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Y. M. C. A. ANNUAL

A Big Gathering for Installation of Officers.

SEVERAL REPORTS SUBMITTED

Addresses Made—Fine Music—Sale of Pictures—Work of the Past Twelve Months.

President—Walter C. Weedon.
Vice-President—Edwin Benner.
Recording Secretary—Chas. E. Rice.
Treasurer—Edwin A. Jones.
Directors—Walter C. Weedon, Edwin Benner, Chas. E. Rice, B. F. Beardmore, Edwin A. Jones, P. H. Dodge, Olive Davies, C. B. Ripley, Walter F. Frear.

The foregoing officers were installed at the annual anniversary meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last evening. There was some delay in the opening of the exercises for the reason that the light had been cut off. A man was called from the Hawaiian Company's plant and made the necessary connection. An employe of the Government station had made the cut-out under the impression that the hall was not to be used. There was a very large attendance. The audience included leading business men and religious workers. A great many young men were present.

An opening prayer was offered by Rev. T. D. Garvin, pastor of the Christian Church. Next was a trio with mandolins in the hands of Messrs. Marx and Frazier and Mr. Halstead with his guitar. A. B. Wood made a few remarks as a welcome to those who had shown by their coming an interest in the Association. Mrs. Woodward sang charmingly and Miss Johnson delighted all with a mandolin solo. Mr. Marx was clever in a very pleasing violin solo.

A most interesting feature of the evening was the sale of pictures with Harry Armistage as auctioneer and Messrs. Weedon and Coleman as assistants. The pictures were high class prints by the leading illustrators of the day. The first to go was a Gibson to E. A. Jones for \$5. Others prominent in buying were C. B. Ripley, Justice Frear, W. R. Castle, Fred. J. Lowrey, Dr. C. B. High, Dr. Garvin and several ladies. Refreshments were served during the sale.

In accepting the post of the presidency, Mr. Weedon made quite an extended address. He was proud to reach the position after having been a charter member of the Association when it was organized 29 years ago. Following are extracts from the address of the new president:

"Our work lies specifically with young men. The Y. M. C. Association, as an institution occupies a most unique position in the world today; and our home institution occupies the same relative position in Honolulu. It stands mid-way between the church and the world. No other society or institution occupies such ground; for while its genius is to reach out after young men, to 'throw out the Life Line,' 'lower the Life Boat,' to rescue, lift up, elevate and ennoble, and to set young men in the pathway of true manhood; its loftier aim and grander mission is, to bring them as the Sons of the Lord God Almighty; and this work, largely neglected and overlooked by the church proper has fallen into the hands and become the legitimate work of the Y. M. C. Association.

"The time has long since past when the efforts to reclaim man should be expended only upon his religious nature. To attain our greatest usefulness we must provide for the Social, Physical, Intellectual and Spiritual wants of young men, and clear away the debris which often prevents the building of a stalwart Christian character.

"Our social efforts should receive every support, for this is part of the work the church has slighted; in this direction let us develop our abilities and utilize all our facilities.

"With each step we increase the responsibility and approach nearer the real man. In the work of imparting sound knowledge and instruction to thousands of young men who have left home and have entered upon their life's struggle for a place in the world, the Y. M. C. A. is doing a grand work, second to none. Classes and lectures are brought within the reach of the

bumblest, and the young man, who today, does not avail himself of them is either indolent or a wilful spend-thrift. The educational work of our institution is in faithful hands and your committee will not only seek to maintain the high standard in its various branches as heretofore, but to enlarge the scope in instruction and lectures that our halls and rooms be fully utilized, so that no young man in this community can have an excuse to say, 'there was no opportunity to attain knowledge, or utter the complaint, "no man cared for my soul."'

Subjoined are reviews of the various reports read by the chairmen in the course of the evening:

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

"The past year has witnessed many changed conditions in the work of the Y. M. C. A. and we have found ourselves constantly facing new problems. This, however, has rather given zest to our labor, and in surmounting difficulties we have attained a wider range of vision."

Comment is made on the many new faces that appear in the various rooms of the Association and the assurance is given that all visitors are always welcome and are invited to assume a share of the general responsibility and to lend their activity.

