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IT has been thought best by the board of editors to devote this issue of the ECHO to the reports of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations of the college for the year '94-'95. By this means we shall be enabled to form some idea of the extensive work being carried on by these Associations, and also see some of the many ways in which they are advancing the standing and reputation of our college morally and religiously. For there are no organizations of greater importance to the general interests of a college than its Christian Associations. These reports will consist of those from the various officers of the associations with a full description of the Bible Study Courses.

## Y. M. C. A. Reports

### THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Those who realize the need of Christian work and undertake to do that work are rarely ever satisfied with their attainments, although they have been comparatively successful. As we look back over the year, there is satisfaction in what has been accomplished, and again we feel it that might and should have been much more.

On the whole it has been a year of growth and progress. It has been a year marked by a new interest in the cause and purpose of the association. We have realized as never before, the mission of the association in the American college and have tried to perfect our association that it may fill its proper place in the college. We have given the association a more prominent place in our college life.

It has been a year of organization. Four years ago our association was at a low ebb. The association began to send delegates to Northfield. A few men thereby, came in touch with the associations at large and began to see the need of the home association. They began to interest as many as they could in the new phases of association work, and many new features were introduced. Bible study was begun in the Spring of ninety-three. At the opening of last year a sufficient number of men manifested an interest in the association to warrant a thorough organization.

We began with our Bible study department and our progress has been one of interest. Our Northfield delegates were requested to make a thorough study of that department and to bring in such courses as they could find in use in other colleges. Two courses, one for the Fresh-

men and one for the Juniors, were procured from Yale. The Sophomores continued the course which all had studied the year before. We issued an original course in the Life of St. Paul, early in the fall term, for the Seniors. We thus began the year with four full courses, making a progressive Bible study. This gives a student four different courses during his college course. The new plan has proved itself worthy of continuance, and has adapted itself to our needs so fully that it is considered to be the strongest feature of our association. The Colby Association is among the first to adopt such a complete course of Bible study.

The committees have given careful attention to their departments and all available literature bearing on their special work. While the interest in missions has been up to the average, yet it seems that this department needs strengthening. It is encouraging to notice the beginnings which are being made for a missionary alcove, and the funds which have been raised for foreign missions. We lack a mission band, and its place might be taken, in a way, by the organization of a few who are interested in this work for the purpose of studying missions. While we have held more committee meetings than formerly, yet there is a need of more frequent meetings of the committees and cabinet.

The fall campaign was most ably conducted. The Freshmen were made to feel at home in the association from the start. We have never seen a Freshman class enter the work of the association so quickly and heartily. Nearly one-half of the total number in the Bible classes came from the Freshman class. There has been none of that timidity and reticence in taking part in our meetings so common to an entering class.

The largest regular attendance has been maintained in our meetings of any year in our memory. We have never seen the members of the association so ready in prayer and testimony. The attendance at our Thursday evening conferences has been something remarkable. Those who never attend the regular meetings of the association have availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing President Whitman. The association cannot be too grate-

ful to President Whitman for his kind services.

The way in which Colby men have come to regard Northfield indicates that the spiritual life of the college has deepened. It has always been difficult to find delegates to go to this summer school, but during the past year several men have expressed an earnest desire to experience the inspiration of the students' conference. Our delegation to Northfield this summer will be four times as large as ever before.

When we compare our association with what it was four years ago, we see that there has been a steady growth in its organization and influence. When we compare our association with those which have been blessed with a spiritual awakening, we feel the need of such an awakening in Colby. Our progress in organization and the presence of the Northfield spirit indicate that our association is fast approaching a position to bring a similar blessing to Colby.

With our present organization and development we are in a position to be of service to the other associations in the state which have not yet come into complete touch with the association movement. We need to use every opportunity in our power to encourage the associations in the fitting schools and to acquaint them with the work we are doing in the colleges, that they may take an active and intelligent part in the work of the association as soon as they reach college.

It is safe to say that the Colby Association is on better footing, to-day, than ever before. With the organization which has been brought about this year, with the strong Christian forces in the under classes, with this strong desire which prevails to develop the missionary interest and with our large Northfield delegation, the prospect is indeed bright for the year upon which we have entered.

