amount asked for, and of this amount \$1,000 was pledged. The convention then took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The opening Bible reading was conducted by Evangelist John Currie, his subject being, "Christian Work," after which a duet, "Thou Yost Sine Be as Scarlet," was touchingly rendered by Mrs. Gifford of Stockton and Mr. Penny of San Francisco.

Reports from the districts were given—Southern California by George Taylor, and Northern California by M. S. Woodhams.

EXTENSION WORK AND THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Were then presented by Robert Weidensall, International Secretary. The association, he said, was begun in a prayer-meeting, and has continued on this line ever since. In early days men regarded the association as a temporary organization, so it is, but it will continue to exist when all young men are converted. Hence the need of prayer, and as a result, the second Sunday in November and the week following are set apart for a day and week of prayer for this object. At that time an offering is taken for the Extension Fund, the object of which is:

- First—To give to the International Committee, who have supervision of the work on this continent. It goes from one end to the other, helping associations often on the eve of dissolution. Ten years ago it rendered such a service to California through L. Moody.
- Second—To state work to advance it in our own State.
- Third—To help support training schools for preparing young men for Secretaries and physical directors. There are two such schools—one at Springfield, Mass., and the other at Chicago.
- Fourth—To assist the association work in foreign lands. Missionaries in all lands are calling for trained men to organize associations in these countries.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.

A paper by G. A. Matten, physical director of San Francisco, was read by the author on "The Value of a Thoroughly Developed Physical Department." This department, he said, is only one of various departments of Christian work for young men. This work is not to make gymnasts, but to develop men. A clean, cheerful, well-lighted and ventilated gymnasium, supplied with all necessary apparatus, is essential. This should be under the direction of a capable Christian man who realizes the great possibilities before him. He must be a man of strength, intellectually as well as physically—in fact, his own conversation is with all subjects pertaining to his position, the more influence he will have. The physical examination of all pupils necessary to the work who desire to exercise in the gymnasium, and in some associations it is compulsory. This plan has been tried with considerable success in many places, and it will doubtless extend. These examinations can be made very helpful to young men.

In the case of boys, this is especially necessary. An indiscriminate use of the apparatus should not be allowed; boys should not be admitted during the hours devoted to young men and vice versa. If our boys are properly trained on these lines they will develop a fine class of physical directors. The value of physical directors of this stamp can scarcely be estimated.

Professor Wood of Stanford spoke of the value of physical training. The associations are now doing an ideal work on this line, such as our schools and colleges ought to do. The association gymnast aims to build up and develop a symmetrical body. A sound body is essential to a sound mind. The physical directors aim to do this and are being trained in anatomy, physiology, hygiene, etc., with this object in view.

A lively but interesting conversation followed, after which an illustration of how gymnastics classes should be conducted was given by a class composed of

several delegates. The participants in this amusive athletic exhibition were: John Currie, Physical Instructor of the Fresno Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium; Joseph Lancaster, Oakland Y. M. C. A.; W. F. Roblee, Physical Instructor of Oakland Y. M. C. A.; Edgar of Oakland; Louis Martin of Stockton; G. A. Matten, Physical Instructor at the Parent Association, San Francisco and C. O. Hood, Physical Director of the San Diego Gymnasium.

The exhibition was very good, and showed that these young Christians know how to develop muscles. Their physique was splendid. The session closed with a discussion of the subject of "Personal Purity, and How Best to Promote It."

THE DISCUSSION WAS CONDUCTED BY R. S. BOYNS OF SAN FRANCISCO, WITH CLOSED DOORS.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was opened with a song service, led by Professor Morris. Vice-President Bray of Fresno presided. The Committee on Resolutions reported through its chairman, F. M. Porter of Los Angeles, as follows:

Resolved, That we reaffirm the position taken at former conventions, that the work of the associations is to be a work of reaching young men, in saving the unconverted and developing fully rounded Christian workers, and that all secular agencies, social, intellectual and physical, are to be used for promoting the spiritual work of the association.

Resolved, That as representatives of the associations in the State we realize our strength depends largely upon its reliance upon the Bible as the inspired word of God, and we wish to emphasize the importance of training the active members in the Association Bible Class, and thus preparing them for personal work.