There is mentioned the new plan which separates the work of the directors and the committees and the work of the department is endorsed.

"The aim of the Association has been and is to interest and engage as many men as possible, and as interests are so diversified, we have endeavored, along with our educational, social and religious work to attract and develop and interest in clean athletics as well as gymnastics, and we have increased our equipment by securing athletic grounds to be used in connection with the gymnasium.

"While the work has gone on quietly, earnest effort has been expended, with no end in view but ennobling young manhood to the point of recognizing in Jesus Christ, the perfect man and the acceptance of him as an all sufficient Savior. Christian citizenship is the apple of the Association eye. Sober, industrious and intelligent God fearing men are the nation's strength and therefore this building with all its equipment stands open every day and evening for the benefit of the men of this commonwealth.

"Another Association year has come to an end and it is our desire and expectation to see the coming year record many signal successes in character building among young men.

"(Signed) A. B. WOOD."

GENERAL SECRETARY.

Here are mentions of the principal items of the report of General Secretary H. E. Coleman for the year ending March 31, 1898:

Visits of Mr. Watt of San Francisco, Will C. Sprigg of Cape Town, Dr. Whiting of Chicago, W. H. Salmon of Australia, Galen M. Fisher of Japan and Robt. E. Lewis and Robt. R. Galley, en route to China for Y. M. C. A. work.

Employment and work of the Assistant Secretary.

The membership roll shows 148 new names added during the year. The attendance at the building has greatly increased.

The Y. M. C. A. Review has been revived.

Young men seeking employment have been assisted.

A trip was made in May, 1897, to the Molokai Settlement by the Secretary in the interest of the Association.

The work of visiting ships in the harbor has been resumed and good meetings have been held.

The Sunday afternoon meetings for men have been very successful.

The gymnasium has become more popular.

The privileges of the educational classes have been the means of further popularizing the Association.

The Association library has been rearranged and catalogued.

Many plans are on foot for aggressive work during the coming year for young men. "We want our men who have prospered us, and to His direction we commit our every talent of service for the future."

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

B. F. Beardmore, chairman, furnished the record of the work of the physical committee. "The year just ended has been one of the busiest and most important in the history of this department of the Association. There have been held 188 gymnasium classes with an attendance of 2,822, an average of 15 for each class." Mr. Beardmore tells of the excellent work of Mr. M. A. Cheek, of the leasing of the Makiki League Baseball grounds by the Association and of the various successful events conducted. "With a fair amount of assistance from the Association members we do not see why the coming season should not be a very successful one, and we sincerely hope that all will do what they can."

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THE LICENSE BILL

Recommended By Majority of Judiciary Committee.

HARBOR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

How the Excavator Works—Foreign Corporations Being Considered.

SENATE.

Sixtieth Day, April 26.

The license bill, under the provisions of which it is proposed selling beers, ales and wines of low alcoholic strength, is approved by the majority of the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Lyman rendered a minority report in which he gave it as his belief that the license would encourage and promote drunkenness, a condition which he could not recommend. He said the bill was carefully drawn and seemed to answer the purpose but he feared it would be a failure even as Gladstone's Grocers' License measure was a failure in England a few years ago.

The majority of the committee, however, entered into the subject exhaustively and recommended several amendments which they hoped would materially decrease the possibility of a frustration of the intentions of the framers and the promoters of the measure. The majority say that the bills so guarded that all concerned, "even the intemperate and his family are fully protected by the provisions of the act." The report states that in the opinion of the majority the provision to permit the right to search the premises of the vendor for liquor without a warrant is constitutional. As in the original bill one license each is permitted for Nuuanu valley, Wai-iki and Kalihi. No license is to be issued in any district town or place in which there is a retail liquor license in existence. Provision is made so that the act shall not be construed to authorize the licensee to import beers, ales and wines for selling them under his retail license. The recommendation is that the sale be restricted to between the hours of 7 a. m. and 2 p. m. on every day except Sunday. In conclusion the majority say "It follows, therefore, that with such a law as this in operation, the revenues of the country would be increased, besides remedying the evils which we now deplore, when, as it is hoped, the control of such licenses is placed in the hands of responsible residents who have the moral and financial support of the better element of a district."