We are very grateful to the faculty for contributing so generously to our Northfield fund. We desire also to express our gratitude to the student body, at large, for the kind interest and sympathy which has been expressed in our behalf.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRED BRYANT.

Y. M. C. A. OF COLBY UNIVERSITY IN ACCOUNT  
WITH F. M. PADELFORD, TREASURER.

SPRING TERM.

DR.		
To cash on hand rec'd from Bryant,	\$2.50	
" collected, dues,	29.25	
		\$41.75

CR.		
By amt. paid Wyman for printing,	\$ 2.00	
" " Pres. for convention,	10.00	
" " for stamps,	2.50	
" " for printing,	1.35	
" " Bryant for Pres. Conf.,	10.00	
" " Northfield Del.,	15.90	
		\$41.75

FALL TERM.

DR.		
To cash rec'd from Y. M. C. A. for reception,	\$15.00	
" collected, dues,	30.00	
		\$45.00

CR.		
By Fall Topic Cards,	\$ 2.00	
" stamps for reception,	2.25	
" " hand-book,	.75	
" refreshments Murry,	40.00	
		\$45.00

SPRING TERM.

DR.		
To cash rec'd for Y. M. C. A., Bible study slips,	\$1.50	
" collected, dues,	30.50	
" rec'd for Lecture Tickets,	225.00	
		\$257.00

CR.		
By amt. paid Chadwick for piano,	4.00	
" " bal on Hand Books,	11.00	
" " invitations,	8.00	
" " Bible study cards, Freshman,	4.25	
" " " Junior,	2.50	
" " " Senior,	8.00	
" " expenses of Lecture Course,	95.00	
		127.75
Total amt. rec'd,	343.75	
" " expended,	214.50	
Amount in treasury,	\$129.25	
Respectively submitted,		

F. M. PADELFORD, Treasurer.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

The membership of the Y. M. C. A. is as follows:

	Active	Associate
Seniors,	10	5
Juniors,	10	4
Sophomores,	12	1
Freshmen,	24	3

As its name indicates, the work of this committee is to look after the membership of the association. If its work is well done there will not be a man in college who has not been interviewed to find whether he is eligible to membership in the association, either as an active or an associate member. It is the duty of the committee to see that just as many men in the college as possible are benefited by becoming members of the association.

The members of this committee will be called upon to answer a good many questions by the men among whom they are working. To be successful they must know all about the association for which they are working. It is important that each man who is asked to become a member shall know just what he is doing in taking such a step. This doesn't mean that the membership committee must give each man a long lecture, but that they must be prepared to answer intelligent questions about the work of the Y. M. C. A., its constitution, and about what an active or associate member is expected to do.

It is very evident that the most of the work of this committee is among Freshmen. The other classes have mostly been canvassed already. To do the best work, the committee should begin as soon as the fall term opens and work hard until they have gone the rounds of the entering class. We wish to let the newcomers know that we are interested in them, and wish to help them and be helped by them. Experience shows that the best time to do good work among the Freshmen is very early in the fall term. After the ground has been gone over once, the bulk of the work of the committee is done, but they should be always on the watch for other men that still may be reached.

In getting new members the committee does not want to depend on itself entirely. It very frequently happens that there is a man who ought to be a member of the association, but whom the committee cannot persuade to become a member. Such a man can often be reached

through some one of his friends who is already a member.

Respectfully submitted,  
A. S. COLE, Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WORK FOR NEW STUDENTS.

The most important work devolving upon this committee is to prepare and issue the annual hand-book of the association.

Very early in the spring term your committee began work on the hand-book, but unfortunately it was not issued until the middle of June. We wrote to the principals of all the academies and fitting schools of the state as far as was practicable, requesting them to send us the names of those of their students who were to enter college this year. In this way we got the names of a great many who intended to enter college and we at once sent them copies of the hand-book. But yet when the college opened we found a great many of the entering class who had not received hand-books. The greatest problem in regard to the hand-books seems to be how to place them in the hands of a great many prospective college students, in fact, to send one to every student who is at all inclined to enter Colby the next year. This can be thoroughly done if every one in college will give a little help. It would not be a difficult task to prepare and distribute to each of the students blanks on which to write the names of the college preparatory students his own town and blanks should also be sent to the principals of the largest fitting schools.

