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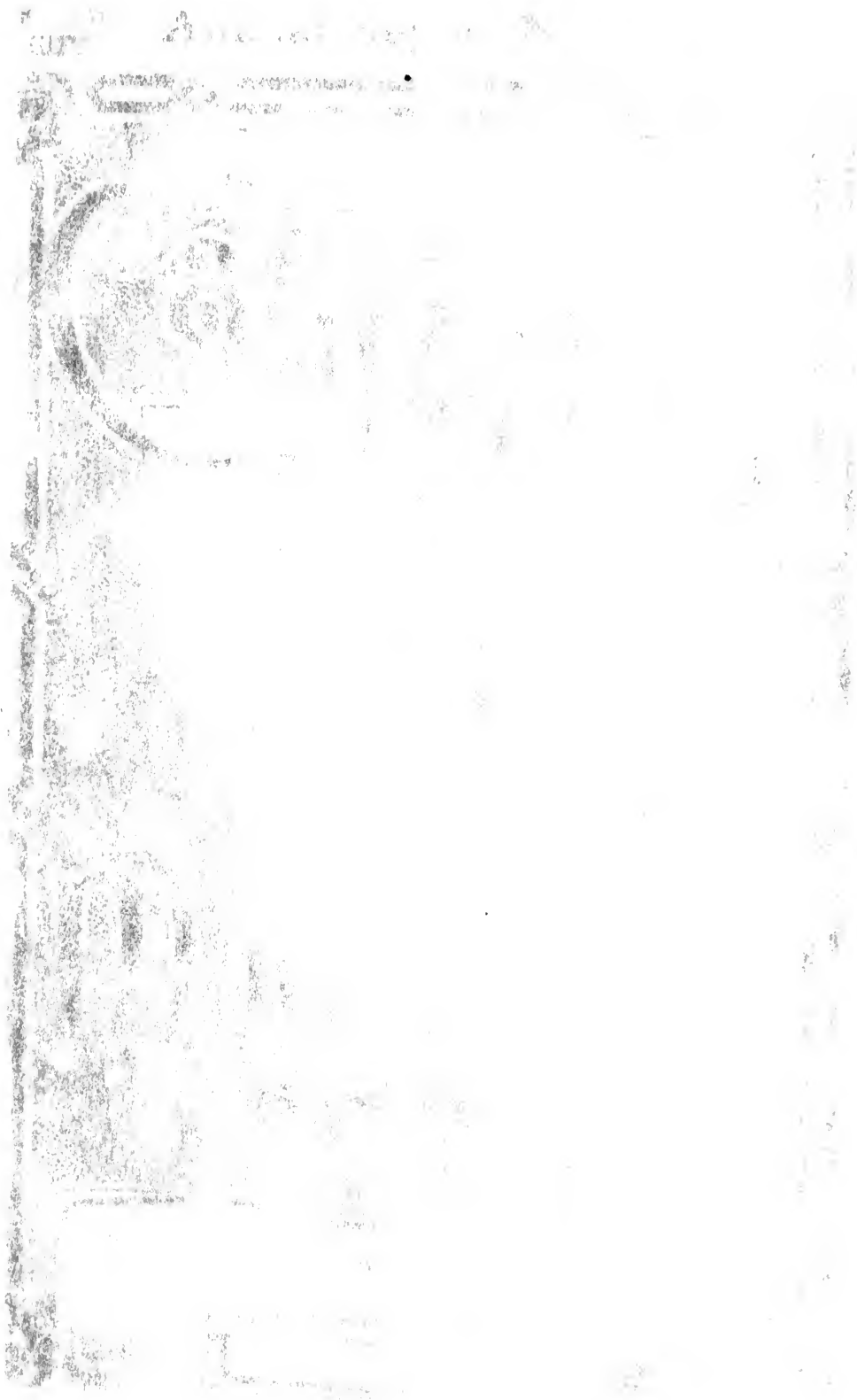
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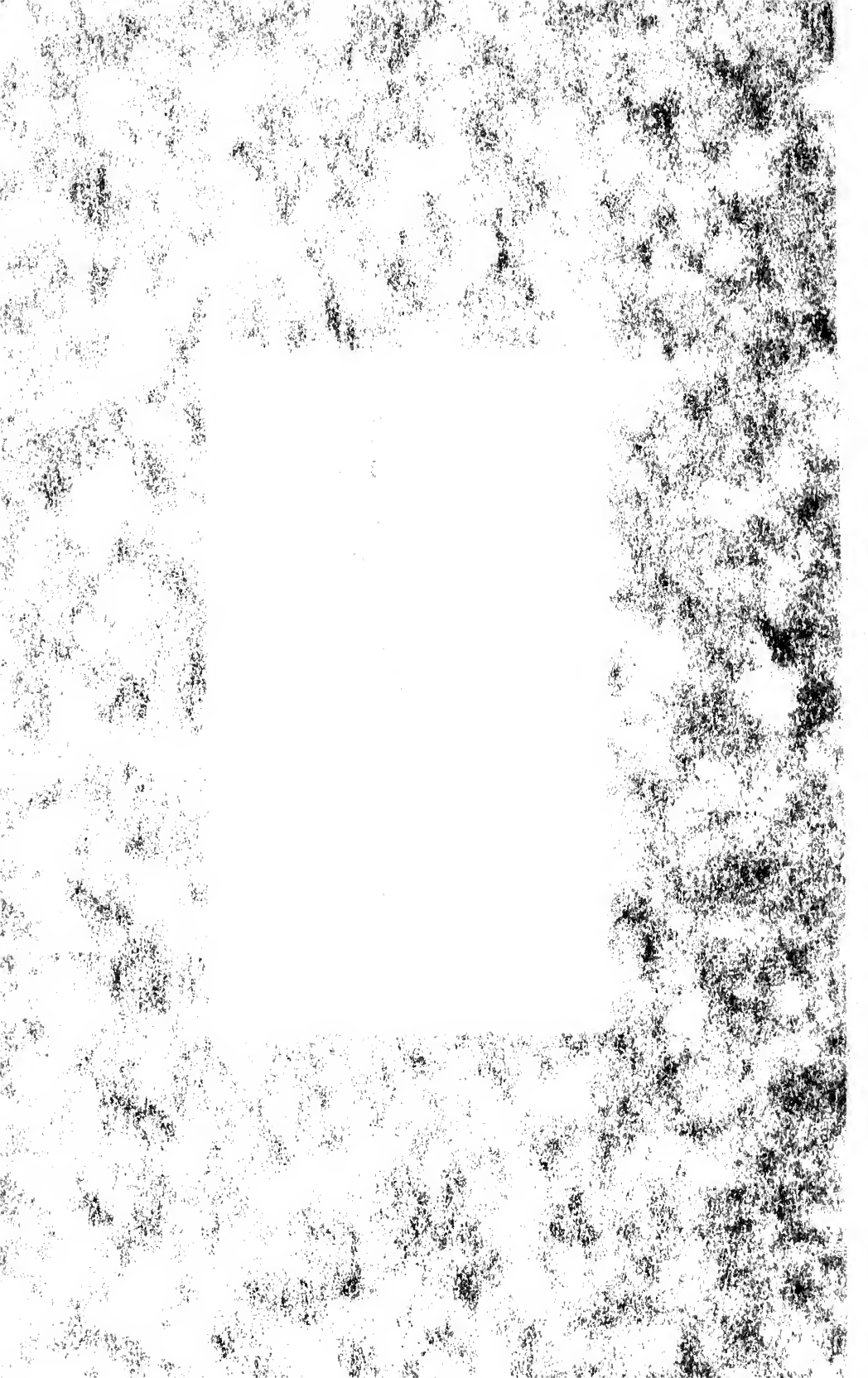


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FORM OF BEQUEST FOR STATE WORK

I give, devise and bequeath to the "State Association of the Young Men's Christian Associations of California" the sum of

..... DOLLARS

(Signature).....

Signed by the said.....
as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

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(To be signed by not less than two witnesses.)

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The Work of the State Committee is Supported by Voluntary Contributions

THE FOREIGN WORK

The action of the Employed Officer's Conference in pledging the support of a representative in the foreign field is a proper return to the work done by the California Associations prior to the earthquake of 1906. Conditions in the San Francisco Association, which provided the bulk of the foreign budget of the state, made necessary the abandonment of the work at that time. The present condition of the work of the state justifies the forward step. Los Angeles has set a splendid example by her support of the Shanghai Association budget, and the state outside of San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles can surely provide for one representative in a foreign Association. We hope the time is not far distant when more than one of our Associations will have a representative abroad. This would quicken and strengthen rather than weaken the home work.

It has seemed wise to the Associations that the money raised for the foreign work outside the cities mentioned above should be applied to the Galen M. Fisher fund, inasmuch as Mr. Fisher is not only a graduate of the University of California, but a resident of the state for many years. The following report of his work for the second quarter of Nineteen-Ten will be of interest in this connection.

The first three months of 1910 have seen a number of important things accomplished. Mr. Niwa, who is sometimes called the Robert McBurney of the Association in Japan, has self-sacrificingly agreed to take up the general oversight of the railway and city work in Korea. The history of the railway work and the delicacy of the relations with the authorities in Korea make it extremely important that a man like Niwa, who stands immovable on the Association basis, should be on the ground to see that the Christian basis is not compromised. This is all the more important because in Japan and in Manchuria the work among the railway men is not on a clear-cut Christian basis, although Christian men are at the head of it. Mr. Niwa will have a large field also among the thousands of young Japanese who are settling in Korea. It is a part of Japan's great New West, where fortunes are being made

too often at the cost of character. Niwa in Korea and Hibbard in Dalny, with responsibility both for Manchuria and Korea, are the Association's concrete response to the call of this modern Macedonia.

The loss of Mr. Niwa from the Bible Study Movement in Japan will be a real one, but fortunately we are able to call upon a number of Christian professors and secretaries in different parts of the country to assist. For example, in January, I spent a week in the Island of Kyushu in company with local professors and secretaries, holding three excellent Bible Institutes which resulted in rooting the group idea more firmly. Three new groups were formed.

The progress made in Bible Study by Osaka under the guidance of Secretaries Sajima and Gleason has been one of the most encouraging features of the last few months. They now have some 329 men in average attendance in 27 Bible Classes each week, and they have worked out an interesting English Course in the Life of Christ.

The visit of the Japanese Commercial Commission to America has already told helpfully on the movement here. At a banquet tendered to Baron Shibusawa and several others of the commission, the Baron spoke emphatically of the service rendered by the Associations in America and expressed the hope that the Associations in Japan would soon be able to expand their equipment and activity so as to become an equally effective factor for character and efficiency.

The completion of the Kobe Building Lot Fund by a short term campaign was a unique event in Japanese Association history. The sum, for America, was not large—\$15,000 in all—but no like amount had ever been raised for any Christian object in a single city in Japan. To be sure, three-fifths of the amount had been secured by patient work during the past two and a half years, but the quick spurt at the end was due to the skilful guidance of H. A. Wilbur, the new secretary. Compared with raising \$500,000 for Dayton's great building, \$15,000 sounds like a bagatelle, but I venture to say that it cost Mr. Wilbur almost as much nerve force as the Dayton campaign; and it meant as much to the Kingdom.

For some time the tide has been setting in the direction of more effective co-operation between all the churches and missions for the reaching of the unevangelized masses, and it has seemed to the Association men that we should do everything in our power to further it. Consequently at the annual meeting of the Standing Committee of all the missions in Japan, in January, after a splendid address on the subject by Dr. Howard (former president of the Association at Otterbein University) I moved that a Committee of Missionaries and Japanese undertake a study of the whole Empire in order to determine what still remained to be done and what forces and institutions would be needed if the Empire were to be measurably Christianized within the next fifty years.

Then, in February, I was unexpectedly asked to write a paper on that very subject for the Edinburgh World's Missionary Conference, so that I had to make a hurried but comprehensive study of the question. This involved numerous interviews with Christian leaders, and gave some stimulus to the trend toward co-operation and toward grappling with the needs of the whole Empire.

In Osaka, Sajima and Gleason have been instrumental in getting all the churches lined up for a city-wide and county-wide campaign of evangelism and Bible Study that has already brought in hundreds of converts and inquirers and gives promise of bigger things to follow.

Mr. Hibbard's temporary stay in Tokyo prior to beginning work in Dalny has incidentally helped the Tokyo Directors to raise \$1300 in a few days, making possible a new student hostel just behind the city building, for the Commercial College men. It has also been a great delight to me to have him as neighbor and daily counsellor. If it were not for the great work that beckons from Manchuria, we should hate to let him go from Tokyo.

The lack of any secretary, either Japanese or foreign, to work the great student field in Tokyo is a daily source of concern and prayer. Equally important is the securing of an able Japanese to lead our whole movement as national general secretary.

RECENT FINANCIAL CAMPAIGNS.



PROPOSED PASADENA BUILDING

On April 6-12, the University of California Association conducted a successful canvass for \$10,000 to cover the current year's budget and make some needed alterations in its building. Stiles Hall, the building occupied by the



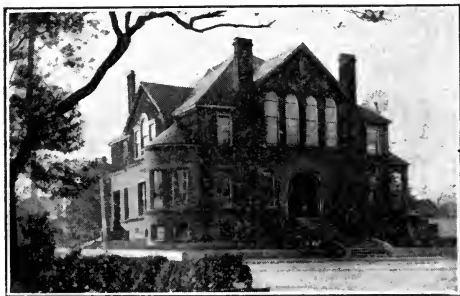
SAN FRANCISCO BUILDING

University Association, is nearly twenty years old and not suited to the increasing work of the organization. A Committee of One Hundred students secured \$3,000 from the student body and generous gifts from alumni, faculty members and friends brought the total up to \$10,000. Contributions that have come in by mail since the close of the campaign will increase the amount. The campaign was directed by the State Student Secretary.