The report was received to be considered with the bill.

In response to the question of Senator Brown why dredging of the harbor continues by the Government when the matter is in the hands of the committee, Minister Cooper replied that the dredging is in accordance with a deed upon condition made with the Youman's estate.

The House bill to prohibit the importation, sale, etc., of merchandise stamped as to deceive anyone into thinking they are of Hawaiian manufacture, came up with the recommendation of the committee for second reading.

The Attorney-General called attention to the possibility of dealers having for sale unconsciously these spuriously marked articles. The fine fixed in the bill was not less than \$100 nor more than \$500. It seemed to him that an innocent man might suffer. On motion of Senator Lyman the minimum limit of \$100 fine was stricken out. The bill then passed second reading.

The majority reported favoring the passage of the plumbing bill. The report was received to be taken up with a minority report which Senator Waterhouse will make later.

The House bill to permit the withdrawal of alcohol from the Customs House free of duty for the use of the Queen's Hospital passed first and second readings and went to the Commerce Committee.

The House bill authorizing the recent compilation of the Penal Laws by S. M. Ballou passed first and second readings and went to the Judiciary Committee.

At 10:35 o'clock, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Minister Cooper presented the following answers of the Minister of the Interior to questions propounded by Rep. Achi in regard to the working of the odorless excavator during the night time, as submitted by Hon. W. O. Smith, President of the Board of Health:

1. "The changing of the work of the odorless excavator from the day time to the night was made February 24, 1898, on account of the complaints made that the work in the day time was offensive and undesirable. The death rate in this city has not increased since the change of the time for excavating cesspools was made from day to night."

2. "The tables of statistics herewith submitted show that for the 35 days from February 24, 1898 to March 31 last, the number of deaths in the city, among residents of the city was 77 and the number of deaths for the 35 days preceding February 24th, among residents of the city was 87."

3. "The physicians and members of the Board of Health ordered the change to night work as a matter of experiment, on account of the complaints made above referred to; and did not have any special opinion upon the subject."

4. "The Board of Health has taken no action upon the matter of continuing the work at night. As above stated, the change was made as an experiment, and the continuing or discontinuing of it will depend upon the results, taking into consideration all circumstances."

Rep. Achi moved that the answers be laid on the table. He had been misled by an evening paper. Carried.

Minister Cooper presented the following answers of the Minister of the Interior to questions propounded by Rep. Wilder:

1. "The Government is filling in for wharf purposes an area of 92,000 square feet, being a portion of a lot of land conveyed to the Government upon condition that a certain other area, belonging to the Youman's estate, amounting to 57,000 square feet, be filled by the Government. This is all the Government is prepared to fill in the immediate future."

2. "To the question, 'Does the area now being filled in, cover any ground which, in a recent controversy over the wharf question, in Honolulu harbor conducted in the public press of this city it was contended should be dug out instead of being filled in. If so, how much of said ground is being filled in or will be filled in in the immediate future?' I would state, if it is understood that the area which it was contended should be dug out is the area between the wharves of the Pacific Commercial Advertiser map, then about 65,000 square feet of this area is being filled, and a portion of that covered by the wharf in the map is being dug out."

3. "The wharf frontage to be made by filling, already stated out, is 850 feet with a possibility of increasing it about 100 feet with less than one-half the excavation required by the plan published in the Pacific Commercial Advertiser."

4. "The cost of excavating to give the 850 feet wharf frontage will be \$17,000."

5. "The amount spent in dredging the Pacific Mail slip, so called, would probably excavate an area of 170,000 square feet, considerably more than that being filled in and would give a wharf frontage of 18,000 feet. This, however, could not be done without acquiring property not owned by the Government."

6. "I am not aware that the propriety of the filling in of this land is in issue except so far as it is covered by the item in the appropriation bill for dredging Honolulu harbor."

7. "I am not aware that any member of the Cabinet has made any public declaration of the intention to make the fillings in question."

The report with accompanying deed to the land mentioned and a map

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