

ANNUAL SERVICE OF Y. M. C. A.

Record of Work Accomplished and Stewardship of Association.

ITS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Most Powerful Agency in Co-operation With the Church—Addresses by Dr. Birnie, President Lowrey and Others—Early History of Organization.

The annual service of the Y. M. C. A. was held last night in Central Union church.

After the address of welcome by F. J. Lowrey, the new president, D. W. Corbett, general secretary of the Association, made the twenty-sixth annual report of the board of directors, from which the following are extracts:

The time has come to make a record of the work accomplished and account for the stewardship entrusted to the Honolulu Young Men's Christian Association during the past year.

The rooms of the Association are open daily from 8 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. The daily average attendance at our reading room numbers 160. Our room is supplied with the best reading material procurable, and is constantly in use. One hundred and sixty-seven volumes have been added to the library shelves during the year. The total number of books in circulation during the year numbers 549. This is a large circulation, considering the material we have at hand, some 1000 volumes in all.

The educational work of the Association continues to occupy an important place in the year's programme. The enrollment of students in October was not so large as in the previous year. The bookkeeping class has twenty-one students. Mr. William Harris has charge of the work and has proven a painstaking and careful instructor. Shorthand has had nineteen pupils, and typewriting twelve. When the additions to our present building are completed, better facilities will be at our disposal for this department.

The principal social gathering of the year was the New Year's reception to the young men of the city. We were assisted in this reception by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. and Y's. About two hundred participated in the dinner. The evening concert was attended by about four hundred people, and was one of the best ever given in our hall. Three concerts and receptions were given to the sailors of the war vessels in port, and were much enjoyed by the men. A number of temperance concerts have been held and attended by large audiences. Our lecturers on the temperance subject included Dr. Hutchins, Chief Justice Judd, Rev. H. W. Peck, C. B. Ripley and others.

The Sunday evening prayer and praise service continues with profit to very many of our members, and holds a prominent place in the work of the association. The Bible class work is not so strong as it was a year ago. This may be accounted for by the fact of other classes started in the city, as also the large number of young men engaged in week night drill in the military companies. The Bethel Hall mission, continued by the Association for many years, was abandoned, but not until the field was amply covered by the entrance of the Salvation Army, who are accomplishing a noble work for this class of men. The work outside the building has included the Sunday service at the goal, by Messrs. Walter C. Weedon and George P. Castle, who have labored faithfully and well. The hospital and visitation work has been attended to by Mr. Frank Cooke and committee. The work of this committee has brought comfort and good cheer to many lives. Young men who are sick, in boarding houses or at home, are visited by the members whenever their name are known to us.

Mr. Hiram Purdy has been the faithful center of the work to sailing vessels in port. Each Sabbath morning the vessels are visited and reading material, consisting of magazines, newspapers and tracts are left. Two hundred and eight applicants for employment have handed their names to be entered on the register for work. All have been counseled to the best of the secretary's ability and situations found for thirty-eight. The membership numbers 283, a gain of nine for the year. We have to record the names of the following members and subscribers who have died during the year: E. C. Damon. Died June 4, 1894. S. N. Castle. Died July 14, 1894. Henry Dimond. Died January 3, 1895. Charles L. Carter. Shot at Waikiki, January 6, 1895. Captain Kibling. Died March 10, 1895.

This list forms a silent appeal to every member for more earnest and faithful service in the days that are left. "For our life is but a shadow that appeareth for a little while and then vanisheth away."

C. B. Ripley, the retiring president, presented a paper entitled "Past, Present and Future of the Young Men's Christian Association." He spoke in part, as follows:

A little more than fifty years ago, in the great city of London, two young men began their life work; one, an open air preacher, spoke daily in different parts of the city, and by his earnest, unconventional methods, the preacher Booth drew to him the nucleus of that great army which today numbers more than two and one-half millions of devoted, self-denying soldiers, and is one of the grandest organizations on earth; unique in its religious methods, wonderful in its zeal and devotion of its members, the Salvation Army is doing a work for fallen humanity, the value of which

can only be measured by Him who knoweth all things.

Upon a different line of action, but moved by the same spirit of love for God and man, a low-salaried clerk in a big drygoods store began his work. There was less of the sensational in the methods of George Williams, the founder of the Young Men's Christian Association, but not less of zeal.

The Young Men's Christian Association is organized in fifty different lands, and as many different languages spoken by its membership, while in the historical library of the American association at Springfield, Mass., there are publications of various kinds relating to association work, in twenty-five different languages. I believe it to be a fact that the Young Men's Christian Association is the most perfectly organized institution in the world, and more than any other religious organization "is it the center of special activities looking to the advancement of the cause of Christ and the promotion of the highest interests of mankind," numbering half a million of the most active, earnest young men in the world—a large part of them trained athletes.

From almost the first organization for Young Men Christian Associations, some form of educational work has been carried on. It was only eighteen months after the founder Williams and his companions began their work that measures were taken to win young men by other than strictly religious agencies.

The main object of the Young Men's Christian Association is to lead men to Christ. That this fundamental truth is never lost sight of in the many-sided work carried forward is evidenced by the success which has attended the work in the half-century just ended. Young men by the thousands have been led to a higher life. More than five thousand young men, representing forty denominations, are now preparing for foreign mission work under the Y. M. C. A. banner. Their watchword is, "The evangelization of the world in the present century."

It is a significant fact that there was never a religious or semi-religious movement inaugurated which has had the support of business men of all denominations, and of no denomination, that this has had. More than one hundred railroad corporations in the United States contribute to the support of the Young Men's Christian Associations.

The association work in colleges is remarkable, and in no department are the results more gratifying. In 1877 there were but twenty-six college associations in the United States. Today there are fully five hundred, with a membership of over thirty thousand, and these figures do not include colored or foreign college associations.

The speaker, in referring to the future of the Y. M. C. A. called attention to its development from year to year until at the present time it stands as the most powerful single agency in co-operation with the church for the development of Christian civilization; to its perfect organization—local, state, national and international, and to the hundreds of thousands of young men passing through its membership yearly and coming into prominence in business and religious life, giving great promise for the future.

Rev. Dr. Birnie made a short address on the work of the Y. M. C. A., saying that its object was to make men out of those who were willing to do their part. Among other things he said: "To be a man is to be like God. Build up the body, build up the mind; but above all, build up the immortal soul. Be a full grown man in the power of God. No one can do this but yourself. The Y. M. C. A. is here to help you."

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