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SECY. ROBINSON MAKES "Y" REPORT

FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS SECRETARY ROBINSON HAS BEEN LABORING IN THE HEAT OF THE DAY, HAMMERING OUT THE MATERIAL THAT HE HAS FOUND IN THE LIVES OF YOUNG MEN AND BOYS OF THE CITY.

THE REPORT BELOW IS CONVINCING

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER TO DATE.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, I, your secretary, beg leave to make the following report for the month of December to date:

The past month has brought to the attention of the secretary many new developments of the work which will vitalize the organization in many ways and which he believes will help us to bring to pass many of our former dreams. Below is an outline of some of our work:

1. Co-operation with the Churches.

The churches are co-operating with the work in a most splendid manner and they are realizing that the Y. M. C. A. is an important factor in the community that cannot be duplicated.

The Ministerial Association which meets here every Monday save the first Monday never fail to express their growing interest in the work and recognize the executive secretary as a member of the association. A manifestation of this growing interest could not have been shown in a greater way than that shown by Dr. W. H. Griffin of the 5th Ave. A. M. E. church last Sunday night when he turned his entire service over to the representatives of this branch, namely the executive as the principal speaker and the quartet which sang at this same service. "I once despised that little hut across the way but now I love it and would suggest that it never be destroyed but set aside as a memorial for the work that has been done by virtue of its existence." These were the words of Dr. Griffin.

After several conferences with the three ministers of the southeast side plans were effected by which a big community evening could be had twice per month at the Hyers A. M. E. Zion church for the people of that district. A committee was appointed to handle the affair. This committee comprises the executive secretary, the minister and a laymen from each church, a representative from the community service and the roadside settlement. We held our last meeting last Thursday night with about 150 men, women and children present.

A conference with Rev. Wycoff, high churchman of the St. Mark Episcopal church enabled us to secure the gymnasium of their parish house one night a week beginning next Tuesday.

A church club under the leadership of the Y. M. C. A. in the Bethel church is and has been on the road to success. They are not only serving the church in a very effective way but are furnishing many things for the benefit of the entire community.

II. Co-operation with the Schools.

The high school club is growing in membership and doing a very effective work among themselves. This has been due largely to the fact that the high school principles have so readily submitted names of all Negro boys in attendance at their schools and offered helpful suggestions. The grade school principles have done likewise. Their is an apparent established confidence in our work on the part of these school officials. This is manifested by the frequent calls from both grade and high school principles to help solve problems relative to our boys. One very striking case is that a boy 15 years old of West High who was seldom ever on time and for days at a time absent, who seemingly never knew what the truth was and who was failing in three subjects. The secretary was called upon to look into the matter which the principle denounced as a hopeless case and recommended a reform school. A careful study of the boy and his conditions revealed certain fact upon which we worked. The boy returned to school, is now making up his delinquent studies and has a fair knowledge of what it means to speak the truth.

III. Co-operation with Courts.

Our relationship with the courts are still maintained and strengthened. One young fellow who has faced court three times on the same crime of theft, and who was denounced as hopeless. Was paroled to your secretary. The boy has proven good, is now free of his parole and is now making good as a student in Morehouse college Atlanta, Ga. Another charged with federal charges of breaking and entering and having a five year sentence was paroled more than two years ago. He has made good his parole and at present is the only support of his mother and two children, for his father has since deserted his family. Other cases could be mentioned but we must pass to our next topic.

IV. Co-operation with Industry.

Because of lack of factories we cannot as well touch the employed boy except to catch him where we may find him. For this reason little work has been done for him. A very earnest and eager group of unemployed boys have organized themselves into what is known as the Young Men's Progressive club on the East side. They have called on this association for help. The secretary met them last Tuesday night suggested a program for them, named them a set of boxing gloves. We believe we helped them to get started off on the right foot. Other similar calls will be heed.

