The Convention.

At 7:15 o'clock, Thursday evening, occurred the opening exercises of the Twenty-second State Convention of the city, college, and railroad Young Men's Christian Associations of Iowa, with the President, Hon. W. E. Blake, of Burlington, in the chair. The song service from 7:15 to 7:45 was especially interesting, and served to create that enthusiasm and good feeling so essential for good work in a Christian convention. At the close of the song service State Secretary McGee conducted a Bible reading, which was followed with prayer by Mr. J. W. Haag, of Chicago, M. H. Lyon, '92, in behalf of the home association, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and delegates, Chancellor McClain made the welcoming address in behalf of the Faculty, and Dr. E. N. Barrett, of the Presbyterian Church, spoke in behalf of the churches and pastors of the city. The President responded in behalf of the visitors. He expressed his thanks for the hearty welcome received, and said that to Iowa City belonged the honor of holding the Twenty-second Annual Y. M. C. A. Convention in the first Association building in Iowa. This is the first time the State Convention has been held in an Association building.

The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. William J. Harsha, D. D., of Omaha, who had for his subject "What Next for the Young Men's Christian Association?" The fundamental idea of the address was the application of Christian life and work to the social problems of to-day. Three verses of scripture were referred to, namely: "One thing thou lackest," "One thing is needful," "One thing I do." The Christian Association must carry out these three things, which really are one. One thing is everything in all Christian life, Christianity is a chain, and one link broken, the whole chain. "One thing is needful." We should carry the one thing of faith in Christ into every act of life. It is by this means that the Christian Association can become strong and influential. One thing is needful in all the world, and that is practical application of Christ's love. "One thing I do." The Young Men's Christian Association has one thing to do, and that is to develop in men sound minds in sound bodies. Most men fail because they change from one thing to another. To be successful you must follow one thing with zeal and earnestness. If you are going to be a Christian, be one heart and soul. Apply the power of Jesus Christ to the social problems of to-day. There is a difference between loving and admiring Christ. Do you love Christ or do you simply admire Him? The "one thing" to do is to love Him, and to make His love felt in all the walks of life.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The greater part of the morning was given up to permanent organization and reports from the different associations. The report of the State Committee showed that excellent work had been done during the year. Alexander Patterson, of Chicago, delivered an able address on Paul's life, character, and work. The speaker said in substance: We are influenced by examples more than by any other human agency. The life of Paul is a kind of continuation of the life of Christ. As God was to Christ, so Christ was to Paul. Paul's labors began when Christ's labors ended. If any character should be commended to the student it is that of Paul. Paul was never a hypocrite; in whatever he did he was sincere. We must make a distinction between religion and Christianity. It is not enough to be sincere; we must be sanctified by the Word. It was the sight of Christ that turned the whole current of Paul's life. The heart must be changed as well as the soul before we can be converted. Paul had a great mind. God uses every natural gift we have. But you must know something more than Bible verses. The gospel of Christ must be imprinted upon your heart. Alone with God is the place to learn. Paul's message may be summed up in one word, Christ. He did not preach social doctrines. There are some things that are good, others are better, and some are best. It is a good thing to train men's bodies; it is better to train men's minds: it is the best thing to train men's souls. Paul's methods and sufferings were admirably presented. In conclusion the speaker said we need more of the sincere feeling for souls if we want to do effective work for Christ.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Frank W. Ober, of Omaha, not being present, his paper was read by the general secretary of the Rock Island Association. The paper reviewed briefly the growth of the Y. M. C. A. since its founding about twenty five years ago, and mentioned the various issues which have been prominent during the period that has gone by. The burning question for the Association to day is, How may we influence the young men of our populous cities whose ranks are daily being reinforced by accesses from the country. The church is unable to reach these young men, and therefore the Y. M. C. A., as an organization composed of young men, should make it its special province to throw around their fellows beneficial influences such as may counteract the views to which city life exposes them.

A. M. Wright, Secretary of the Sioux Falls Association, discussed the question: "What is Necessary for a Successful Young Men's Meeting." The speaker should be notified at least a month in advance of the meeting which he is to speak. Each meeting should be thoroughly advertised, and should be opened by an energetic song service, which is usually found to be very effective in working up a proper amount of enthusiasm. Throughout, the meeting should be conducted in a sensible and natural manner. Above all there is need of three things: personal work, promptness in opening and closing the meeting, and frankness and manliness in intercourse with one's fellows.