Since the last issue of "California Men," the Secretaries of the State Committee have promoted four financial campaigns for the erection and equipment of Association buildings in the State. Under the supervision of the State Secretary, the Pasadena Association conducted a successful campaign March 29 to April 4, for \$100,000 to erect and equip a building on its magnificent site on Marengo Avenue. The canvass resulted in the securing of over \$112,000 in subscriptions, which with the \$42,000 already on hand will provide Pasadena with a modern plant adequate to the needs of the city.

By invitation of the San Francisco Association, the State Secretary conducted a five-day campaign April 19-24 for \$75,000, to furnish the half million dollar building nearing completion in that city. In spite of numerous obstacles the full amount of the fund was assured and the Association will enter its fine building without encumbrance.

In connection with the organization of Fresno County Association, the State Field Secretary conducted a short term campaign at Sanger for \$5,000 to provide for the budget and the erection of a building of the county type. An interesting feature of the campaign was the gift of seven lots in the middle of the city as a building site. Fresno County will hold its organizing convention in September and will be the fourth county in the State to undertake the type of work that has proven so practical in the rural districts. The budget has been raised for three years in advance.



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The Association's Mission in Education

Lloyd B. Austin, Educational Director
Los Angeles Young Men's Christian Association.

The man who imagines that the mission of the Young Men's Christian Association in education is merely to give a little "first-aid to the ignorant" for the benefit of young men who left school too soon has no adequate conception of the conditions that have made the Association one of the leading educational agencies in every large American city.

Twenty-five years ago Association educational work was confined to a few evening classes in rudimentary subjects. Today 50,000 men and boys are attending the day and evening Association classes. Over 2,200 paid instructors, experts in their various lines, give practical instruction in more than 100 subjects, including nearly everything from the primary school to the university, at an annual expense of over \$500,000.

The causes of this phenomenal growth are not far to seek. With less than half our boys in school at twelve; with only three per cent, at sixteen; with only one boy in 127 entering college, while 126 drop out along the way with no special preparation for any specific occupation, the Association has gone earnestly and intelligently at the problem of bringing practical educational training within the reach of the men out of school. It assumes that education should not stop with the school room, but should be as long as life. It offers the man with deficient general education a chance to make up for past losses. It fits the clerk or mechanic for promotion. It enables the misfit—the stenographer who wants to be a draftsman; the elevator boy who is ambitious to become an electrician; the bookkeeper who prefers to be a salesman—to qualify for work that suits him better. It makes practical application of the truth that the use of the hours between work and bedtime is the key to every employed man's success or failure.

Doctor Cuyler once said: "What a young man earns in the day time goes into his pocket. What he spends at night goes into his character." Thousands

of successful business men in the United States testify enthusiastically that an evening course at the Young Men's Christian Association started them up the ladder of success by helping them to form the habit of investing, instead of squandering, their leisure hours.

And the Association is serving the employer no less than the employe. The dearth of skilled labor is one of the most serious problems in the industrial world today. Our public school system has failed to hold boys in school because it has not trained them for specific occupations, and employers of labor are everywhere asking how they are to secure the skilled workmen that the old apprenticeship system produced. Nothing but a thorough-going transformation of our educational system can solve the problem. The school must connect with life. It must train the boy for his job.

In this crisis many employers are turning to the Association for help, and the Association has responded with its schools for apprentices in railroad shops, building and machine trades, and many lines of manufacturing, as well as trade schools in plumbing, electricity, automobile, bricklaying, and so forth, and Association leaders believe that the field of vocational training has been scarcely touched.

The Association's best service in education, both to the young man and to the city, is its emphasis on Christian manhood. More urgently than the community needs skilled workmen, it needs upright citizens. By selecting instructors who are men of stalwart Christian character; by its Bible classes and religious meetings, and by the personal touch of the secretaries, the Association seeks to bring each student under influences that will cause him "to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

THE RELAY RACE.

The first Association Relay Race in Southern California came to a successful conclusion Saturday evening, May 28th, at 8:55 p. m. The silver tube containing the message from Mayor Lloyd of Santa Barbara to Mayor Strait of Redlands was handed to the latter by George Armstrong of the Redlands Association, the last runner of nearly 500 boys who carried the message by continuous relays through every organized city and county in Southern California, except San Diego. No accident occurred to mar the race, and four hours and twenty-one minutes were clipped from the schedule time.

The message was signed by the Mayor of each city through which it passed, and by the Chairman of each County Association. It reads as follows: "To the Mayor and People of Redlands:

"The Mayor and City of Santa Barbara send greetings. This message is carried in continuous relays by five hundred boys representing the Young Men's Christian Associations of Southern California. The co-operation of nine local Associations which will make this race successful, is typical of the spirit of helpfulness characteristic of the organization the boys represent.

(Signed) CLIO L. LLOYD,
Mayor of Santa Barbara.

The following table shows the time the message passed through each point on the route, the distance traveled, the running time and the gain over the schedule:

Association	Left	Time	Distance	Running Time	Gain
Santa Barbara.....	Santa Bar	5:00 P. M.			
Ventura County.....	Ventura	8:30	36m.	3h. 30m.	1h.
Los Angeles.....	Newbury P.	11:30	62½m.	6h.	2h.
Pasadena.....	Hollywood	6:00 A. M.	100½m.	10h. 35m.	2h. 10m.
Pasadena.....	Pasadena	7:26	112m.	12h. 1m.	2h. 14m.
Los Angeles.....	Báway Tunnel	8:15	122½m.	12h. 45m.	3h.
Long Beach.....	Dominguez Jc	10:39	136½m.	14h. 14m.	3h. 1m.
Long Beach.....	Long Beach	11:35	146m.	15h. 10m.	3h. 35m.
Orange County.....	Garden Grove	1:08 P. M.	164½m.	16h. 43m.	3h. 39m.
Orange County.....	Anaheim	1:25	169m.	17h.	4h. 25m.
San Bernardino.....	Fullerton	1:46	181½m.	18h. 21m.	4h. 39m.
Riverside.....	Ontario	3:55	192½m.	19h. 30m.	5h. 30m.
Redlands.....	Riverside	7:07	2 1½m.	23h. 39m.	4h. 21m.
Arrive.....	Redlands	8:55	237m.	24h. 27m.	

Field Notes

On Easter Sunday afternoon the corner-stone of the new Oakland building was laid by the president, W. M. Alexander. The mayor of the city presided at the exercises and the principal address was delivered by C. A. Barbour of the Religious Work Department of the International Committee.

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On May 22, the Berkeley Association laid the corner-stone of its new building. Rev. E. L. Parsons of the local Episcopal church delivered the dedicatory address. May 25 was given over to a membership campaign. All persons joining on that date were given the present low membership rate. All those joining in the future will be required to pay a pro rata fee for the period of their membership in the new building. 205 new members were secured.

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The college deputation bands met with a considerable degree of success in their evangelistic meetings during Easter week. Meetings were held at Talbert in Orange County, at Saticoy and Santa Paula in Ventura County, and at Uplands in San Bernardino County. Twenty students were out during the week and report over fifty conversions.

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By means of a little good-natured rivalry between the "Reds and Blues" the two divisions of the Los Angeles Boys' Department, the fund for the support of the Shanghai Association was increased \$200. The boys raised dimes to "Raise the temperature" in two large thermometers which registered the degrees of dimes and determination. The Blues won by a narrow margin.

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Fred S. Goodman of New York conducted a series of inspiring Institutes on Religious work in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento during March and April.

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The Oakland Association has sold its valuable property at 14th and Jefferson streets for \$137,000. The property was purchased five years ago for \$38,000. The proceeds from the sale will be used to complete the new building.

The Second Annual Track and Field Meet of the Ventura County Association was held at Ventura April 9.

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The San Bernardino County Association held its First Annual Track and Field Meet at Claremont, May 21. The Meet was held on the Pomona College athletic field.

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The Annual Conventions of the County Associations were held as follows: Orange County at Anaheim, April 22-24; San Bernardino County at Uplands, April 15-17.

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The Annual Y. M. C. A. Anti-Cigarette Track and Field Meet for the grammar schools of Pasadena was held May 21. 250 boys were entered in the various events. More than 2,000 people, representing the parents and friends of the competing schools, witnessed the sports. The city superintendent of schools says that this annual meet promoted by the Association has made cigarette smoking unpopular among the school boys.

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Under the auspices of the Redlands Association, the University of California will conduct a short term course in agriculture in that city during next November. Dean Wickson of the State University is in charge of the work. Four departments will be covered, three relating to the orange industry, and probably one relating to the poultry industry. Soil formation, plant physiology and fertilization will be among the subjects considered. A course of reading and study for the prospective students will be outlined some months prior to the month of instruction.

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Pasadena is conducting a summer tennis and handball tournament.

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The Sacramento Association is conducting a series of health talks in the railroad shops. The subjects of the first two were, "Tuberculosis, Its Cause and Effect," and, "Tuberculosis, Its Prevention and Cure." The meetings have averaged over 150 in attendance.

Every Association in the State will conduct Boys' Camps this summer with the exception of three. Some Associations will conduct separate camps for the younger and older boys.

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Fred Thomson, physical director elect of the Long Beach Association, has gone to New York to compete in the all-round Track and Field championship meet of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. He will attend the Silver Bay summer school while in the east.

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Dr. W. W. Roblee of the Riverside Board of Directors gave the camp boys a talk on First Aid to the Injured before they started to camp. They were taught to resuscitate a drowning person, bandage broken or sprained limbs, treat snake bites and bind up wounds.

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Raymond A. McConnell, for the past year president of the Pomona College Association, was graduated this month with the highest honors. Mr. McConnell goes to Oregon in the fall to begin Association work.

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Los Angeles is giving special rates for a summer membership which includes the privileges of the swimming pool. The summer vacation school for grade and high school coaching opens July 6th.

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The Watsonville Association closed their first season in the new building with a gymnasium exhibition which gave evidence of good training throughout the year.

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The evening law school of the San Francisco Association has been incorporated and from now on will grant degrees to its graduates. The ninth term of the school opens next September.

Reno, Nevada, secured over \$87,000 in a recent campaign for an Association building, thereby securing the gift of a building lot in the center of the city offered by Senator Nixon. The lot was promised when \$85,000 was subscribed. 1207 different persons made subscriptions to the building fund. When organized, this Association will be the first in Nevada.

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The Sacramento Association in a short term membership campaign secured 178 new members. The swimming pool was an important factor in securing the members.

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With statistics showing four thousand persons drowned in the United States every year, the Chicago Association has united with the public schools in a campaign to teach every child in Chicago how to swim. The California Association should enlist their members and see that each one of them knows this important art.

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The Orange and San Bernardino County Associations joined in a trip to Old Baldy on June 21st.

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San Jose is to hold Sunday afternoon meetings in the city parks.

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The Women's Auxiliary of the Sacramento Association is to give a roof garden party for the benefit of the Boys' Department Equipment Fund.

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The Riverside Association closed a series of meetings held under the auspices of the various men's brotherhoods of the city by a mass meeting of all the brotherhoods. Preceding the meeting a long parade of all the Association men and brotherhood members was formed and marched through the streets to the building. A testimony meeting followed, led by D. E. Luther of Los Angeles.

SECRETARIAL CHANGES.

- Clay, T. L., General Secretary University Southern California, resigned.
- Dickson, C. G., Boys' Secretary, Riverside, resigned.
- Douglas, S. W., Secretary Orange County, resigned.
- Fagg, F. D., to General Secretary, San Diego.
- Glover, R. L., Physical Director, Redlands, resigned.
- Hagerman, J. P., from Triangle Secretary, Los Angeles, to State County Secretary.
- Hart, Elwood, to Assistant Secretary, Stockton.

Horning, Roy W., to Assistant Physical Director, Los Angeles.
 Ireland, Ray, to Assistant Secretary, San Diego.
 Kirtland, H. B., Boys' Secretary San Jose, resigned.
 Knight, F. D., to Assistant Social Work Director, Los Angeles.
 Knight, Jacob L., to Assistant Secretary Mission Branch, San Francisco.
 Miller, A. L., to Assistant Religious Work, Los Angeles.
 Nelson, M. O., to Aqueduct Department, Los Angeles.
 Perine, L. L., Assistant Physical Director, Los Angeles, resigned.
 Reisner, Jos., Physical Director, Sacramento, resigned.
 Ruenitz, E. J., from Secretary Ventura County to General Secretary University of Southern California.
 Runyon, G. O., from Los Angeles to General Secretary, Crockett.
 Schantz, L. J., Assistant Physical Director San Francisco; resigned.
 Stilwell, W. A., from Santa Cruz to Assistant Physical Director, Los Angeles.
 Swarthout, Geo., Physical Director, Pasadena, resigned.
 Thomas, J. H., to Assistant Employment Director, Los Angeles.
 White, J. J., Director Religious Work, San Francisco, resigned.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO LIST OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Hanford, Harry Holman.
 Huntington Beach, Leo Livernash.
 Talbert, Urban Plavan (R. F. D. No. 6, Santa Ana.)

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

CALIFORNIA YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

HELD IN

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- T. S. CALDWELL, Oakland, Boys' Work Secretary, Y. M. C. A.
- A. B. CLAYTON, San Pedro, Principal High School.

PROGRAM

All Regular Sessions will be held in the First Methodist Church.

THURSDAY EVENING.