Collect all these blanks and carefully make a list of the different names and we can place books in the hands of almost all the incoming Freshmen class. To do this we need the help of all the students, and this seems in perfect keeping with the nature of the hand-book, for although it is under the care of the two associations your committees have endeavored to make it what its title implies a *hand-book* of Colby University and as such needed by every student of Colby University.

Other colleges get out neat, tasty hand-books

full of valuable information. We cannot afford to issue books inferior to theirs.

By judicious management advertisements can be secured, enough to pay all the expenses incurred in issuing the hand-book.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. W. TURNER, Chairman.

## THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

Your missionary committee has provided for several union missionary meetings at which both the Y. M. C. and Y. W. C. Associations have been present.

We have been favored by two excellent talks from Mr. Chiba. One upon the "War in the East and Its Probable Influence Upon Oriental Civilization"; and another upon the "Religions and Customs of the Japanese." These two lectures were very interesting and contained much desired information.

At our last missionary meeting Mrs. Claffin gave a fine description of her work in the Congo valley among the Africans.

Among other work which the committee has accomplished has been the setting in order of the Boardman Missionary Alcove. The slack way in which these relics from foreign lands have been kept for sometime past has been a constant eye sore to us. Accordingly a few of us last term went into the room dusted the curiosities, cleaned, rearranged and tabulated them so that now we know what we have and where to look for them.

There is space yet remaining in this alcove and we think it would be a good idea if we could fill up the shelves with books and other literature relating to missionary topics, and thus lay the foundation for a missionary alcove which is so popular in our large and influential colleges.

Also in connection with this missionary alcove we are endeavoring to raise a missionary fund to be devoted to some worthy object in foreign fields.

We have not collected all the money yet, but the amount promises to be a fair one.

We most sincerely hope that the good missionary spirit which has been started here at Colby may continue and increase, and that the

missionary department will take the prominent place it should in our college Y. M. C. A. For every college Y. M. C. A. of importance throughout the country is full to overflowing with missionary zeal and enthusiasm. In fact no church or college Y. M. C. A. can long exist or live an active useful christian life unless it has in a preeminent degree the spirit of the Master when he said: Go ye unto all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Respectfully submitted,  
F. E. NORRIS, Chairman.

### BIBLE STUDY.

Bible study in college. Those who have been to Northfield and have come under the influence of that school understand what this means to a college and to the students who engage in it.

For several years Bible study in American colleges has received the attention and consideration of devoted Christian men and their efforts have been blessed by God. It has been the experience of men who have carefully watched college men that the Bible received a very small part of the students' attention. It was being crowded out of its proper place and even Christian men left college with a very meagre knowledge of the Bible.

Mr. John R. Mott in a report of Bible study in college says, "many a student spends from eight to fourteen hours of each day upon other studies without spending as many minutes upon the word of God. Is it strange that he has nothing but a boy's conception of it?"

The Bible furnishes the best equipment for Christian work and those who have had the greatest success in that line of work from Paul to Moody have been great and constant students of the word of God.

The need of systematic Bible study for the individual is probably recognized by every one and those who have had experience in college association work see that the relation is the same to the association as to the individual. Bible study is the department around which all other departments turn. It is agreed by all who have had experience in the work that the life of the association depends upon the atten-

tion given to this one thing. It is the foundation and starting point of all association work.

To meet this long felt need in American colleges courses of Bible study have been organized which are conducted entirely by the students for the purpose of awakening a deeper spiritual life in the association. Previous to the spring of '93 our college association was not in touch with the other college associations of the country. Mr. Tuthill attended the Northfield school at the end of his Freshman year and was also sent as delegate the next year. He came back to college each term filled with the spirit of those meetings. He talked with other members of the association about forming a class but for some time failed to get much enthusiasm started.

During the spring of '93, he used to meet a few of the students on Sunday afternoon to study the life of Christ, using Mr. McConaughy's outline. The next year four groups were formed, following the same outline as before, but giving more attention to the personal work element as it is recommended in that course of study. The work this year was marked by a deeper spiritual life in those who faithfully followed the work.