Resolved, That in the liquor traffic we recognize an evil, and only evil continually, and as such, one of the greatest evils to the progress of Christian work, and especially a hindrance to our work for young men. As Christian men, and especially as lovers of young men, we are opposed to the traffic wherever found, whether in high places or low, and we are in favor of the earliest and most effective legislation to suppress the traffic.

Resolved, That we are in sympathy with the other Christian organizations and Christian people who view with alarm the proposed opening on Sunday of the Columbian World's Fair, and almost filled the city with a protest against such a desecration of the Lord's day.

Resolved, That the Young Men's Christian Association of California, in convention assembled, extend a hearty vote of thanks to the International Committee for their most valuable assistance in sending to our convention Secretaries Edward W. Robinson and C. W. Wood, and for the promise of Messrs. Mott and Sayford to help the college work.

Resolved, That we most earnestly ask the International Committee to allow Mr. Weidensall to remain on the coast for about three weeks, to assist in the work of the Association.

Resolved, That we hereby express to the members of the Association our gratitude for their kind and cordial welcome and hospitality, and also our appreciation of the friendly courtesy with which the people of this city, and the memory of the visit will be a great source of pleasure.

Resolved, That we appreciate the correct and extended reports of our proceedings as given to the members of the daily press of this city, and that we appreciate the kindly spirit and assistance given to our work during the year by the papers, both secular and religious, of the State.

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WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION.

E. S. Field of Los Angeles gave a stirring and intensely interesting address on "The Young Men's Christian Association, the growth, the field, the scope, the possibilities." Mr. Field spoke of the birth of the association in 1844, then what it had done. It had broken denominational lines; it had been helpful to the church; it had been a help to the community. He said that there are 10,000 miles of railroad in this country, and about \$9,000,000,000 of capital invested. Over 1,000,000 men are employed on the railroads. It would be a very important thing for us if one-tenth of our young men were under our care, yet that number are railroads. The railroad men are the backbone of our nation. They are the men who are the backbone of our nation. They are the men who are the backbone of our nation. They are the men who are the backbone of our nation.

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He referred to the length of the diplomacy of the association in engaging business workers to meet business men. Business workers who know how to meet men of the mart and exchange; he explained why athletic exercises were introduced, social features, reading rooms, and exercises addressing the sentimental and the love for the beautiful.

He said that the association has a day of rest, a day of rest, beginning: Art thou weary, art thou languid? Art thou sore distressed? "Come to me," said One, "and coming, 'Be at rest.'"

STIRRING SPECIES. Mr. Watt, Secretary of the State Committee, then addressed the people, taking as his text, "Watch ye, lest ye stand fast in the faith; be quickened, ye men; be strong." He declared that in this age the goody-goody young man has training school for the church. We must provide a home for them, when they can reach it. We must help them intellectually, religiously and physically.

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Rev. Mr. Silcox made an address bearing testimony to the good he felt the convention had done in Sacramento. It had infused into the Christian community more of spirituality, the absence of which had much discouraged him for a year past.

Professor Wood of the Leland Stanford University, General Secretary of the Portland, Oregon, Y. M. C. A., Secretary of the Northwest, C. H. Dunn, President of the local association, and C. L. Gates, Railroad Agent of the association for New York, their remarks addressed and interesting, but which cannot be now even outlined.

President Kellogg directed the association membership in the farewell circle. This was done, the line of clasped hands extending around the entire auditorium, the members standing touching elbows and with clasped hands, the audience being seated. When the circle was complete Secretary Mead spoke a few words of parting, and then the hymn "Blest be the Tie that Binds" was sung by those in the circle. At one point all the clasped hands were raised above the heads, and as they descended the Lord's Prayer was repeated by the membership in brief prayer and President Kellogg declared the convention adjourned sine die.

The General Secretaries and the officers of the convention held a business session at the association rooms and to-night the Secretaries will give a banquet to the officers. All other delegates will stay for their homes to-day. They express themselves as greatly pleased with their visit to Sacramento, and speak with enthusiasm of the Christian community and the efforts made by them to entertain the visitors and care for their comfort.

Faith in a Fellow-Member. At a special meeting of the State Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, held last night, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, We, the State Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, have received information that a public press of rumors against the good character of our friend and fellow-committee member, Edward T. Heston, has been circulated, and that we extend to him our sympathy in this hour of trial, and in hope we trust that he will be able to overcome the same.

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