- 6:00 Supper.
- 7:30 Service of Song. Leader, D. W. Weist,.....Fresno Mandolin Club
- 7:45 Welcome—Mayor M. R. Beard.
Response—George W. Marston.
- 8:00 Address—Governor J. N. Gillett.....“The Ounce of Prevention”
- 8:30 Address—Bishop E. H. Hughes.
“The Young Men's Christian Association and the Church”

FRIDAY MORNING

- 9:00 Bible Hour—Dr. F. L. Goodspeed.
- 10:00 Report of Nominating Committee.
- 10:15 Report of “High School Commission”.....J. P. Hagerman
Discussion.
- 11:45 Address—Ivan B. Rhodes.
“The Extension of the Kingdom of God Through Student Associations”
- 12:30 Luncheon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

- 1:30 Bible Hour—Dr. F. L. Goodspeed.
- 2:30 Group Conferences—
Counties and Small Towns.....W. H. Wallace
StudentsIvan B. Rhodes
Army and Navy.....F. A. McCarl
PhysicalI. W. Larimore
BoysR. O. Hanson
EducationalE. E. Edson
ReligiousJohn Fechter

FRIDAY EVENING.

- 6:00 Supper.
 7:00 Service of Song.
 7:45 Report of "Commission on Church Relations".....F. L. Starrett
 Discussion.
 9:30 Reception by Young Women's Christian Association.

SATURDAY MORNING.

- 9:00 Bible Hour—Dr. F. L. Goodspeed.
 10:00 Business Session—H. J. McCoy.
 11:15 Report of "Country Commission".....W. H. Wallace
 Discussion.
 12:30 Luncheon.
 Bible Hour at Table—Dr. F. L. Goodspeed.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

- Recreation.
 3:00 Meeting of State Committee.
 6:00 Delegates' Dinner.

SATURDAY EVENING.

- 7:15 Service of Song.
 7:30 Report of "Immigration Commission,".....E. E. Esdon
 Discussion.
 8:15 Address—Pres. David Starr Jordan.

SUNDAY MORNING.

- 9:00 Quiet Hour with Delegates. Association Building.
 11:00 Regular Church Services.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

- 3:00 Meeting for Men. Speaker.....H. J. McCoy
 Meeting for Older Boys. Speaker.....J. P. Hagerman
 Meeting for Younger Boys. Speaker.....R. O. Hanson

SUNDAY EVENING (Methodist Church)

- 7:15 Service of Song.
 7:30 Address—H. S. Chuck.
 8:30 Adjournment to Congregational Church for Closing Service.

(Congregational Church)

- 7:15 Service of Song.
 7:45 Address—D. Willard Lyon.
 8:45 Closing Service—B. B. Wilcox.

**MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH
 ANNUAL CONVENTION, CALIFORNIA YOUNG
 MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS**

THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 27.

The Convention was called to order by the retiring president, Mr. C. M. Campbell of Sacramento, in the First Methodist Church. Mr. T. J. Wilkie led the devotional exercises, reading from the 15th chapter of John, and leading in prayer.

The president then appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee.

- W. H. Wallace.....Long Beach
 W. L. Witherbee.....Sacramento

C. E. Rumsey.....Riverside
 Arthur R. Arlett.....Berkeley
 Dr. G. A. Bangs.....Santa Cruz

Credentials Committee.

George A. Mullen.....San Francisco
 S. W. Douglas.....Orange County
 Charles Cunningham.....Sacramento

Mayor M. R. Beard of Sacramento was introduced to the Convention and welcomed the delegates to the city.

“It is not only a pleasure but an honor to welcome you here. We all have our burdens to bear and this burden which you have assumed I know is a pleasant one for you, because you must realize the good you have done in the past and of the increased good that you are going to do in the future. This work stamp, this organization as being composed of men with good heads and good hearts and these are the two most valuable gifts that man is heir to. The people always support every move toward the betterment of conditions and they say to you who are in this work, God Speed. I trust that your stay will be pleasant and that you will come to us again. May your work exceed your greatest anticipations.”

Mr. G. W. Marston of San Diego was introduced. He responded to the address of welcome.

“Mr. President, Members of the Brotherhood and Citizens of Sacramento, the representatives of the Young Men’s Christian Associations of the State gratefully accept the cordial welcome you have given us. We appreciate this generous invitation to come to this city and we thank you, sir, for these kind words of welcome.

“The Young Men’s Christian Association has a great work to do and we hope that this meeting may be of some help in furthering the work in this city. I had some misgivings in looking forward to this trip but as soon as we got into this company the atmosphere of comradeship and brotherhood appeal to us and we are glad that we have come. I feel that this evening is a good omen of the benefit that this convention will be to the State of California.”

President Campbell then introduced Governor J. N. Gillett, who spoke upon the subject, “The Ounce of Prevention.”

“Ladies and Gentlemen: I am glad to be with you this evening and to greet you to Sacramento, the capital city of this State—a city located in the center of this great Valley, one of the greatest in the world, where some day there will be a great population running into the millions. I extend to you a welcome and assure you that while you remain here you will be well received and that the people will take a great interest in your work.

“The Young Men’s Christian Association has accomplished in the past a great deal of good work. Its influence has been felt throughout this broad land in every hamlet, and it has had a great deal to do with the building up of the citizenship of our country and in causing a better feeling along higher lines. When I go into the large cities of our country and look at the magnificent buildings where you assemble, where you meet each other and where you are busy, it makes me feel that there is a great force in the country working along proper channels.

“I had the pleasure of laying the corner stones of the Young Men’s and Young Women’s Christian Associations in Los Angeles a short time ago and I returned to that city not long afterward and found that they had built magnificent buildings, a credit to any city and a credit to any cause,—standing there for the principle that you are standing for, affording a home for the young men and a place to go to meet their friends.

“Many cities, while building great factories and large places of business, great hotels and theatres, are not forgetting you and are building homes for your work. You have a great work to perform. A great duty rests upon you and rests upon us all. Many of us forget it. Many of us forget the things

that you are doing and pay little heed to that which you are accomplishing and yet I know of nothing better in this world for men to do who believe in their country, in their state and in their God, than to take young men just emerging into the walks of life and bring them into the places where influences are good and there helping them to form character. It is this practical work to be done at the beginning of a young man's career that is most essential. A young man just going to the city will seek companionship and places of amusement—some place where he will be interested. He ought to find it in the right place; he ought to be surrounded by the right influences and to have the right teachers at this period of life. If he wanders down the street and hears attractive music in a saloon, he is going to go in there even though he has been walking by it many times before he gets the courage to go in. If he goes past your places of amusement and you take him in he soon gets into the habit of going there. You have it in your power, and it is a part of your work, to take the young man and give him the right start, surround him with right influences and get him to have the right companions. This is the Ounce of Prevention. This is what helps to form the character for him that develops into good citizenship. It gives him the first lesson of a Superior Power, a Divine Power that watches over him, and to him is his Ounce of Prevention. It is a great work because it has to do with the saving of the young men of our country. You accomplish it in many ways,—your arms are outstretched and you are bringing in many who might go elsewhere.

“A great many boys drift in from the country and smaller places, thrown upon their own resources to see the world, to do right or to do wrong. It is a part of your duty to find out where these boys stay and to become acquainted with them; find out what they are striving for, help them, encourage them, take them by the hand, start them right and keep them within your own circle.

“There is another class of young men that need your attention, a more difficult class to reach and a harder task to perform. Many a young man in this state, drifting from good home influences, has fallen through bad companionship, bad advice, or early evil influences, and has violated the laws of the land. He finally gets into prison, or our reform schools, or the Juvenile Courts.

“In this state we have adopted a system of parole by which the young men are paroled by our courts and are permitted to go out without having to bear the ignominy of being compelled to stay in prison. I have made it a rule that when these young men have been paroled and show a desire to become good citizens, to pardon them, and only a very few have turned out bad. We have in this state 300 who are now on parole, 300 who are striving to do right in our own state. Under the parole regulations they are not permitted to frequent saloons, they must be industrious and save their money. Everything is being done to bring them into good citizenship and to remove the stain. It would be well for your Association to have a committee appointed for the express purpose of looking after these young men, giving them words of encouragement, holding out hopes to them and bringing them safely into your circle. I know of no greater work that you can do. These young men need a strong friendly hand to assist them. They need advice; they get plenty of kicks. They are out on their honor to do what is right and to become good citizens. I believe the Young Men's Christian Association can do a great work along this line through a proper committee. I have been keenly interested in it myself. There is a young man in Los Angeles in one of the cloak houses who was pardoned by me; he is now earning \$100 a month and doing what is right. I get letters from him. Another young man in Chicago, and another in New York City. There was one young man in our prison sent there for 17 years when he was a mere boy. I gave parole to him a few years ago. He went into business and one day called upon me and said, “I have saved \$3000. I wish I could get a pardon so that I can hold my head up.” He got his pardon before he left my office. He is making a good citizen. If you can make these men into good citizens, not only by their obeying the law of the land, but the law of God, you will make a citizenship that cannot be surpassed by any in the world. The churches and schools are all doing a great work, but I know of no other society that is better fitted to accomplish better results

than yours. I hope that it will grow greater and better and that your membership will realize that they may be a great moral force in the State of California."

Bishop E. H. Hughes of San Francisco delivered an address upon "The Relationship of the Church to the Young Men's Christian Association."

"Your speaker has had the privilege of being a member of the Young Men's Christian Association since he was 18 years of age. He was on local committees and for four years a member of the state committee in Indiana, and has had likewise positions in the church, so that I speak to you from very definite knowledge, both of the Association and the church, my subject being: 'The Young Men's Christian Association and the Church.'

"As a pastor, I have worked for quite a number of years in the Young Men's Christian Association. As president under five different secretaries, and I never had a secretary who was a member of my own denomination.

"Having been closely connected with both organizations for a goodly period I have caught the drift of sentiment that has turned from the church to the Association and from the Association to the church, and I wish to record that the flow of feeling between the two organizations has been for the most part very generous.

"I remember years ago to have heard an Association secretary complain rather bitterly that a certain pastor in the town never came to the Association building and never came to any of the meetings. I heard that pastor complain that that young man did not appear in his own church once in three months. I am inclined to think that the pastor had a right to criticize the secretary and that the secretary had a right to criticize that pastor. A Young Men's Christian Association secretary that has very little to do with the church has very little right to expect much from the church; and the pastor that has very little to do with the Young Men's Christian Association has very little right to expect much from the Association. I have heard ministers say that they didn't get very much out of the Association. I could have led them over to my church and introduced to them 12 good young men; men that had come to me by way of the gymnasium, and educational classes. A secretary who comes into a city and neglects the church organizations and goes only to them when he wants help for the Association, is violating a privilege that is essential to our work; and the pastor who complains that he is not getting anything out of the Association is not putting anything into it.

"The church is not a perfect organization. Nevertheless it is the best organization on the earth. Church members are the most sacrificing, the most unselfish people on the earth. As many times as we have had to meet the excesses of the forty-niner that have again and again hindered the church in California, hard as that work has been, nevertheless our people have held on here and we are making gains every single solitary year and bringing to California what California needs more than anything else,—a moral atmosphere that will make eastern people know that this state is a good place to come to, a good place in which they may rear their children.

"Let me enumerate some of the ways in which the Association and the church may supplement each other. The fundamental principle should be that the Association is simply the church going forth in certain forms of service. If the churches of California should withdraw their support, the Associations would sink back in a hurry into nothingness. I have never met anywhere a worker in the Young Men's Christian Associations who was not likewise a member of some organization of the church.

"First. The Young Men's Christian Association may supplement the church from the administrative side by providing a common institutional department for all of our denominations. I used to say in Malden: 'Yes, my church is an institutional church. On this corner we have a \$90,000 building where we recite our creeds and congregate the people for worship. On the other corner we have a \$90,000 building where we have a first-class gymnasium, reading and writing rooms, play rooms and bowling alley, and rooms for

evening classes,' etc., etc. Every preacher ought to count the Young Men's Christian Association secretary as an assistant pastor. When a splendid Young Men's Christian Association is builded in any city, I have always felt that the pastors when they hold their conferences together ought to come into the Association building and hold their meetings there. The Young Men's Christian Association is a supplement to the church by giving to each a chance to maintain a first-class institutional department.

"Second. On the interdenominational side, the Association supplements the church by giving it a center of common interest and common work. This whole matter of denominational bigotry has been tremendously exaggerated. The simple truth all along throughout the years in this country, even though we have at times wandered away, has been a fine spirit of feeling and service between our various denominations. It is a good thing when there comes some institution that stands for a common interest and a common work. When a Young Men's Christian Association is builded in any city it means that the time has come when we can agree to worship and work together for God in company, and it is a great time in the religious welfare of any city when there is a center where the tribes of the Lord may go up to our common Israel. I am hoping that before many months, and certainly before many years, Sacramento, the capital city, will have a Young Men's Christian Association that will be worthy of the state and worthy of the community.

"Third. On the social side, the Young Men's Christian Association makes a very attractive half-way station by providing in the secretary a happy mediator between the young man and the minister. The young man of the period does not get very well acquainted with the preacher. Jesus Christ wants a man to be real—to be his best through and through. The average clergyman is a good deal handicapped in dealing with the young men of the neighborhood and when I say that the Young Men's Christian Association can serve as a mediator between the young man of the period and the minister I speak truthfully.