At the beginning of this present college year it was thought best to try a new plan. One of the delegates sent to Northfield the summer before, carefully studied the course followed at Yale which was adopted by this association and has been the one used. The course consists of a study of Christ's life for the Freshman class, McConaughy's Christ Among Men for the Sophomore class, the Parables and Miracles for the Junior class and for the Senior class a study of the life of Paul.

The course was started soon after the opening of the fall term and has continued ever since. The new plan was untried, and, of course, those who started it felt anxious as to the results. The group leaders were appointed and the work was given to each one to form his own group. Fifty-seven men were found who were willing to enter the work and fifty-four have kept it up till now.

There have been many perplexing questions

coming up and perhaps it is not strange that such questions did rise. Bible study of this kind was a new thing to the association. Some difficulties were seen in the way even before the work began and while remedies were not found for all of them, many were guarded against. There are men in college for whom it is hard to find a willing or competent leader. For such there is need of a teacher who has much of the spirit of Christ and who has made a more thorough study of the Bible than the average student.

It is results we are working for and not simply organization. Perhaps the results have not been all that we hoped they would be, but it is believed that the Christian students enjoy a deeper spiritual life than they would if the Bible study had not been here.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. DUGAN, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF THE FRESHMAN BIBLE STUDY.

As all of the New Testament hinges upon the Life and Teachings of Christ, it seemed advisable that the Freshmen Courses should be a devotional study of the Life of Christ. The course is open to both Christian and Non-Christian men. The aim of the study is two-fold, to make men Bible students, and to form a foundation for the courses of the following years.

The average man who enters college has but a vague and general idea of even the New Testament, it is safe to say that in a new class hardly one man can be found who has formed the systematic and daily Bible study; few do more than read a chapter at night. Such a course will prove dangerous in college, for college men are not content to hold to certain views of religion simply because their parents did before them, the result is that many a young man, through neglect of prayer and Bible study, is lost forever in a whirlpool of scepticism. On the other hand, the college man who has learned to depend upon the Scriptures for the solving of these vexatious problems that he must merit has a religion of uncalculable worth. College

men must know what they believe and why they believe it. A knowledge of the teachings of Christ, then, is needed as a safeguard in college.

Few men at the time of entering college have any practical ideas even, in regard to thorough, careful systematic Bible study; it is as necessary to learn methods in Bible study as in any other study. As the class is primarily intended to make men Bible students, it is advised that the New Testament Text and not commentaries and lives of Christ, be made the basis of study. We feel that the only way for a man to become a successful Bible student is to find the real meaning of scriptural passages for himself.

The method of study is as follows: Monday, Study text so as to get the Historical, Geographical and Topical Analysis. Tuesday, Study until the text itself is well known. Wednesday, Study the parallel accounts. Thursday, Study the revised version and commentaries. Friday, Study with different lives of Christ. Saturday, What our own lives can get from the lesson.

The course that we have been using is similar to a course tried in Yale last year. Though the course as a whole has proved successful, yet experience has taught us valuable lessons. We have found that the shorter the lesson the more interesting and profitable is the study. Our course can be revised with great advantage.

We have found Kephart's Maps of the Public Life of Christ of great service in the study. This is an ingenious map so arranged as to give in concise and convenient form, a clear geographical and chronological setting of Christ's active ministry.

Our ambition is to have a clear idea of the time, place, circumstances, thought and bearing of all the recorded events in Christ's life, at the end of the year's work.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED M. PADEL FORD.

#### REPORT OF SOPHOMORE BIBLE STUDY.

Our work in the Sophomore class is the study of Christ's life with reference to personal work.

We use as a text book McConaughy's "Christ



Among Men, or Object Lessons in Personal Work." This is substantially the same as was studied last year in all the classes, except that it has been revised and the outlines made much more exhaustive. This case has proved in many points a help, in others a hindrance.

The especial aim of the course is to encourage personal work. We have tried to accomplish this by studying Christ's personal interviews with the purpose of learning, so far as we could, his manner of dealing with men; by the reporting of personal work done by the class and by discussion of the best methods to pursue in each case.