E. W. Peck, of Des Moines, read a paper on "Association Business Affairs," and insisted that the financial management of many of the associations was not what it might be. He argued that what is everybody's business is nobody's business, and that therefore one man should be chosen to see to the financial management of the association.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening exercises were held in the Methodist Church, which was crowded to its utmost. The first speaker was Frank L. Johnston, of St. Louis. He said: Wherever the Y. M. C. A. has been planted God's blessing has followed the work. All the departments of the association are now equipped; but one thing is lacking: we don't get hold of young men individually. Effective work for Christ is personal work. The Y. M. C. A. is the strong right arm of the church. The active workers in the association are also the active workers in the church. It is important that young men should look into this work not only for its remuneration but for the vast field it opens for doing good.

Alexander Patterson, of Chicago, was next introduced, and delivered a masterly address on "Men, Means, Methods." God works by selected instruments. He secures whom He will, but He wants men to His mind. The grandest thing God can give to a church is a grand, good man. God selects by strange tests. Men are being (continued on page 2)
The Vidette-Reporter

The sessions of the State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association are being very largely attended. At least two hundred and fifty men have come to Iowa City as delegates from other cities and counties. The crowded meetings, the good singing, the general air of earnestness that prevails over all, go far toward making the Convention a genuine inspiration to all who attend.

The addresses have been of the highest character; pure, simple, logical, full of Christian thought and advice. It is an inspiration to listen to such speakers as we have had among us the last few days. To see an army of young men united in their efforts for a good cause exalting in their ranks the leading men in every honorable profession, gaining in strength every year, —this shows that our Christian Associations have a mission to fulfill, a mission which can be fulfilled only by young men. We are confident that every delegate will go home with a stronger faith, a more burning zeal and a stronger love for his work. It is true that "the young men lead the world" and these conventions serve to show the power of these young men and the wholesome influence which they exert upon a community and upon a state.

That the Christian Associations throughout our State are doing good work is shown by the various reports made yesterday morning.

Delegates, you are welcome to our University, we are glad to see you, we are glad to come in contact with men from other colleges and from other states, if but for a few days.

Junior Annual of '93.

The Hawkins, Junior Annual of the Class of '93, is now being bound and a limited number will be put on sale for the professional departments, excepting the Law, early next week. The whole edition will be ready for sale by next Saturday or before. This is the second Annual of S. F. L., and is in every respect a creditable work. The business managers and editors are to be congratulated upon the promptness with which they have gotten out the book.

It contains all the desirable information that would be expected in a complete reference manual of the University.

A brief review of the contents will no doubt be interesting to our readers.

The Annual is very happily dedicated in these words:

"To Amos Noyes Currier, the Nestor of the Collegiate Department, this book is inscribed, as a token of simple affection and kindly remembrance."

Opposite this dedication is a full-page portrait of Professor Currier, and at the opening of the Annual proper appears a similar portrait of President Schaeffer. Then follow the histories of the departments in their order of founding, with names of all professors, instructors and students. These are followed in order by the Literary Societies, Fraternities, Engineering Society, Seminaries, Lecture Bureau, Baconian Club, Oratorical Association, Tabard, Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., Alumni Association, Conversation Club, Delta Chi Club, University Battalion, with names of prize winners, S. U. i. Band, T. W. V., Banjo and Guitar Club, Phi Kappa Psi Quartette, Freshman Coquina Quartette, Oratorical Contest '91, Declamatory Contest '91, and Holtbrook Prize '91.

Then follows an account of the Library, by Mrs. North, S. U. i. Quill, and Vidette-Reporter, Natural History Bulletin, The Transit, Hawkeye, and Law Bulletin. Athletics follow, with descriptions of the various associations, clubs and leagues, together with official scores of both home and state contests for last year. The Literary department comes next and contains contributions from the faculty, alumni and students. Wit, humor and the chronological table finish the Annual to the advertisements, making a book of 250 pages, exclusive of steel engravings, photogravures, half tones and zinc etchings. Of these latter there are about twenty steel engravings representing literary societies, fraternities, departments and classes, about fifteen photogravures and half tones representing full page pictures of the new Chemical Building, Close Hall, Science Building, Medical Building, Central Building, interior views of the Dental Department's laboratory and clinic room, every professor and instructor in all professional departments, the University, football and baseball ball teams and the editors of the Annual, and innumerable zinc engravings of all kinds and descriptions.