Fourth. The Young Men's Christian Association may supplement the church by the way in which it reaches out on the evangelistic side by affording mild approaches to the Gospel. There are a great many young men in California, as indeed everywhere, that are not ready yet for the deepest approaches that you can make to their hearts and must necessarily be treated somewhat from the homoeopathic standpoint. Jesus began with Zaccheus on the social side of his nature and Jesus began just where Zaccheus was strongest. That is what our gymnasium classes are for and likewise what our evening classes are for in the long run. They may have by-products but they are to reach the young men in the center of their lives and finally get them to surrender themselves to the highest and best, even until they become professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"The loneliest place in this world is the big city—to stand on the street corner and see a thousand people pass by, each one moving in his own sphere, and no place to go genders the loneliest feeling. A young man must have associates. If it be true that there are many more attractive places that lead him on toward ruin than there are to lead him on toward God, we are not giving him a good chance. That young man is just ready to be captured either for the bad or for the good. I never see a Young Men's Christian Association building in any city but I think of the multiform temptations that come to young men, and there has gone out of my heart a prayer of thanks to God that good men and women place such institutions for young men.

"The temptations are so many that we need never fear of overdoing on that side of our work.

"Let me bid you God Speed in all of your efforts to raise up in our good state young men with clean records."

After announcements by the Business Committee, Rev. W. C. Sherman pronounced the benediction and the convention adjourned for the day.

FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 25.

The opening song service was led by Mr. D. W. Weist of Stanford University. After prayer by Rev. W. C. Sherman and Rev. Mr. Rodda, Dr. F. L. Goodspeed of Oakland conducted the Bible hour

In these Bible Hours I want to speak of four things:

- First, The Christian's Possession.
- Second, The Christian's Assurance.
- Third, The Christian's Weapons.
- Fourth, The Christian's Reward.

The First: Our Possessions. I. Cor. 3: 10-15. The lesson is that everything that is burnable or ignitable will surely be consumed. Gold cannot burn; you can melt it, you can refine it, but cannot consume it. In human character everything that is unstable is going to be consumed and only the things that cannot be consumed will last and will become a part of our inheritance in the skies.

How would St. Paul deal with the young man who had problems to face? He loved young men. Corinth was an exceedingly sinful city; vice had become a fine art. I suppose that the worst Christian city is better than the best Pagan city that ever was. We are apt to say that San Francisco is a very bad city. I suppose it is better than what Corinth was when Paul wrote these epistles. It was to such a city as that that Paul was sending this letter before us today. There was a division in the church. It became split up over three apostolic leaders. There is no need of dividing over this matter. We are all in Jesus Christ. Take this truth and apply it to your own soul. This is the principle of the Young Men's Christian Association; not to divide, not to draw lines, but to help all, to combine and to strengthen all, uphold all. If we find anything in Calvin, anything in Wesley, anything in Brooks, appropriate that truth and make it ours because all truth is God's and all Bible truth that is really truth comes direct from Him who is the way, the truth and the life. Note the way St. Paul speaks to those Corinthian people: "All are yours," he said. Was not that a dangerous thing to say to people that were surrounded by all this vice, by all this temptation? Would you not think it a dangerous thing to say to young men? When you come to think of it, all sin is the perversion of something that is good in itself. I cannot conceive of anything wrong but what was carried over from the legitimate to the illegitimate; that is sin. The Bible uses the word "wrong" meaning "wrung"—missing the mark. The young man misses the mark because he does not live up to his ideal. St. Paul here makes sin the perversion or the wrong use of things that in their proper use are high and holy.

Take ambition. No young man will ever amount to anything who has no ambition to make the most of himself for the glory of God and the good of humanity. We know that ambition has filled the world with sorrow, has climbed the altar stairs, has used the sign of the cross in order that it might win laurels for itself; yet no life will ever amount to anything that has no ambition. That is, the wrong kind of ambition that seeks to be successful at the cost of some other soul. Self-regard when it passes over into selfishness is sin. Selfishness is self-isolation from the life of others in order to enjoy it apart from anyone else. The sin of the Prodigal was that he wanted to be away from the old associates, to enjoy in isolation the things which he ought to have enjoyed with his father and his brethren. Conscience is a good thing, and yet, even conscience has piled fagots about human beings and has armed warriors. The greatest thing in the world is love. It gives us all that is worth having in this world. When you pass away from love you come into lust, and lust is the perversion of love. St. Paul deals with this question in a high, sane, beautiful, modern way, as if it were written to illustrate and to help us in our work today and tomorrow. He claims all truth as ours; the world is ours, he says. I have heard preachers act as if the earth belongs to the devil. The devil cannot bring the sun to open one lily's face. The devil is a chained slave. I want you to know this world belongs to God.

"Life is yours," Paul said. Here is another place where you can touch young men. It seems to me that right here is another splendid appeal to young men and it is the Young Men's Christian Association's appeal. It is not the old appeal to the effect that you have got to reduce a man's physical powers in order to make a saint of him. I do not ask you to become a bare skeleton, but I want you to come into the gymnasium and get more life into you. There was a time in religion when men went to monasteries to get away from the world. Then men could not be Christians out in society; they locked themselves in cells in order to get away from society and reduce themselves to the lowest terms physically; all in order to get the devil out of them. We say now days, come into the gymnasium. Let us build you up physically, let us make a man of you; not only a physical giant, for a being who is simply six feet two inches tall is not necessarily a man. When God created a man he had to breathe into him the breath of life—something of Himself went into man and he became a living soul. Make a man strong in his physical life, but do not stop there; get something of God into him.

Life is the expression of God. Our life ought to be the expression of the divine life. Jesus said, "Ye are my witnesses," and in doing so life becomes bigger, richer and greater. I love the expressions: "Crown of life," "Crown of righteousness," "Crown of glory;" I love life. What does it mean? Why is it that God has permitted us to live, given us a crown of life and supplied that great craving within us for a divine life? If a young man has good red blood in him that idea ought to stir up in the very depths of his nature.

"Death is ours," Paul said. We fear death, we shrink from it, we watch over it; yet the apostle says for the Christian, death is one of his possessions. Death has a mortgage on the sinful man and by and by that mortgage is to be foreclosed. But Jesus came to remove encumbrances so that the man who is in the Lord Jesus Christ is free and death has no more dominion over him. Death is but the vestibule of the house of God.

"Ye are Christ's," Paul said. If we are Christ's we are not our own then. I want you to believe that this is the hinge of the whole business. All things are ours provided we are Christ's; we belong to Him. I get all I can, I accomplish all I can, I strengthen my personality, I educate my head and sweeten my heart. When all are done it is not for my own selfish end. "For their sakes I sanctify myself."

The report of the Nominating Committee being called for the following officers were placed in nomination and elected by a unanimous vote:

President.....	George W. Marston, San Diego
1st Vice-President.....	A. L. Adams, Oakland
2d Vice-President.....	E. C. Harwood, Uplands
3d Vice-President.....	C. H. Dunn, Sacramento
Secretary.....	M. A. Hollabaugh, Redlands
Ass't Secretary.....	H. M. Tennant, Stanford University
Ass't Secretary.....	Wm. Service, Vallejo

Mr. Campbell introduced the new president, Mr. Marston, who, after a few remarks, appointed the standing committees of the convention:

Business Committee.

F. A. Jackson.....	Berkeley
H. H. Gribben.....	Oakland
I. W. Larimore.....	San Diego

Resolutions Committee.

Dr. George Pomeroy.....	Oakland
E. J. Ruenitz.....	Ventura
H. B. Ashton.....	Fresno

Committee on State Committee's Report.

George B. McDougal.....San Francisco
 H. C. Weizenberger.....Watsonville
 F. L. Starrett.....Oakland

Committee on Religious Meetings

Charles N. Campbell.....Sacramento
 W. A. Horn.....Oakland
 D. E. Luther.....Los Angeles

Auditing Committee.

E. C. Lyon.....Oakland
 George Wilson.....San Jose
 J. B. Riddick.....Long Beach

Publicity Committee

R. H. Gossom.....Watsonville
 J. Y. Kerr.....Pasadena
 B. L. Byer.....Uplands

Mr. J. P. Hagerman of Los Angeles then presented the report of The Commission on the Relation of the Association to High School Boys:

The Commission on the Relation of the Association to High School Boys.

J. P. Hagerman, Chairman, Los Angeles, Secretary Triangle Department Y. M. C. A.

D. W. Weist, Stanford University, Secretary Student Association.

E. W. Lindsay, Fresno, County Superintendent of Schools.

T. S. Caldwell, Oakland, Boys' Work Director Y. M. C. A.

A. B. Clayton, San Pedro, Principal High School.

H. F. Henderson, Los Angeles, State Student Secretary Y. M. C. A.

The Commission in its investigation considered these phases of its general subject, the Relation of the Association to High School Boys:

1. Leisure time, vacation and recreation.
2. Home relations of the High School Boy.
3. Standards and conditions of High School boys, athletic, scholarship, moral.
4. The High School Boy's church relationship.

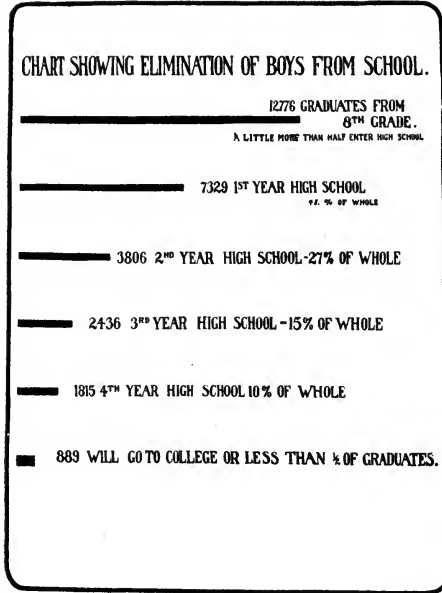
The report of the Commission revealed the following:

There are 15,386 boys in the California High Schools. (Report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, June 30, 1909.) Of these, 825 boys, or 5 3-10 per cent, of the whole number, are in Association membership; 843 boys, or 5 2-5 per cent. of the whole number, are not members but are reported as influenced in some way by the Association, leaving 13,718 boys, or 89 3-10 per cent. of the whole number, entirely untouched by the Association. Of the 15,386 High School boys in the state, 8,913 boys, or 58 per cent. of the whole number, are within organized cities or counties. 1,688 boys, or 18 per cent. of those within organized communities, are in the Association, or reported as influenced in some way by the Association. 6,473 boys, or 42 per cent. of the whole number, are outside the organized communities.

1. Leisure time, vacation and recreation.

The way the High School boy spends his out-of-school hours very largely determines his character. The use of these hours of recreation, and the best kind

of a vacation, were the two points studied in this connection. The Association officers should give time to study the recreative needs of High School boys and ways of meeting them legitimately. One Association in the state reported that nine out of ten boys coming to the building know how to play pool well and that many are experts. The pool rooms of the city break the laws contin-



ually by allowing minors to play. The objectionable moving-picture shows and cheap theatres are largely patronized by High School boys.

The average summer resort usually has a demoralizing effect on the boy spending his vacation there, while the summer camp, as arranged by the Association, can be of positive good as a vacation and as a training period for the physical, intellectual and moral life.

2. Home Relations of the High School Boy.

The High School is a public institution and lacks the personal element that the boy needs. What the High School boy is to be he is becoming in the High School now and this does not always appeal strongly to the Home; in the majority of cases neither the home nor the school relate themselves to a life-work proposition for the boy in a sympathetic way. The home often holds aloof from the interests of the boy and his friends. It is backward about giving sexual instruction to boys at the time most needed, and in many regards is not the place for training manhood that it should and could be.

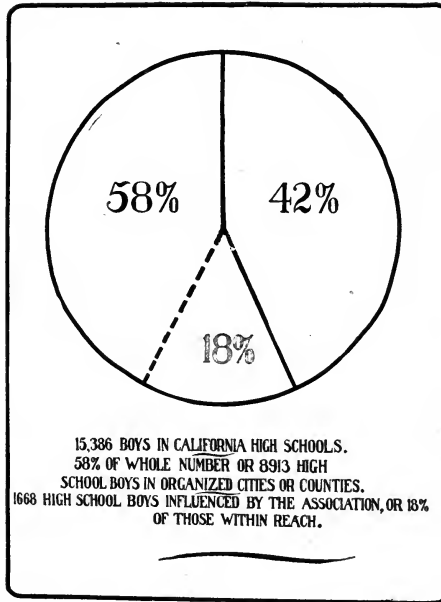
3. Standards and Conditions of High School Boys.

The consensus of opinion among schoolmen is that the standards of High School life are improving. E. W. Lindsay, Superintendent of Schools of Fresno County, in his report based on information obtained from High School principals all over the state, said: "On the question of public and personal morals, 40 per cent. of the answers to inquiries state that the standard is as high as it has been, 53 per cent. state that there is an improvement, while only 7 per cent. think it is lower. The reports are encouraging on this question. There seems to be no doubt but that the tendency is upward. This is largely due to the fact that we are getting into our High Schools, as instructors, some of the very best young men to be found in the state; brainy young fellows, full of life and enthusiasm; clean young men of whom any mother, or sister, or sweetheart, might be proud.

“One of the dangers in High School life comes from the inter-High School contests, where there is practically no supervision on the part of the High School faculty. Many evils grow out of this, especially drunken rowdyism. Where some member of the faculty, who is clean and strong and manly, takes hold as leader because he loves the sport, there will be little danger of our athletic standards being lowered.”

4. The High School Boy's Church Relationship.

Personal investigation on the part of the members of the Commission revealed the following regarding the attitude of High School boys toward the church: The church is not gripping High School boys for effective service in the church proper, the Sunday School or kindred organization. Fifty per cent. of those interviewed have held a wrong idea of what church membership involves, thinking that it means a life of weakness and unnatural sacrifices. Many do not see the necessity of church affiliation in order to “be good,” while a large number shrink from the ordeal of examination by the church session or other body in preparation for membership. A large proportion of boys inter-



viewed contend that the average church service is not adapted to the needs or tastes of High School boys. The Sunday School also is considered a place for small children and their mothers. Young people's societies do not attract High School boys because the subjects of the meetings are not interesting to them. The Commission found that a very small percentage of High School boys are being touched by the church or any of its auxiliary organizations.