Although the aim of our part of the course is distinctively in the line of personal work, yet we try to keep ever before us the fact that, while it especially emphasizes this phase of Christian activity, it by no means would leave us with the impression that personal work is to be ended with the completion of the Sophomore year.

Besides being a help in personal work, one year of study is very rich in itself. During the year, we follow Christ from the child in the manger at Bethlehem, to the Son of God as he ascends in glory to his Father. In a year of such study, we must get a grander conception of Christ, the Personal Savior of Men. If we do this we shall not have studied in vain.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. TAYLOR.

### JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY.

It is the belief of those who planned the present system of Bible study that the course would be incomplete if the Parables and Miracles of Christ were not given a place in the curriculum. There are evident reasons both for emphasizing this study and for giving it the third place in the curriculum.

It is thought that the Bible study of the first two years furnishes a natural gradation of steps to the study of the Parables and Miracles in the Junior year. There are intellectual and materialistic dangers in this latter course that the immature Bible student will of necessity meet.

Devotional study of the life of Christ and practical efforts in personal christian work are invaluable as foundation for the superstructure of the Junior and Senior courses.

The study of this course is especially valuable because of its comprehensive nature. An intelligent study of the Parables and Miracles necessitates the knowledge of a thousand and one details of manners and customs; it makes essential an acquaintance with all parts of the Bible. Commentaries and other aids must be consulted again and again; revised editions and the original text are closely studied. In this way, we gain a knowledge of the Bible as a text-book that single courses may wholly fail to give.

Primarily, of course, the Miracles are to manifest the divinity of Jesus Christ and for this reason are not so rich in meaning and significance to the christian as the Parables. Yet a study of the Miracles cannot fail to make more clear and definite the validity of the claims which the wonder working Christ is ever asserting.

A study of the Parables is full of profit. As a mere study of figures one is most richly repaid for the closest investigation. The versatility of Christ is marvelously exemplified by his unique presentations of truth, by his perfect adaptation of expression and explanation to the varied audiences before him. Again, the human personality of the Master is strongly impressed upon us by the study of the Parables; he is a loving Friend and Saviour as well as a Divine teacher.

Some difficulties and possible dangers have been found in the course. The intellectual element before mentioned is likely to become predominant. Both teacher and student are apt to forget that the chief object of all Bible study is to bring us into contact with Christ, to give greater desire and ability to do His will. We believe this danger to be a real one to be avoided only as we emphasize the devotional element, the prayerful spirit. We must remember that the Holy Spirit is the only adequate teacher of the Word; without Him we shall go astray.

There seems to be a manifest feeling that for the Junior course, teachers are needed who

possess minds of more than ordinary maturity and strength. Long acquaintance with and a thorough knowledge of the Bible are absolutely necessary if the best work is to be done. Many have expressed the wish that one of the college Professors might have charge of the work. These facts make it difficult to find teachers among the students who are willing or able to take the classes.

The result has been that no attempt at *teaching* has been made; the class hour has itself been made one of informal study and research; questions that perplexed individuals have been considered by the entire group; together we have tried to find the meaning of God's word.

Finally, we have found in the study more truly than in all others that we must bring the wealth of the Indies to the Bible if we would find and take such wealth away.

We have made mistakes; we have found difficulties; we have failed to study as we should; but we have learned that it pays to study the Parables and Miracles of the New Testament. We have been helped and blessed thus far; we trust that the future has in store results that shall be still more rich and far reaching than any that the past has brought.

Respectfully submitted,  
FRED W. PEAKES.

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#### SENIOR BIBLE STUDY.

After studying the Life of Christ in a general chronological order, and taking McConaughy's Personal Worker, followed by the study of the parables and miracles, of Christ, one will be likely to be thrown into an uncertain state of mind because of some seeming contradictions in the life and work of Christ. If one's study of the New Testament stops here the true meaning could not be seen. But we are not left thus alone to grope in the darkness, for the learned Paul comes forward to expound, and show some of the hidden mysteries of the gospels. So then the study of the character and life of Paul as found in the Acts and Epistles is the best capstone to a systematic course of Bible study that can be made.