The cover is 12x inches, black, with Hawkeye in silver lettering.

The business managers, editors and class of '93 sincerely hope that the Hawkeye for this year will find a place in the room of every student and that it will prove a representative worthy of the University.
There are about 275 delegates present.

To-day is college day. Questions of special interest to colleges will be discussed.

The Male Quartette is excellent. They sang Thursday evening, "Throw Out the Life Line," which was received with profound attention.

All of the twenty-seven men who are devoting their time to Y. M. C. A. work in this State are present, together with secretaries or speakers from other States.

The Conferences yesterday afternoon were a decided success. The college delegates met in the Congregational Church and the city delegates in the M. E. Church. Entertainment was given by the young people of the city. Mr. Doggett, College Secretary of Ohio, had charge of the college delegation.

The committee on permanent organization recommended the following: President, Dr. Wm. M. Beardse, of the Agricultural College; first vice president, W. E. Blake, of Burlington; second vice president, G. M. Lyon, of Atlantic; secretaries, A. E. Kaiser, A. W. Braley, and A. E. Wimmer; press secretaries, H. F. Rall, H. S. Ingram and I. Webber.

To-morrow's Meetings.

The consecration services will be held to-morrow morning at 9 a. m., Close Hall, led by L. j. Doggett, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Young men's meeting at Close Hall, 4 p. m., led by A. M. Dwight.

Ladies' meeting, M. E. Church, 4 p. m., led by L. j. Doggett.

The evening services will be held in the Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist churches. The farewell services will be held in the Congregational Church on Clinton street, at 8:45. Don't forget this meeting.

Professor Albert Loughridge, of the State Normal, will occupy the pulpit at the Baptist Church in the morning. President Wm. Beardse, of the Iowa Agricultural College, will speak in the Congregational Church.

We are furnishing all the gymnasium uniforms. Call and be measured. Coast & Easley.

IOWA CITY COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, ACADEMY, AND SCHOOL OF SHORT-HAND.

Our young friends desiring good positions should attend the Iowa City Commercial College Academy and School of Short-Hand. These instructors, Messrs. Mason, Willis & Williams, are having more demands for their students than they are able to supply. They have placed six in good places as stenographers, bookkeepers, cashiers and teachers, during the past few weeks. Now is the time to prepare yourselves. New students are entering this popular institution every day. Students of the University and other schools may take book-keeping, Short-Hand, Penmanship, or any other branches taught, at very reasonable rates. Call and investigate.

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Inter-Collegiate Press Notice.

The Executive Committee of the Iowa Inter-Collegiate Press Association announces that the second annual meeting of the Association will be held at Cedar Rapids, on Thursday, 25 February, 1892, in the Chapel of Coe College, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Misses Nelly Cochrane and Anna Robinson joined the Pi Phi’s last week.

Captains Russell and Stiles drilled their companies on the campus Wednesday.

L. Bayard Elliott, ’93, and Lloyd J. Elliott, ’94, joined the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity last night.

Reserved seats for the four lectures of Professor Calvin on “World Making” at Wmeneke’s at 8 a. m. Monday.

Kappa Kappa Gamma initiated Annabel Collins and the Delta Gamma’s initiated Margaret Williams, last evening.

M. J. Kenedick, last year a member of the Medical class of ’92, now of the Chicago Medical School, was in the city yesterday.

The growth of the general library during the past four years has been rapid. In 1888-89 only 510 volumes were added. In 1889-90 376 volumes were added, last year 1,000, and up to date in present year, 1,474.

In the field of University Extension work, Professor Carrier lectured in Muscatine last evening, subject, Rome. The lecture was historical and descriptive, and dwelt mainly upon Roman antiquities and notable public buildings. It was illustrated by stereoscopic views. Professor Calvin is in Des Moines, giving the first and second lectures in the World-Making course, and Professor McBride is in Davenport for his third lecture in the same course.

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