As a result of its investigation, the Commission presented the following recommendations to the convention:

“The Commission on the Relation of the Association to High School Boys recommends to the Associations of California, that in outlining the work of the year following this convention a definite campaign be planned among the High School Boys of their respective communities along the following lines:

“1. Each Association should make a thorough study of its High School Situation carefully tabulating all available facts.

“2. Only such men should be employed for Boys' Work Directors as, by education, training and experience, shall be recognized leaders among High School Boys.

"3. A systematic effort should be made to meet the Social and Recreative needs of High School Boys,—in so far as these needs are not being met by existing Christian organizations,—so that with increasing years they will be increasingly dissatisfied with any except the highest standards in these departments of life.

"4. In dealing with High School Boys the Association must recognize the Home as a most important factor in the boy's development, and should co-operate with the parents in surrounding the boy with a helpful environment during the period of adolescence.

"5. The city Associations should seek the co-operation of the College Associations and through them bring before High School Boys the importance of a college education and of the highest ideals in the choice of a vocation.

"6. The Association should co-operate with the Play Ground Commission and endeavor to place qualified High School Boys in positions of voluntary leadership in this work.

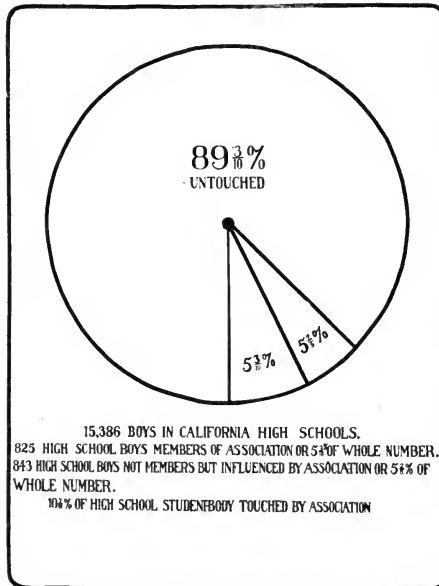
"7. The Association should definitely train High School Boys for places of leadership in other existing organizations within the Church, and should bring the Church into sympathetic touch with High School Boys.

"8. The Religious Work Department of the Association should plan a three-fold line of effort for High School Boys as follows:

"(a). It should co-operate with the authorities of the High School in bringing before the boys at the School building speakers well qualified to give Moral and Life Work Talks.

"(b). It should make a systematic effort to promote an attractive, informal Religious Meeting for High School Boys once a week.

"(c). It should organize High School Boys into natural Groups for the study of Religious Truth, using such courses as may seem most appropriate to the local conditions."



The report of the commission was followed by a general discussion. The time being limited, on motion of F. A. Jackson of Berkeley, it was decided to continue the discussion at the close of the afternoon session.

Mr. Ivan B. Rhodes, State Secretary of Oregon, then delivered an address on "The Extension of the Kingdom of God through the Student Associations,"

On motion of Mr. J. E. Sprunger, a telegram of sympathy was sent to Mr. Peter Hanson, Secretary of the Long Beach Association, on account of the serious illness of his wife.

After a report from the Business Committee the session adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 25.

The session was called to order at one thirty in the First Congregational church. Dr. F. L. Goodspeed conducted the Bible hour.

At two thirty the session adjourned for the sectional conferences, which were held as follows:

Section	Chairman
Counties and Small Towns.....	W. H. Wallace
Students.....	Ivan B. Rhodes
Army and Navy.....	F. A. McCarl
Physical.....	I. W. Larimore
Boys.....	R. O. Hanson
Educational.....	E. E. Esdon
Religious.....	John Fechter

At four p. m., the session again convened for further discussion of the High School commission report. The commission presented its recommendations, which were adopted, and on motion it was decided that the State Committee should publish the same. The session then adjourned.

FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 25.

The evening session was called to order by the president. Mr. E. C. Harwood of Upland conducted the devotional exercises. Mr. F. L. Starrett of Oakland then presented the report of the Commission on the Relation of the Association to the young men and boys of the churches:

Report of the Commission on the Relation of the Association to the Young Men and Boys of the Churches.

F. L. Starrett, Chairman, Oakland, General Secretary Y. M. C. A.

Noel H. Jacks, San Francisco, General Manager Prudential Insurance Co.

John Fechter, Jr., Fresno, General Secretary Y. M. C. A.

J. J. White, San Francisco, Director Religious Work Y. M. C. A.

Arthur Arlett, Berkeley, Building Contractor.

The Commission considered the following phases of the general subject of the relation of the Association to the Young Men and Boys of the Churches:

1. The Man Era in the Church.
2. The Relation of the Association to the Sunday School.
3. Five Periods of Religious Growth in the Association.

The report of the Commission revealed the following:

1. The Man Era in the Church.

For many years it has been generally recognized that the chief obstacles in the way of progress in the church have been the alienation of the working

men and the estrangement of young men. The leaders of the various denominations have made special effort to remove these obstacles and with considerable success. These efforts have taken the form of organizations controlled for the most part by laymen. Some of these have been interdenominational in character, such as

- The Young Men's Christian Association.
- The Baraca Movement.
- The Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Others are denominational in character, such as

- The Presbyterian Brotherhood.
- The Brotherhood of St. Paul of the Methodist Church.
- The Brotherhood of the Episcopal Church.

These organizations, together with a large number among boys, show that the church is bending every effort to attract and hold young men.

The government census of religious bodies, taken in 1906, gives 39.3 per cent. of the membership of protestant churches as men. This shows a large majority of the young men still outside the church membership.

The work within the church is well organized, and there is danger of friction and duplication of work between the various organizations. The Association has co-operated with these multiform organizations in the churches and has accomplished the unification of their work in many cities. This co-operation has necessitated some readjustment of the functions peculiar to the Association in order to make the work effective.

2. The Relation of the Association to the Sunday School.

The Sunday School takes up the work of character development at the point of infancy and aspires to continue it through life, but generally loses the boy at the age of fourteen to sixteen years, because the natural process of his development at this time demands social and physical training, which the Sunday School does not supply. At this age the Association meets the deficiency and with its gymnasium, club life and Christian atmosphere conserves what the Sunday School has accomplished. Therefore, these two organizations should make common cause of their work. In the past there has been too little co-operation. Sunday School officials have not urged their students to membership in the Association, and the Association has not promoted attendance at Sunday School with sufficient earnestness. The Association depends for its workers upon the boys and men trained in the Sunday School. The Sunday School depends upon the Association to complete the work of character forming which it has begun. They are both dependencies of the church and this mutual co-operation will place the relationship in its true light before the world. There is great ignorance of the true relationship existing, as recent magazine articles testify, and part of the work of the Association is to correct this false impression.

3. Five Periods of Religious Growth in the Association.

The religious and moral condition of boys and young men was the exigency that called for the organization of the Association. This condition which existed at that time obtains at the present time. The controlling motive of the Association is the making of Christian manhood through surrender in faith to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, and through enlistment in service for the extension of his kingdom. The Association has changed greatly in its growth to its present complex organization and this development can be grouped into five periods.

First. The early Associations were almost wholly spiritual in their work. The headquarters were fitted up with a view to religious activities alone,—Bible classes and religious meetings. The first Association building erected in the United States, in Chicago, consisted mainly of a large evangelistic hall. Most employed officers were chosen because of their evangelistic ability. Robert R. McBurney of New York led the Association from this idea to that of a specialized work for the culture of Christian manhood.

Second. The second period marks the time when the Associations began enlarged work for men. Both New York and San Francisco opened new build-

ings containing gymnasiums, but the physical features were largely tolerated as a bait to bring men to the religious appeal.

Third. The third period marks the development of specialized departments—Educational, Boys', Religious. This specialization has produced the remarkable results of recent years in the Association's growth. The Association has been accused of departing from its first objective because of its great material prosperity, but an analysis of its reports shows this to be untrue.

Fourth. The fourth period was one of the extension of the Association activity into the community. Shop meetings, group Bible classes, work in camps and among industrial classes has been widely promoted.

Fifth. The fifth period is just beginning and the opinion of the commission was that it will probably be noted for its co-operation with other organizations within the church to intensify and unify religious work for men and boys. Dr. Washington Gladden has said in this connection: "The work of the Young Men's Christian Association must be done by the young men who are members of the churches, and the pastor will regard this as one of the fields in which his force is employed and will gladly surrender such of his young men as may be needed to this important work. It is one of the cases in which the church, for Christ's sake, loses its life that it may keep it unto life eternal."

The Committee on Religious Meetings announced the appointments for the church services on Sunday morning, and the business committee also made a report. After prayer by Mr. H. J. McCoy the session adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 26

The song service was conducted by Mr. D. W. Weist of Stanford University, and was followed by prayer by Dr. Wills of Sacramento. Dr. F. L. Goodspeed conducted the Bible hour. The president then asked Mr. H. J. McCoy to take charge of the business session of the convention.

The chairman called for the report of the State Committee which was presented by State Secretary B. B. Wilcox:

Annual Report

As this report covers a period of two years it will be impossible, for the sake of brevity, to do more than touch upon various phases of Association activities during that time. The postponement of our State Convention meant considerable loss, financially, to the State Committee, and the addition to our state force of another Field Secretary meant an increased financial obligation, but the advancement made during these two years far exceeds that of any other like period in the history of California State work.

New Building Funds, etc.

New Buildings in the course of construction or completed during the past few months are indicative of at least one phase of State Work which has been vigorously pushed since the last Convention. In all but two of the following campaigns for New Buildings the State Committee was instrumental in the setting up and management of same.

Oakland,	population	225,000	Raised	\$225,000	Ten days' Campaign.
Berkeley,	"	40,000	Raised	118,000	Eight days' Campaign.
*Stockton,	"	30,000	Raised	76,000	Fourteen days' Campaign.
*Riverside,	"	14,000	Raised	75,000	Thirty days' Campaign.
*Watsonville,	"	5,000	Raised	37,500	Thirty days' Campaign.
*Garden Grove,	"	500	Raised	1,250	
Fullerton, (Co.)	"	1,200	Raised	2,300	

Eighteen months ago the *Los Angeles Association entered their magnificent New Building which represents an investment of about \$600,000. Many departments are already overcrowded, and some thought has been given to the advisability of adding two more stories to the present structure. 112 Dormitory rooms, with a capacity of 150, averaged 122 occupants during the past year, exclusive of transients. This represented an income to the Los Angeles Association of something over twenty-three thousand dollars for the year just closed.

In addition to the building campaigns listed above, another campaign in one of the smaller cities for \$100,000 is now being promoted, with every indication of success. This amount, with other funds in hand, will give this particular Association \$140,000 to build and equip a modern Building.

The State Committee has also assisted local Associations in securing about \$25,000 for their current expenses, and in a special campaign at San Jose \$22,000 was secured for the purchase of a lot and current budget; this fund was secured in four days.

Two new County organizations have been effected, namely: Ventura and San Bernardino Counties. The funds for these organizations were secured by our State County Secretary.

Membership

The Membership of California Associations has increased 35 per cent. since our last State Convention—over 12,000 members now being enrolled.

Educational

The Educational work in a number of the Associations has been seriously handicapped during the past two years on account of the building enterprises which have been conducted during that period, but even under these conditions the records show 1,800 men and boys in day and evening educational classes in California Associations at this time, being an increase of 26 per cent. since last report.

The School of Commerce and Finance, conducted by the Los Angeles Association has a daily average of sixty students. Three instructors on full time,

* Dedicated: Los Angeles, Sept., 1908; Garden Grove, April, 1909; Riverside, Nov., 1909; Watsonville, Dec., 1909; Stockton, Jan., 1910.

two instructors on part time, sixteen special lecturers (including some of the most prominent business and professional men of Los Angeles) constitute the faculty. There is a weekly Bible Class with an average attendance of 28. The students in this special department of Education of the Los Angeles Association come from several Counties in Southern California. The success of this school, financially and otherwise, is merely suggestive of what may be done in our larger Cities in connection with the development of Educational work.

Boys' Work

A portion of the time of one of the State Secretaries has been given to supervision of Boys' Work throughout the State. Eleven Secretaries have given their entire time to work among boys in seven Associations. Nineteen Associations report Boys' Work, with a total membership of 3,100—being a gain of fifty per cent. since last Convention.

Religious Work

At the time of our last report 26 Associations were conducting 128 Bible Classes, with a total enrollment of 2,052. We are able to report at this time that Bible Classes are being conducted in 29 Associations, with a total enrollment of 3,700—an increase of 80 per cent. The last report showed 428 conversions in 18 Associations, while at this time 11 Associations report 800 professed conversions—being a gain of 93 per cent.

Physical Work

With the securing of New Buildings much more efficient work is being done in the Physical Departments. These New Buildings supply splendid facilities in the way of gymnasiums, swimming pools, bath rooms and lockers, and additional provision has been made for outdoor games, courts, etc.

In 1908 seventeen Associations reported gymnasium classes for men and boys with a total enrollment of 4,359. Reports now show eighteen Associations reporting a total enrollment of 5,500—a gain of 26 per cent. These figures of course practically eliminate San Francisco and Oakland Associations which are unable to do very much along the line of Physical Work until after their New Buildings are completed.

