

Y.M..C.A. Report 1905-1906.

The Association year of 1905-06 has proven even more successful than was expected. Along all lines has the work been enlarged and improved; the greatest advances being made in the missionary, Bible Study and financial departments. This advance is all the more gratifying when one takes into consideration the change of secretaries and the consequent set-back to the fall work.

The organization for the coming year—1906-07—is as follows:

President, B. D. Kunkle, '07; vice president, W. T. Dunn, '08; treasurer, W. F. H. Wentzel, '08; assistant treasurer, H. H. Acheson, '09; recording secretary, J. B. Watson, '08; general secretary, F. E. Wilber. The committee chairmen are as follows: Membership, H. H. Haverstick, '07; Religious work, L. M. Shank, '07; Bible Study, F. K. Brewster, '07; Fraternity Bible Study, Ross, '08; Missions, G. W. Groff, '07; Social, J. E. Staud, '07; Finance, W. F. H. Wentzel, '08; Music, C. N. Fleming, '09; Handbook, W. C. Powick, '08.

A detailed account of the departmental work follows:

BIBLE STUDY.

The group plan, so successful in previous years, has again been tried and has proven most successful. The courses of study pursued have been as follows: Murray's "Life of Christ," Sallmon's "Life of Paul," Bosworth's "Studies in the Acts and Epistles," and a course on "The Old Testament Characters" prepared and taught by Prof. Willard. The fraternity classes have been more successful than ever before.

The new features have been (1), Question Meetings, at which Dr. Gill and Prof. Pattee have answered the questions asked them by the members of the various classes; and (2), two very successful classes for the Creamery and Short Course Agricultural students, which were very

well attended and received.

Perhaps the best means of indicating the progress of the Bible Study department is by contrasting the work done with that accomplished during the preceding college year 1904-1905.

	'05-6	'04-5
Total enrollment.....	325	213
Total number classes...	33	18
Number fraternity classes	7	3
Special classes.....	6	1
Leaders' classes.....	2	1

An even larger work is planned for the coming college year. New courses will be introduced, the Question Meetings will be developed, and an effort made to adequately train all the leaders.

RELIGIOUS WORK.

The Sunday evening prayer meetings have been unusually interesting and profitable, the attendance being maintained well even into the spring term. It has been the aim of the committee to introduce only such topics as interest college men, and the continued good attendance has indicated to what degree this aim has been successful. The meetings on Tuesday evening, while not maintaining so high an average of attendance, has proven of great benefit to those who have been present.

Five special meetings were held during the Week of Prayer, and in February several special meetings took place, Mr. Sayford, of Boston, addressing three with a total attendance of about 1,000, Mr. Dodge of Warren, two with an attendance of 1,100. The entire student body was stirred by these meetings and 378 men put down their names as agreeing to endeavor to lead a better life. A number of men have come out very strongly for the first time as followers of Christ.

The Association has been addressed by the following "outside speakers": Drs. Gill and Runkle, Profs. Willard, Foster, Pattee, A. J. Wood; Messrs Sayford and Dodge;

Secretaries Tinker and McArthur, of the International Committee; Miller of the State Committee; and Gaily and McCombs, of the Student Volunteer Movement; and Heckman.

The following are the statistics of this department up to April, 1906:

	Sun.	Tues.	Spec.
Total number Meetings	24	22	11
Total Attendance.....	4555	880	1125
Average Attendance ...	190	40	102

MISSIONS.

Three things have contributed to arousing the missionary enthusiasm among the students at "State" during the past college year, (1) the visits of Secretaries Gailey and McCombs, (2) the deep interests in all Christian matters, due to the visits of Mr. Sayford and Mr. Dodge, and (3) the Student Volunteer Convention at Nashville, Tenn., last March. To this last "State" sent six delegates, her full quota, and the great depth of interest aroused in these men has communicated itself to their fellows. During the visit of Mr. McCombs, four men volunteered, thereby giving "State" a total of five, pledged to devote their lives to missionary service if they are able to do so. It is not improbable that others may take the same step before college closes.

Two mission study classes have been held every Sunday, one on medical missions and the other on biographical studies of the lives of noted missionaries. Each class has an enrollment of about twenty, and averages an attendance of fourteen.

The Association has contributed fifty dollars toward the support of Mr. Harvey, Mr. Gailey's associate at Tien Tsin, China. Mr. Harvey is the official representative of the State of Pennsylvania in the foreign field. The method used in raising this sum has been that of subscriptions of twenty-five cents a month.

FINANCE.

This year has been an expensive one. The cost of the Nashville delega-