With the aid of Stalker's Life of Paul and other Helpers we learn of Paul's parentage and his early training; and can locate upon the map his early home. We follow him to Jerusalem, when he studies the law, and still later, as a member of the Sanhedron receives a commission to persecute the Christians, "even unto strange cities." And when in the plains of Damascus he sees before him the city of his search, when he, as he fully believes, is soon to do God's will in the persecution of Christians.

Considerable time is spent contemplating his conversion. Then we follow him as he embarks upon his great missionary tours, keeping before us a map of the places he visited. Notice him as a miracle worker, his personal influence among his hearers. His tact, courtesy, ambition, logic, memory, fluency and impetuosity. We try to bring out the fact that the world needed a Paul to open the gates of Christianity to others than the Jews, and as a student of the law, he tried to prove the divinity of Christ and to hold him up to the world.

The remaining time is put upon Paul's Epistles. First to read the book as a whole, then making analysis of special parts.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. P. KITTEDGE.

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#### NORTHFIELD.

Large religious gatherings have been characteristic of the church in the days of its greatest power and advancement. Great inspiration results, even from the temporary fellowship of those who hold kindred beliefs. It is one thing to read or to know of a great religious movement, but it is entirely another thing to meet face to face and to hear for yourself those who are making that movement the study of their lives. The Christian students of our land, alive to this important factor in Christian work have instituted large summer gatherings for the exchange of ideas and for mutual inspiration. The first summer school was held in Northfield, Mass., but at present these schools are being held in Europe and Asia. They bid fair to link



the students of the world in one great Christian fellowship.

As Northfield is the parent summer school it is the largest summer school in America. It is a very representative gathering, as nearly all the states and colleges east of the Mississippi send delegates. It is impossible to estimate the inspiration which comes from the Christian fellowship of students representing such a variety of interests and experiences.

The Northfield summer school is unique in its location. Nature has wonderfully fashioned this place for such a convention. But more than this Northfield is the home of Mr. Moody and for this reason it will ever be held in sacred memory. This wonderful man not only possesses great power with the student of this land and his influence is no less among the students of Oxford and Cambridge. What wonder that the students of every institution find inspiration in sitting at the feet of this man who seems so much like the prophets of old.

Doubtless those who have never attended Northfield, think that these summer schools are gatherings of useless excitement of only temporary good. This is far from the truth. Northfield is no place of excitement. The student religious movement is far beyond such a stage in its progress. The summer school is a time of profound thought and study of the problems which are perplexing college men. The effects of those days of study are never to be forgotten by the consecrated student. They write themselves indelibly in character and life. To that student who has a deep-seated purpose in his life, the influences of Northfield rather increase than diminish, as the days and years go by.

At Northfield, the student listen to men from the front ranks of Christian work. It is here that he listens to returned missionaries, just from the foreign field. It is here that he hears the reports of the travelling secretaries and thereby, gains an accurate knowledge of the progress of Christianity in the colleges of America. It is here that he shakes himself free from his isolation and comes into touch and sym-

pathy with the great student movement. Those associations which have kept in closest touch with the summer school have witnessed the greatest development and have been first to undergo a marked spiritual awakening.

Themes of vital interest and importance to every association are discussed in a very poetical way. Christian experience is much the same in the different colleges, so that the experience of any one association in any reform or measure is helpful to the inexperienced association. It is here that the ideal association is presented year after year, with all its new equipment and added power. No association, which has live faithful delegates, can fail to see its own imperfections and strive to approach nearer to the ideal.

The summer school has marked the turning point in the experience of many a Christian student's life. It is here that the needs of the world are most clearly seen. It is here that duty seems most imperative. The power and importance of Christian work is realized by many as never before. On the grassy slope of little "Round Top" over five hundred students have given themselves to the active services of the Master, to go where He may direct.

No one can estimate the new religious life which these summer schools have awakened. The great spiritual awakenings which have swept over America can be traced, hardly without exception, to Northfield. Colleges which had not been thus blessed have had the spiritual life of its members deepened by the Northfield spirit. Northfield can do but little for an association which sends delegates who do not appreciate the spirit or purpose of the gathering. Too much care can not be taken in the selection of delegates. They should be men of sentiment rather than emotion. They should be men in whose lives an abiding purpose prevails. They should be men who make no excuse for Christianity, and who desire to make the association the first brotherhood of their college days.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED BRYANT.