Employed Officers

The personnel of Association Employed Officers in California has been materially strengthened during the past two years. 95 men are now giving their entire time to the development of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association as paid Officials, as follows:

State Secretaries	5
General Secretaries	17
Assistant Secretaries	11
Physical Directors	16
Educational Work Directors...	3
Religious Work Directors	4
Boys' Work Directors	11
Social Work Directors	1
Employment Work Directors..	1
Membership Work Directors..	2
Student Ass'n Secretaries....	4
Army and Navy Secretaries...	13
County Secretaries	3
Industrial Secretaries	4

This number shows a net gain of fifty per cent. over the number given in the last report. 33 of the above Secretaries were secured for the State through the direct aid of the State Office.

Student Department

Since last State Convention two new Student Associations have been organized—one at California Polytechnic School, San Luis Obispo, and one at Occidental College Academy, Los Angeles.

One Secretary has taken up the work at University of Southern California, on full time, and one at Pomona College on half time. Efficient Secretaries were located for Stanford University and the University of California.

A large room has been secured from the University at Stanford, and has been furnished at a cost of \$500 for Association purposes. There has been a large increase in all departments of the Student Association Work, since the last Convention. Membership has increased from 751 to 1,722—a gain of 129 per cent. Bible Study enrollment from 476 to 648—a gain of 36 per cent. Half of the Stanford Student Body are members of the Association.

8 men have graduated and entered Association Secretaryship.

3 men have graduated and gone into Foreign Fields as Teachers.

1 man has gone into the Foreign Association Secretaryship.

1 man doing graduate work preparing for Secretaryship.

4 men graduating next June expect to go into Secretaryship.

150 High School Boys have been put in touch with College Associations each year by correspondence. Fifteen High School Boys were taken to Student Conference last Christmas where special sessions were held for them.

Four California College men attended the Quadrennial Student Volunteer Conference at Rochester this year. Conference on the Christian Ministry held at San Anselmo Theological Seminary; 100 students present, 60 of them from colleges.

Student Deputation work has developed. Over fifty men have gone out in bands, resulting in about 170 reported conversions.

Without exception a stronger class of men in the colleges are accepting places of leadership in the Association.

Industrial

Investigations have been conducted to ascertain the needs and possibilities in the following fields:

Los Angeles Aqueduct.

Olinda.

Bakersfield and Coalinga Oil Fields.

California-Hawaiian Sugar Refining Company, Crockett.

Oxnard and Chino Sugar Factories.

Soon after work was begun on the Los Angeles Aqueduct, the State Committee made an investigation along the line of construction camps, interviewing the engineers in charge, and studying the needs and possibilities of some kind of welfare service among the employed men. Later on, at the request of the Los Angeles Association, Mr. George D. McDill, of the International Committee, visited the whole Aqueduct system. The movement was started at once to have the City of Los Angeles back up the local Association in organizing and conducting an Industrial Department among the employees of the Aqueduct. This resulted in the Los Angeles City Council making an appropriation of \$5,000 and the Association placed four Secretaries in the field who are devoting their entire time to the four thousand employed men along the line.

In response to a request from the Manager, Mr. George Rolph, of the California-Hawaiian Sugar Refining Company, located at Crockett, the Industrial Secretary of the State Committee visited the plant and found upon investiga-

tion a splendidly equipped Club House for social welfare service among the 500 employees of the Company. A plan and policy was submitted to the Company, stating the conditions under which the State Committee would consider the establishment of an Industrial Association at their plant. The Company agreed to lease the Building and equipment for the nominal sum of one dollar a year, furnish light and heat, and pay the salary of a Secretary. Work will be launched there in the very near future.

Several visits have been made to the oil fields of Coalinga, and conditions carefully investigated. There is probably at present no Industrial field in California that presents a greater need and greater opportunity than Coalinga. The existing conditions tending to immorality are deplorable. The male population in the town and nearby oil fields is estimated at about 6,000. The seventy-five or more Companies employing men are interested in keeping their men away from Coalinga and out in the field as much as possible. For this reason, it may be advisable to plan some sort of field work, rather than local work at Coalinga.

The Olinda Oil fields of Orange County have also been investigated, and conditions there tend to warrant the establishment of Industrial work at an early date.

Other fields, such as Lumber Camps, Mines, Construction Camps, etc., will receive attention as soon as time permits.

County Work

In addition to the County Conventions referred to under "State Meetings", the State Committee has investigated very carefully several other sections in the State with a view to organizing County Work. These investigations include Los Angeles, Fresno and Kings Counties. Besides securing funds for County Buildings at Garden Grove and Fullerton, very careful supervision has been given to the work throughout the Counties already organized. The development of County Work under the local Secretaries has far exceeded the expectations of the most sanguine of our State County Committee. The Conferences, Bible Study Classes, Athletic Meets, Educational Classes and Lectures, Meetings during the Week of Prayer, Visitation to unorganized centers throughout the Counties, and the rendering of definite service in the way of special meetings, etc., at these points, are only a few of the many activities that are being pursued in Orange, Ventura and San Bernardino Counties.

The increased number of conversions during the past year has been made possible largely through the agency of this County Work.

Summer Camps

It is hard to estimate the real amount of good accomplished by the Summer Camps, and nearly every Association in California has conducted Camps at various locations throughout the State. It is anticipated, however, that the time is not far distant when there will be organized a State Camp conducted in two divisions, covering the Northern and Southern sections of the State. Plans will undoubtedly be worked out to this end in the near future.

State Meetings

The following Conferences and Conventions held since the last State Convention have been exceedingly helpful:

Boys' Conferences:

- Berkeley, May 8-10, 1908, 120 delegates.
- Orange, Nov. 27-29, 1908, 138 delegates.
- Redlands, Nov. 26-28, 1908, 150 delegates.

County Conventions:

Ventura, Aug. 21-23, 1908, Organizing Conference.
 Santa Paula (Ventura County), Aug. 1909, Regular Convention.
 Orange County, April, 1908, Fullerton.
 Orange County, April, 1909, Garden Grove.
 San Bernardino County, Ontario, May 21-23, 1909, Organizing Convention.

Student Conferences:

State Annual Conferences at Pacific Grove and Carmel, Christmas Vacation, 1908-1909, and 1909-1910.
 Local Conferences in the interest of Bible and Mission Study, The Christian Ministry, etc.

Boys' Work Directors' Conferences:

Los Angeles, September, 1909.
 Oakland, September, 1909.

Employed Officers' Conferences:

Long Beach.
 San Francisco.
 Los Angeles.
 San Francisco.

Young Men's Sunday Services:

1. Hollywood and Colegrove.
2. Upland.
3. Whittier.
4. Merced and Madera.
5. Selma.
6. Bakersfield.
7. Chino and Ontario.
8. San Bernardino.
9. Alhambra.
10. Napa.
11. Pomona.
12. Palo Alto.
13. Santa Rosa.
14. San Luis Obispo.
15. Santa Ana.

Corresponding Membership

A little over a year ago definite steps were taken for the organization of a Corresponding Membership Department. This work has gradually grown until at the present time at 85 different points throughout the State Christian men are on the lookout for young men who are coming into or leaving these communities. By a system of correspondence, pastors or Associations are put in touch with these young men and they are kept within the sphere of Christian influence.

The Corresponding Members have materially aided the State Committee in arranging for Young Men's Sundays, collecting subscriptions, and placing articles in local newspapers regarding state wide activities of the Association. In some of the larger cities these Members are conducting quiet campaigns of education that will aid materially in the organization of Associations in those centers when the time is ripe.

Foreign Work

In the financing of this important department of Association work, the Los Angeles Association has set an example that is worthy of emulation on the part of other Associations. Through the Los Angeles Association a subscrip-

tion of \$3,800 is made annually toward the support of the Shanghai (China) Young Men's Christian Association. Other Associations in the State are doing little toward the support of foreign work. Less than half a dozen of the 37 California Associations are making any systematic effort to secure funds for this important department of work. More united effort on the part of our California Associations is needed along this line.

Endowment

In view of the enlarged work of the California Young Men's Christian Associations, it is imperative that immediate steps be taken toward the securing of at least \$200,000 as an endowment for the State Committee. This would insure permanency, and would provide for greater efficiency by furnishing the means to respond to the numberless calls which come to the Committee from all sections of the State for important extensions.

Financial

No State Convention was held last year, consequently the State work has been seriously handicapped on account of the lack of co-operation and encouragement generally received at these gatherings. Notwithstanding this, more money was raised this past year for State work than during any previous year. With the encouragement and financial aid which it is believed will be given the Committee at this time, coupled with the usual loyalty on the part of the employed officers of the work throughout the State, and consecration on the part of all interested, there is no reason why the State Committee should not be able to close the year upon which it is now entering, with all bills cared for and with a goodly sum set aside for endowment.

State Executive Committee

At a meeting of the Southern section of the State Executive Committee held in the Association Building, Los Angeles, May 6, 1909, Mr. J. C. Ford of San Diego, was elected to succeed David Jacks (deceased). The terms of the following twenty members expire at this Convention:

Terms Expiring February, 1909

LESTER L. MORSE....San Francisco	J. C. FORD.....San Diego
GEORGE W. MARSTON...San Diego	C. A. MAYDWELL....San Francisco
H. J. McCOY.....San Francisco	J. G. WARREN.....Los Angeles
A. L. MUNGER.....Fresno	DR. SOLON BRIGGS.....Pasadena
DR. E. E. KELLY.....San Francisco	D. E. LUTHER.....Los Angeles

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W. C. PATTERSON.....Los Angeles	C. E. RUMSEY.....Riverside
JOHN P. FISKE.....Redlands	J. L. BARKER.....Berkeley
JOHN F. DIEHL.....Santa Barbara	OWEN HOTLE.....Oakland

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. MARSTON,

Chairman State Committee.

BURTON B. WILCOX,
State Secretary.

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DR. W. W. ROBLEE.....Riverside	A. L. ADAMS.....Oakland
D. C. N. COOPER.....Campbell	SILAS MACK.....Monterey
W. G. ALEXANDER.....San Jose	C. C. CHAPMAN.....Fullerton