VI. Community Service.

The community night mentioned above was a wonderful success. A request for more was made by everybody who was present. Our program consisted of a social hour, games, addresses and moving pictures.

Our small library has given rise to the idea that a larger well supplied one could give wonderful service to the community. Fifteen books have been borrowed from our library and read by our boys during the past month.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. ROBINSON, Executive Secretary.

WORDS OF CONGRATULATION FROM MR. N. SCOTT GEN. SECY.

DR. W. E. LOWRY,

Tenth Street, City.

Dear Mr. Lowry:

When I read the notice of your East side community night I was so struck with its possibility that, as I told Mr. Robinson, I had attended immediately congratulating your Committee on the idea. Mr. Robinson has just told me that the meeting was a thorough going success and has opened the way for regular affairs of the kind. It looks to me like one of the most distinct advance steps toward better citizenship among the Negroes of the city, which has come to my attention. I would be immensely surprised if the facts were all before me to learn that the Crocker street Y. M. C. A. did not have a very large part in both the laying of the plans and in their accomplishment.

I have not seen you since the recent Sunday afternoon meeting which produced a crowd of eighty or more. Such things as these are sure indications that the work is rapidly gaining ground. It is not stretching the truth in the least to say that the Crocker street work is probably producing more satisfactory results than any other phase of our work at the present time.

Just between friends, you are to be congratulated on such a board and such a secretary. We are certainly most happy to learn that Mr. Robinson decided to turn his back on the opportunity which has been offered him in order to stay with the Des Moines work. His work has been most thorough going and painstaking, and I have no doubt that your board fully recognizes the magnificence of the work, in the view of real statistics as he feed.

It is certainly true from the standpoint that he has appreciated your own tireless efforts and the support of your Committee.

Hoping that I may be able to present at the meeting Saturday.

Very truly yours,

MERLE SCOTT, General Secretary.

THE ELKS OF THE HAWKEYE LODGE NO. 160 MADE ONE THOUSAND KIDDIES HAPPY XMAS

The Elks minstrel and Christmas tree for kiddies was a grand success and much credit is due those who participated.

The minstrel which was given at the auditorium on the 21st of December was splendid and was enjoyed by the big audience from the beginning with the concert by Community Service band until the last act.

The Christmas tree at Community Center was without doubt the finest and best ever had in Des Moines for our people and from 800 to 1,000 children were made glad.

Eight dozen suits of underwear for children from 2 to 12 years of age, eight dozen pairs of shoes and stockings, eight dozen mittens, pants, caps and aprons were given to these children who needed them.

Candy, apples, nuts and pop corn were given to everychild.

It was a most wonderful sight to see those little tots come in with ragged stockings and feet on the left ground, to go out with new shoes and stockings.

It was a matter of self congratulation to Hawkeye lodge of Elks No. 160 I. B. P. O. E. W. of Des Moines, and will live long in the hearts of our needy population.

Those who were not served should see H. B. Wright at Community Center, Thirteenth and Crocker streets as there are a number of useful things left.

U.B.F. GRAND LODGE TO MEET IN DES MOINES

The committee on grand lodge arrangements of Widow lodge No. 382 U. B. F. meets each Thursday evening at Union Congregational church in preparation for the reception of the grand lodge jurisdiction of Missouri next August. Widow lodge leaves the support of all other organizations in this colored undertaking. There will be between 3,000 and 4,000 visitors here and it can be readily seen that we have a task that can't be accomplished alone. We will need homes and plenty of homes in which to house the visitors. We will need a board of boosters for our city, in fact, we will need the aid of every single person of our loyal group to give our visitors a nice time and show them that Des Moines can be a good host. Suggestions are welcome from all other organizations. Let us all look forward to August, 1922 and the largest gathering of our people ever in Des Moines.—C. W. Harding, Committee Secretary.

APPRECIATING your pleasant bussiness relations with us during the past, we wish you the complements of the season, and trust that the coming new year will bring the best you have ever known in happiness and prosperity.

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