STUDENTS GATHER AT BLACK MOUNTAIN

Conference to Be Held During Summer.

DETAILED INFORMATION REGARDING COMING MEETING

Carolina Will Be Represented as Will a Number of Other Well Known Institutions of Learning.

When the strenuous work of the spring examinations is over, hundreds of students from our Southern colleges will happily pursue their way to Black Mountain, North Carolina, in "The Land of the Sky," where is to be held the Southern Students' Conference of the Young Men's Christian Association, lasting ten days, from June 15 to 23.

Every year this conference is largely attended by representative men from the leading colleges of the South. Such colleges are represented as Virginia, W. C. B. A. and M. of N. C., Davidson and Vanderbilt. Carolina was represented last year by seven delegates.

The purposes of this conference are: 1st. To make real to college men the fundamental facts of Christian experience. 2nd. To study the methods of putting these facts before college men. 3rd. To train men to lead in Christian work in the individual college. 4th. To bring the delegates in personal touch with some of the greatest religious thinkers and social workers of our era. In order to carry out these purposes such men as Robert E. Speer, C. G. Hunsheil, N. C. Schlichter, Henry S. Sweets, C. K. Oliver, E. T. Colton, one of the executive secretaries of the foreign department of the Y. M. C. A., and Dr. Potet of Furman University will be present.

These gentlemen will conduct mission study and Bible study classes, will give inspirational addresses and will guide discussions of the problems of the Association work among students. These men are the real soul of the conference, and it is indeed a grand privilege to have the opportunity to hear these men talk and to know them personally, gaining from their personality some of the richness of their experience, to say nothing of the advantage mentioned above. There is another almost as great and equally as enjoyable. It is the social feature. It is like one big college campus, where reserve and convention are cast aside, everybody feels free and the feeling of good fellowship exists. Every college lunch brings its college pennants, songs and yells and uses them, too. At meal time, when the large dining hall is filled with college boys, one can hardly hear anything at all, so

great is the cheering that is indulged in by the enthusiastic young collegians. The mornings are given up to study, but the afternoons are given up entirely to pleasure and recreation. Every afternoon every one engages in some recreation, either boating or swimming, for they have an immense lake on the grounds, tennis, baseball, basketball ball or, better still, mountain-climbing.

A special trip to Mt. Mitchell, the highest peak east of the Rockies, will be arranged for on Monday, June 24th. This trip is of special interest, as it gives one the opportunity to see some grand mountain scenery as he follows the winding trail up among the mountain laurel and rhododendron and up through the region of space to the cloud-kissed top of Mt. Mitchell. Also a special trip will be arranged to Biltmore, the estate of Mr. Vanderbilt, on Monday and Tuesday. One entire evening is given up to the delegates in which they go to a运动 characteristic of the different colleges and States.

The expenses are quite reasonable—five dollars will be charged as a programme fee and the ten days' board will cost ten dollars. This constitutes all the necessary expenses at the conference. The railroad station is Black Mountain. N. C., fifteen miles east of Asheville, in the heart of the Blue Ridge mountains. The railroad fare will be very reasonable. This is indeed a rare opportunity and one that should not be neglected. It not only offers an opportunity to spend a pleasant vacation in the beautiful "Land of the Sky" and to meet and become friends with a number of leading college men from our sister colleges, but there is also a chance to become more familiar with the work of the Y. M. C. A., and to meet upon common ground the real leaders in this important work. You cannot spend a more enjoyable or profitable ten days anywhere, as any of the delegates who went last year will tell you. Carolina should be well represented at the gathering this summer.

Therefore let every man who can arrange to be a member of the Carolina delegation. It is a delightful trip with very little cost attached.

F. R. Hemmingsway.

Address Wednesday Evening by Dr. W. M. McPheeters.

At the mid-week meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Dr. W. M. McPheeters of the Presbyterian Seminary gave a talk upon the difference between a man who is a Christian and one who is not. Those present were greatly pleased with McPheeters' scholarly handling of this subject.

J. C. Jesse spent the week-end at his home in Wagener.

Bob Obediah Parish spent several days at his home last week.

SOMETHING OF STUDY OF MISSIONS HERE

Review of Various Courses Offered by Y. M. C. A. This Session.

Much Interest Shown.

Realizing the importance of missions, and knowing that if college men are to keep in touch with the world movements they must necessarily know something about what is being done all over the world, the Y. M. C. A. this year is offering four mission study courses instead of two, as was done last year.

The courses offered during the first year of the scholastic year were on home missions. The textbooks used were Dr. Weatherford's "Negro Life in the South," and Strong's "Challenge of the City." There were about twenty-five students enrolled in the class in "Negro Life in the South," and it was led by one of our professors, Dr. Chamberlayne.

The other course in home missions, the "Challenge of the City," was led by another member of our faculty, Dr. Josiah Morse, and about eighteen men were enrolled in the class.

Along with the home missions courses, some social investigations were made by some of the students taking the mission courses. The only investigations completed, however, were on immernissions among the negroes. Some of the investigators were very much surprised at some of the prevailing conditions

found among the negroes. College men have a great opportunity for making social investigations and for making a fight for better social conditions.

During the second term our secretary, W. P. Mills, is leading two courses in foreign missions, Mott's "Decisive Hour of Christian Missions," and Zwemer's "Unoccupied Fields of Asia and Africa." In these two courses about thirty-four students have been enrolled.

We were fortunate this year in having addresses by Messrs. Mills, Revins and Houshmel on missions. A good delegation was sent to the Student Volunteer Conference at DuE West this year. The members of the delegation, after their return from DuE West, gave brief reports, on the various features of the conference.

It is hoped that missions have a sufficient grasp upon the interest of the students who expect to be here 1912-13 to make that year a record-breaker in the study of missions.

Erskine has enrolled almost every man in the membership of the Association and has had throughout the year in every way a successful work. Their course in negro life was conducted by Prof. Edgar Long and aroused the same interest that this course has done wherever it has been taught. The Erskine Association did itself proud by the way in which it cooperated with the Student Volunteer Band there to provide for the entertainment of the conference there last March.

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