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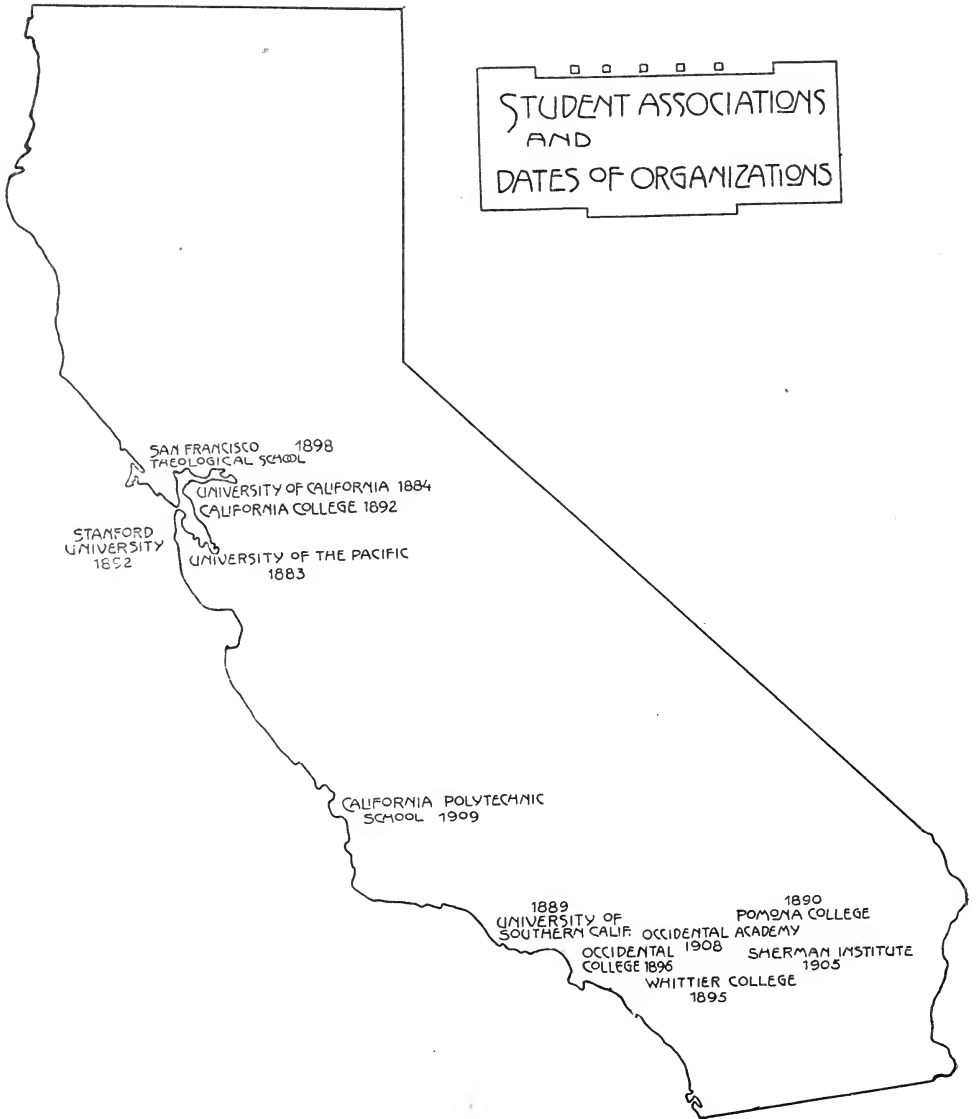
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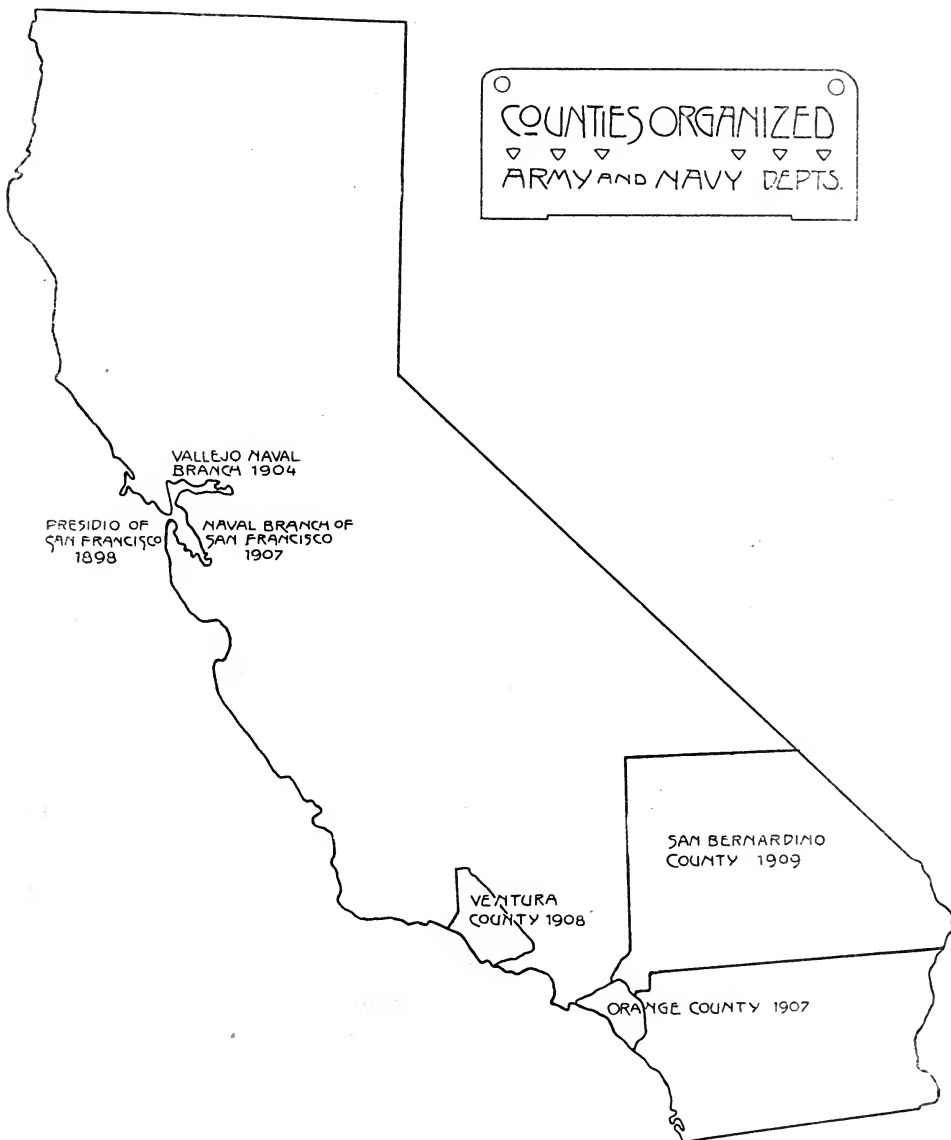
BURTON B. WILCOX.....	State Secretary
JAMES E. SPRUNGER.....	Field Secretary
THOS. J. WILKIE.....	County Secretary
HARRY F. HENDERSON.....	Student Secretary
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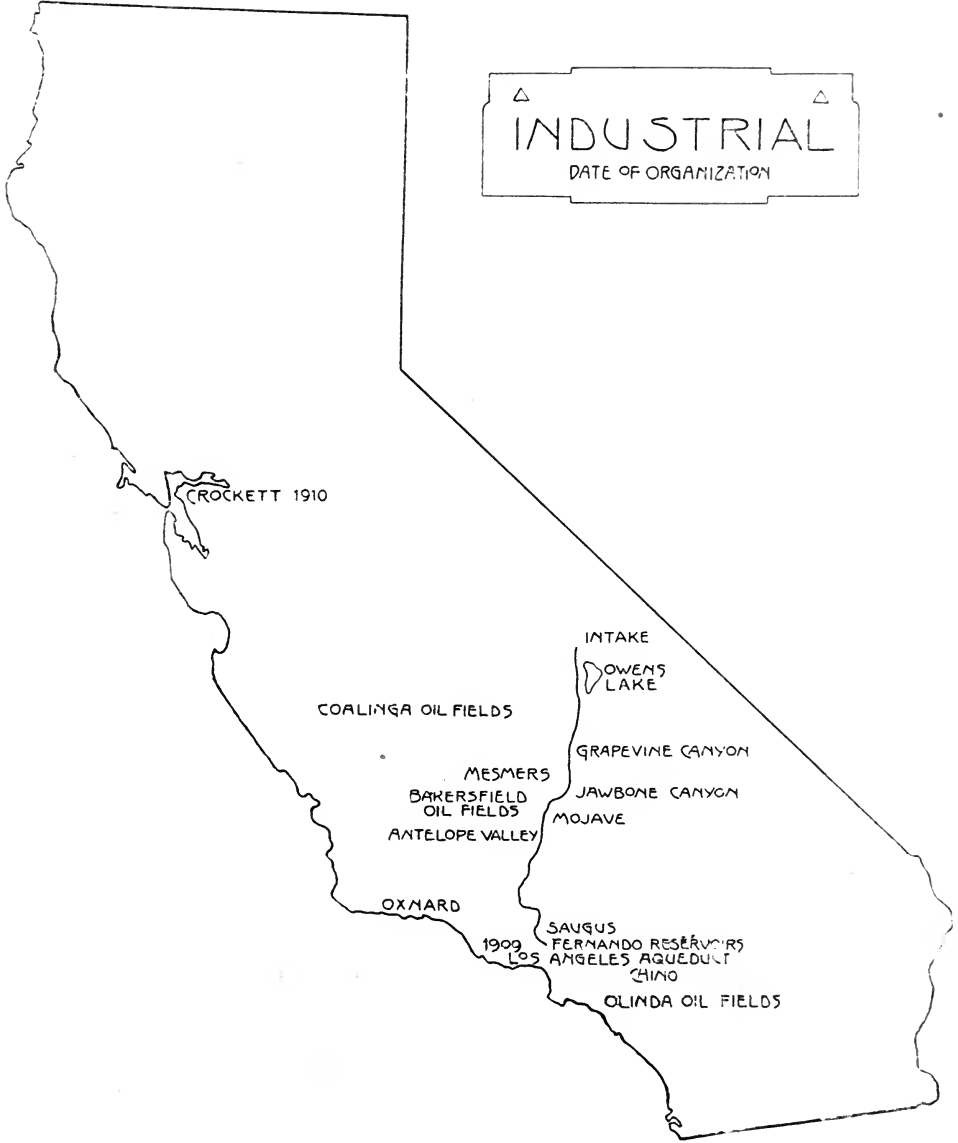


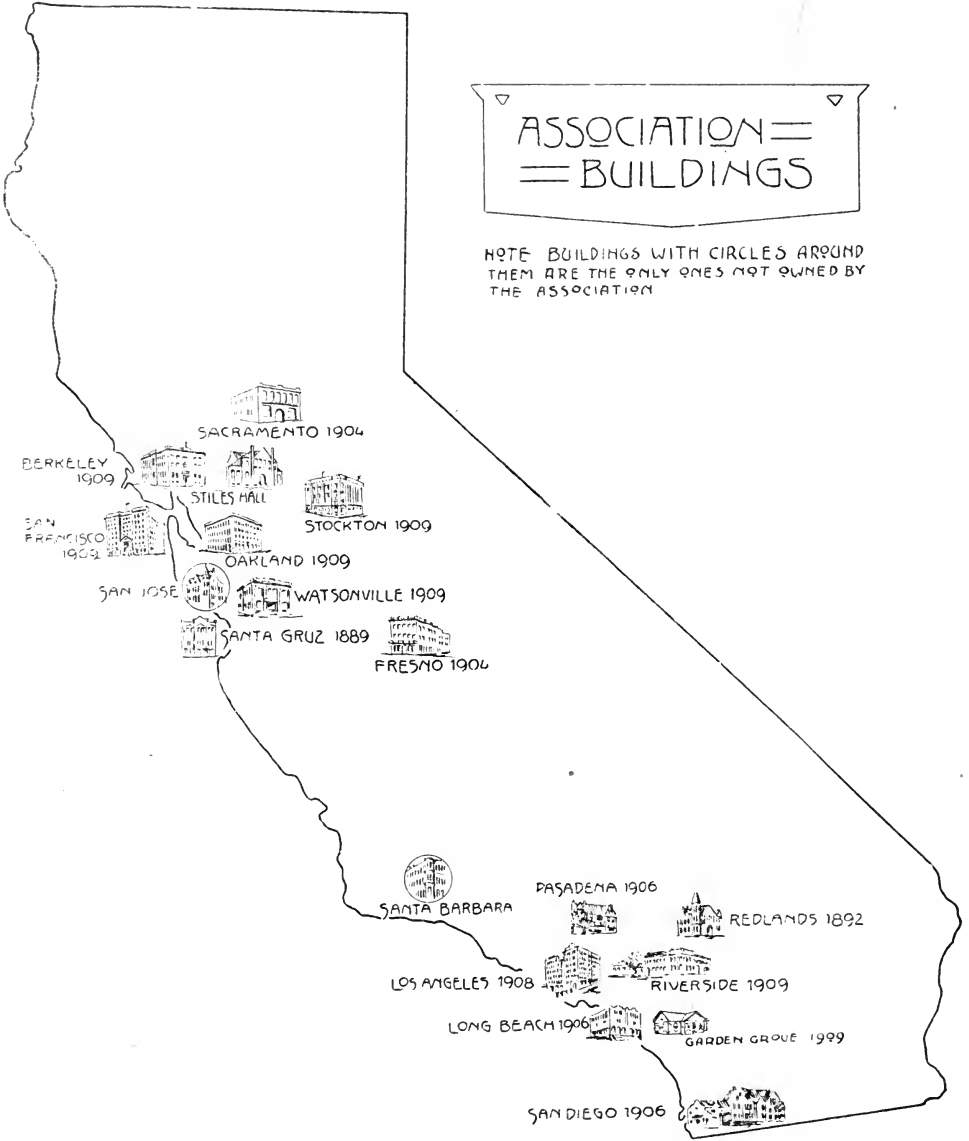


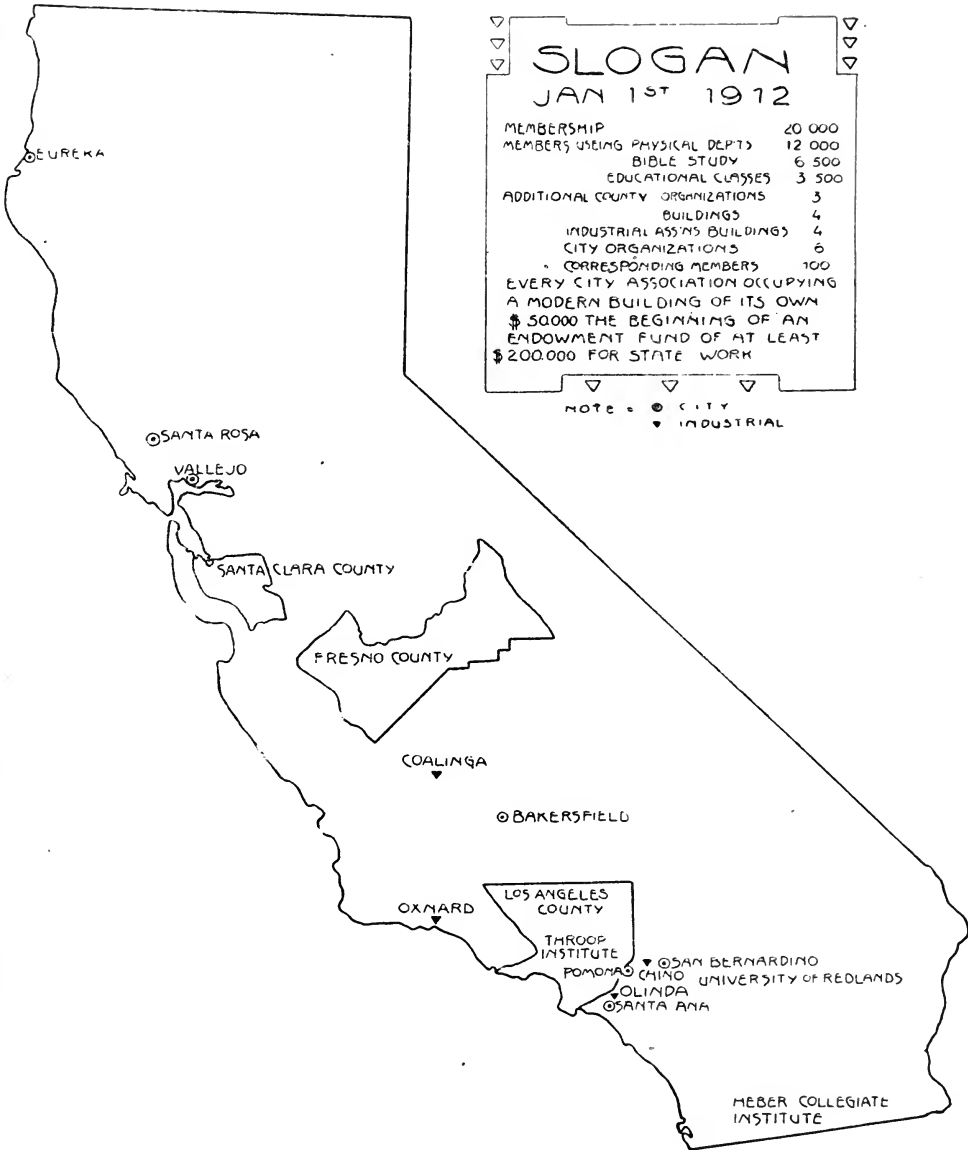
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MEMBERS USING PHYSICAL DEPT	12 000
BIBLE STUDY	6 500
EDUCATIONAL CLASSES	3 500
ADDITIONAL COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS	3
BUILDINGS	4
INDUSTRIAL ASS'NS BUILDINGS	4
CITY ORGANIZATIONS	6
CORRESPONDING MEMBERS	100

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The chairman then called for the financial report which was presented by the treasurer, Mr. W. H. Wallace of Long Beach. On motion the reports of the State Committee and the Treasurer were referred to the committee on State Committee's Reports.