## Y. W. C. A. Reports

### ANNUAL REPORT OF PRESIDENT OF YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN AS- SOCIATION.

Another year of work has now closed. A glance backward reveals many blessings, and successes; as well as, failures. A glance into the future reveals chances for improvement and progress along many lines.

Early in the year, the work was put into the hands of efficient committees, who have nobly performed their duties.

No new branch has been started, but more labor has been spent on the old lines. Our greatest advance has been in the increase of interest in Bible study. We certainly have a course worthy of praise, and attention from all the students.

The attempt at rousing a little more interest in Missionary work has not been unrewarded. Several steps have been made, which can only prove to be of unlimited benefit.

All other lines of work have moved in the usual manner as the various reports will show.

Our association wishes to express its sincere thanks for the assistance rendered by the Young Men's Association and for the Thursday evening conferences led by President Whitman.

For my successor I can wish nothing better than the same loving sympathy and hearty co-operation shown to me by all the members of the association.

The prayer and wish for all is best expressed in Paul's words: Forgetting the things which are behind let us press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God, in Christ Jesus."

Respectively submitted,

LINDA GRAVES.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The first duty of the year was to fill out the blanks sent from the Y. W. C. A. headquarters. In doing this the secretary received much valuable and needed information. The list of correspondents was increased by Vermont Univer-

sity, and not long since by Higgins Academy, so that we now correspond with five associations. Many circulars and letters of business have come from headquarters at Chicago, all of which have been acknowledged.

The Intercollegiate Committee has had two meetings. At the first meeting the first letter from Vermont University was read, and questions as to the work of our own association were discussed. At the second meeting Miss Knight was asked to write the new association, Portland, and Miss Vigue to the Hebron Association, so that the answers could be read at the next association meeting.

In the next year it will be well to create an interest in the Y. W. C. A. at our Normal schools and at Ricker, with the help of the other associations in the state; for if the value of the association were known in these schools they would undoubtedly start the work in their midst. Maine has so few colleges for women that the Y. W. C. A. is handicapped, but if the associations already existing could join in an attempt to make their work better known, we are sure the number of associations would increase. At the Waltham Convention the Mt. Holyoke girls asked to start a correspondence with Colby, an excellent plan. The Corresponding Secretary has a work as valuable and God-given as any officer, especially in an association as isolated as ours.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE E. PEPPER.

### REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1895.

To the members of the Y. W. C. A.:

In the spring term of 1894, the Young Women's Christian Association consisted of thirty-eight active and fourteen associate members, making a total of fifty-two members.

At the beginning of the fall term there were twenty-seven active and ten associate members, but the numbers were again increased by the addition of eight active and nine associate members, while the names of two associate members were transferred to the active list. Three of

the graduates were enrolled as honorary members. At present the association consists of thirty-seven active, seventeen associate, and three honorary members.

There are nine regular committees, each consisting of three or four members, and during the year, four special committees, of three members each, have been appointed.

During the fall term, six Bible classes were formed with a regular course of study, and having a total membership of thirty-eight. There were two classes each from the Sophomore and Freshman classes, and one each from the Junior and Senior classes. As the Junior class was very large it was thought best to divide it into two, and this was done during the present term. There are now seven classes.

During the year there have been held seventeen regular meetings of the young women and sixteen union meetings. The average attendance of the young women's meetings for the year is thirty-six, that of the union meetings sixty-five. The largest attendance was during the fall term when the average for the women's meetings was forty-four and for the union meetings seventy-four. The largest attendance at any one of the women's meetings was on Oct. 9, when fifty were present; the smallest attendance was on May 29, only twenty-six being present. The largest attendance at any of the union meetings was eighty on Oct. 16 and Dec. 11, the smallest attendance was forty-seven on Feb. 12.

Seven special meetings and three social entertainments have been held during the year. A delegate was sent to the Northfield Convention in June, and also to the recent convention in Waltham, Mass. The sewing school on the Plains has been continued this year with a good attendance.

The association has done good work during the past year, but it should do still better work in the coming year. With its present material and prospects there is no reason why this new year should not be one of the best in its history.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH M. LARRABEE.

## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE Y. M. C. A. OF COLBY UNIVERSITY.

The Membership Committee submit the following report. At the first of the Fall term the membership cards were given to all the new girls. After these were handed in a canvass was made of all the girls giving to each a constitution and inviting them to join the association either as active or associate members. Eight joined as active and nine as associate members. Then the other girls in college who were not members were invited and two joined as active members; so that our present membership stands, thirty-seven as active and seventeen as associate.

We also saw that each of the new girls was invited and had some one to go with her to church the first Sunday of the term.

Our committee has not held regular meetings for after the first of the year there did not seem to be very much which fell to our lot but whenever there has been any special business we have met. Perhaps we have not done all that we might or ought to have done and we hope the new committee will do better work in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE LOIS ILSLEY, Chairman.

## THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

The work of this committee is largely routine, and as such has been done by the committee to the best of its ability. Subjects have been assigned, leaders appointed, topics cards provided, and notices of the meetings posted at recitation hall, and at Ladies' Hall. Effort has been made at times to improve the union meetings. Several times a number of persons have been pledged to speak or offer prayer. The Thursday evening conferences have not been neglected. The committee has attempted to improve the singing by providing a choir.

Meetings of the committee have been held frequently and have been duly reported to the secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE M. BRAY, Chairman.

## BIBLE STUDY.

We feel that the work in the Bible circles this year has been greatly blessed. We have been fortunate in having a fine course outlined for us as follows: Freshman work, a study of the Life of Christ; Sophomore work, a study of the Personal Interview of Christ (following McCouaughy's Outline); Junior work, a study of the Miracles of Christ; Senior work, a study of the life of Paul.

Out of the sixty-six girls in college, thirty-eight are members of these Bible circles.

The number of circles this year has grown from three to seven. We would recommend to the incoming committee that in the arrangement of these group classes in the future, the number in a single group shall not exceed five, as experience has shown that the smaller classes are, on the whole, the most satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIO CHILCOTT, Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

"De missionary spirit must be a-risin', I haint seen this done before sence I can 'member," said Sam as he rushed into the Boardman Missionary Room one day, last term, and saw the relics from heathen lands taken from their long established places on the shelves of the cabinet and submitted to a vigorous dusting and re-arranging.

The missionary committee are not so confident that a deeper interest in missions has been kindled during the past year. It has, however, been their earnest desire and purpose to create such an interest. The constitution of the Y. W. C. A. requires that the missionary committee provide for missionary meetings once every month. It is largely due to the kindness of friends of the association, that this requirement has been met successfully. We shall not soon forget the helpful talks given by Miss Ericson, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Hall on work close at home and far away across the seas. Very interesting, too, was Miss Cumming's informal account of her work in Cape Colony, Africa.

The association is also indebted to Mrs. Bonney for entertaining us so pleasantly with the story of her visit to the mission schools of the South.

During the fall and winter months union missionary meetings were arranged for. The last Tuesday has been set aside for these meetings. Mrs. Clafin's earnest, stirring words showing the needs and possibilities of the dusky natives of the Congo region fittingly closed the series. Not long ago a letter from John Dearing to the association was received. In the letter Mr. Dearing mentioned several objects for which money could be used very effectively in his work in Yokohama. It is hoped that the two associations may together collect, at least, twenty dollars for one of these objects. Besides this sum a smaller amount will be devoted by the Y. W. C. A. to home mission work.

With the large number of meetings and classes of various sorts pressing on time and attention, it has seemed impossible to give the study of missions the large place it should have. A knowledge of fields at home and abroad, so white already for the harvest is surely all that is needed to stir our hearts and arouse our sympathies. We would there suggest that a larger number of the regular meetings be set aside for the consideration of missionary topics.

May there come to the association this coming year a deeper realization of the needs of the work and a more earnest purpose to have a larger share in hastening the time when the light of "the glorious gospel of the blessed God" shall shine into all dark places of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE M. TRUE, Chairman.

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