The chairman then called for subscriptions to the work of the State Committee, which resulted as follows:

Association pledges.....	\$2,715.00
Personal subscriptions	1,325.00
Total.....	<u>\$4,040.00</u>

On motion of Mr. F. L. Starrett of Oakland, it was decided that May 1 to 15 should be set aside for the State Work Right-of-Way in order to help the State Committee complete its entire budget. A telegram of greetings from the Missouri State Convention was referred to the secretary for acknowledgment and answer.

The report of the commission on the relation of the Association to Young Men in and from the Country was called for and presented by the chairman, Mr. W. H. Wallace of Long Beach. The report revealed the following:

Report of the Commission on the Relation of the Association to the Young Men In and From the Country.

W. H. Wallace, Chairman, Long Beach, Vice-President Exchange National Bank.

Ralph B. Larkin, Escondido, Pastor Congregational Church.

S. W. Douglas, Anaheim, Secretary Orange County Y. M. C. A.

E. J. Ruenitz, Ventura, Secretary Ventura County Y. M. C. A.

H. R. Gaines, Ontario, Secretary San Bernardino County Y. M. C. A.

Thos. J. Wilkie, Los Angeles, State County Secretary Y. M. C. A.

The Commission in its investigation considered these phases of its general subject, the Relation of the Association to the Young Men In and From the Country:

1. The Corresponding Membership System.
2. The County Association.
3. Co-Operation of Pastors.
4. Camps.
5. The Attitude of the Association toward Unorganized Country Communities.

1. The Corresponding Membership System.

The corresponding membership system is the only supervision the Association can give to unorganized communities. The present organization of this work in the State is not adequate to meet the needs. During the past year 105 letters of introduction have been sent by corresponding members in the State. Many of these correspondents are enthusiastic over their work and believe in it fully. The commission was of the opinion that this department is of sufficient importance to command a large share of a man's time in the State office.

2. The County Association.

The County Association is the latest department of the work to be organized. It deals with the young men and boys in the country and small town districts which contribute a large part of the city's population. The work of the County Association is the discovery and enlistment of volunteer workers for the social, educational, physical and religious activities of each point where the work is undertaken. The policy of the Association is to win the boy to Christ

before he leaves the country so that he will be able to resist temptation when reaching the city.

The county work has grown very fast since its organization ten years ago. It now operates in 14 states, in 47 organized counties, in 375 local organizations, with 1400 volunteer leaders, 18,000 members, and at an annual expense of \$150,000. Three counties in California are organized: Orange County in 1907, Ventura County in 1908, and San Bernardino County in 1909.

In the organization of a County Association the State County Secretary first secures the approval of the plan from groups of laymen in the different towns in the county. He then solicits the budget for the first year, \$2,000 to \$3,000, meanwhile on the lookout for leading men to become county committeemen. When the budget is raised, an organizing convention is called at which the work of the Association is outlined in detail, a committee chosen to direct the work and a secretary called.

The various activities under the different departments may be outlined as follows: under the Religious department, Bible classes, institutes and conferences, meetings for men and boys, and student deputation or evangelistic work. During the past year 354 men and boys have been enrolled in Bible classes, 141 meetings reached 122 young men for the Christian life, of whom 40 joined the church; the student deputation work has reached 14 towns in the counties, many lives have been changed and a large number of boys have grasped higher ideals and are continuing in school when the decision had been made to stop; under the Educational department, literary societies, practical talks and lectures, classes (e. g., Spanish and Electricity in San Bernardino County), and wholesome entertainments; under the Physical department, no gymnasium work but outdoor athletics and games, boys' camps, field and track meets, and "hikes"; financial department—the policy is to conduct a one-day campaign in which a number of teams of men will solicit the year's budget in one day preceding the annual convention.

A statement from a pastor in one of the organized counties is submitted as a testimony to the effectiveness of the work:

"The County Association is a splendid addition to the religious forces of our county. It is the feeder of every other Christian society. More men and boys have been converted in the county this year than in many years together preceding this."

3. Co-Operation of Pastors.

The commission corresponded with a number of pastors in unorganized towns asking for suggestions from them and inquiring as to their willingness and inclination to help the State Committee in the corresponding membership department. The answers were for the most part favorable. Not many had suggestions to offer, but the majority were interested in the county plan of work and wished to know more about it. They were also asked if they could use deputations of city or college Association men for Young Men's Sundays or evangelistic meetings. The large majority favored such a plan and expressed their willingness to co-operate with the committee in this way, providing good men are sent out.

The commission came to the conclusion that the Association could not touch territory outside its organization except briefly and intermittently at comparatively long intervals.

4. Camps.

The commission reported in favor of camps for country boys, not only because of the enjoyment the boy gets out of the vacation, but because it affords the Association opportunity to lay foundation for future character and to train boys for service. The importance of proper recreative and sanitary arrangements for the camp were emphasized. The educational possibilities of the camp period were mentioned, it being suggested that a botanist or a zoologist would make a valuable addition to the camp leadership; also that tutoring should be given to boys desiring it in those subjects in which they are deficient.

The advantages of a state camp were suggested, the argument being that the larger camp would command better leaders, better transportation rates,

permanent equipment, and would afford the boys opportunity to make friendships among boys from other towns.

5. The Attitude of the Association toward Unorganized Country Communities.

The Association should maintain a friendly attitude toward outside communities. Except by an occasional visit from state or county secretaries and the supervision of the corresponding member it will be impossible for the Association to maintain concrete relationships with these communities. Through its publications and by occasional meetings it can educate the people and prepare the way for definite work.

The commission made the following recommendations to the convention:

1. That the corresponding membership department be improved and extended, and that the pastors in the unorganized communities of the state be enrolled in a manner similar to the corresponding members to assist the State Committee in looking after the young men of the State.

2. That deputations from city and student Associations be sent to country communities to hold young men's Sundays and to conduct evangelistic services.

3. That the State Committee take steps looking toward the establishment of a State camp which could entertain boys from unorganized communities.

4. That the work of the County Association be developed and extended as widely as possible.

The session then adjourned for luncheon. Dr. F. L. Goodspeed conducted the Bible hour at the lunch table.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 26.

The convention delegates enjoyed a trolley ride about the city as guests of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce.

SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 26.

The session was called to order by Vice-President A. L. Adams of Oakland. Mr. D. W. Weist of Stanford University led the song service. Mr. E. E. Esdon of San Francisco presented the report of the commission on the relation of the Association to the immigration problem. The report revealed the following:

Report of the Commission on the Relation of the Association to the Immigration Problem.

E. E. Esdon, Chairman. San Francisco, Educational Secretary Y. M. C. A.

J. C. Astredo, San Francisco, Boys' Worker, Episcopal Church.

C. F. Quillian, Los Angeles, Assistant Secretary Y. M. C. A.

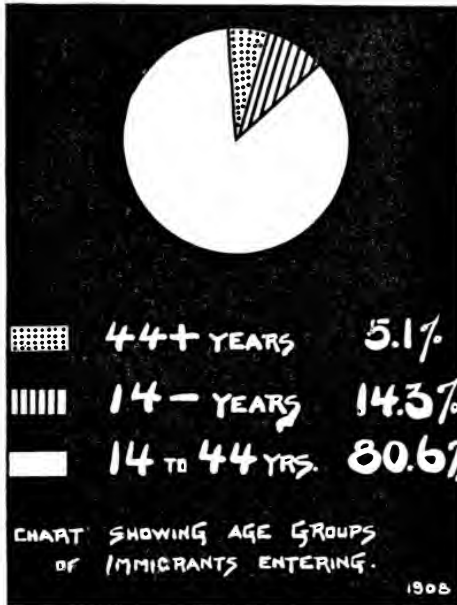
E. Bruncken, Sacramento, State Librarian's Office.

C. E. Rugh, Berkeley, Department of Pedagogy, State University.

The commission in its investigation considered the general subject of the relation of the Association to the immigration problem in California.

Ninety million, or about ninety per cent., of the people of America are of foreign origin. In the last century, 27,235,000 immigrants have come to this country, mostly from Europe. In the early part of the century the majority of the immigrants came from northwestern Europe and were a very desirable class of citizens, but the large proportion of them now come from southeastern Europe and are far less desirable because of illiteracy, poverty and a low standard of living. They are for the most part Jews or adherents of the Catholic church, and do not readily assimilate American ideals.

The report of the Commissioner of Immigration for 1909 shows a large per cent. of the arrivals of that year to be unskilled laborers. These people congregate in cities and congested districts and form a menace to the physical and moral health of the community.



During the last ten years, 500,000 boys under fourteen years of age have entered the United States. These and their American-born brothers fall into two groups according to age under the method of classification employed by the Association. First, boys under twenty years of age, and, second, men twenty to thirty-four years of age.

1. Boys under twenty years.

Juniors.

Foreign born of foreign parents.....	105,465
Native born of foreign parents.....	578,881

Intermediates.

Foreign born of foreign parents.....	271,381
Native born of foreign parents.....	864,074

2. Men twenty to thirty-four years of age.

Foreign born of foreign parents.....	1,706,409
Native born of foreign parents.....	2,090,140

More than one-third of the male population to whom the Association should be especially helpful is of foreign parentage. The Association is reaching large numbers of these men and boys, especially in eastern states, by various forms of social service. Lectures and talks are given on the sending and saving of money, public library, health, right living, cleanliness, first aid and citizenship in all its phases. Special efficiency in these lines has been attained at Boston, Philadelphia, Quebec, Baltimore, Galveston and other ports.

The Immigration Department of the International Committee has urged a campaign during the present year in which each Association shall touch at least one hundred immigrants. This would mean that more than 50,000 of the foreign born would feel the elevating influence of the Association.

Table Showing the Number of Foreigners in the Association Counties of California.

	Foreigners in 1900	Census in 1900	Census in 1907
Alameda	36,325	130,197	280,676
Fresno	9,134	37,862	45,168
Los Angeles	30,839	170,298	333,481
Orange	2,754	19,696	23,971
Sacramento	12,736	45,915	49,818
San Bernardino.....	4,813	27,929	32,850
San Diego	6,555	35,090	31,105
San Francisco	116,855	342,782	450,000
Santa Clara	14,561	60,216	68,764
Santa Barbara	3,779	18,434	21,160
San Joaquin	8,827	35,452	40,228
Santa Cruz	4,979	21,512	23,081
Ventura	2,459	14,367	17,374
Totals	254,616	959,770	1,417,676
State of California	367,410	1,485,053	2,001,193

The above table shows the number of foreign born in the counties of California which have either city or county Associations.

The commission found that the principal centers of foreign population in California are San Francisco, the San Joaquin Valley and Los Angeles and vicinity. The following table shows conditions Sept 30, 1908, regarding the number of Orientals in the State:

**Arrivals and Departures of Orientals at San Francisco
for Two Years ending September 30, 1908.**

Race	Asia				Hawaii Tahiti				Net Increase	Net Decrease
	Arrivals	Departures	Increase	Decrease	Arrivals	Departures	Increase	Decrease		
Japanese.....	1200	5676		4476	5833	144	5689		1213	
Chinese.....	7160	9903		2443	91	155		64		2507
Koreans.....	48	41	7		210	8	202		209	
All Orientals.....	8703	15620		6912	6134	307	5827			1085

Considerable work is being done among the Orientals in California by the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist Churches. Many of all nationalities are enrolled in evening schools. The Japanese especially are quick to avail themselves of educational opportunities. The Los Angeles Young Men's Christian Association conducted Bible classes for both Chinese and Japanese last year.

About 5,000 Armenians have settled in California, the larger proportion of them being in the San Joaquin Valley, where they are engaged in fruit raising. They constitute a very satisfactory group of citizens, being industrious, thrifty and of good habits. They have their own church organizations.

Southern California has about 7,500 Spanish speaking foreigners, who have been imported by the steam and electric railroads to do their unskilled labor. They are poorly paid and live in abject poverty. Some work is being done among these people by the Presbyterians, the Bethlehem Institute, and mission work is carried on by a few individual churches. The Presbyterians have a school for girls.

Southern California also has about 10,000 Slavonians and Russians. They are laborers on ranches and in the factories and canning establishments. The Slavonians are hard to teach cleanliness and self-respect, but the Russians are a good class and adopt American customs easily.

The Bethlehem Institute in Los Angeles, under the direction of Rev. Dana Bartlett, is doing an excellent work among the foreign speaking peoples. Educational advantages are offered, patriotism taught by means of celebrations, lectures and practical talks. By mission Sunday Schools and many kinds of religious services they minister to the spiritual needs of these people.

The Associations in Los Angeles and San Francisco have enrolled a few foreign born young men in their educational classes. A larger work along this line is being planned for next year.

As a result of its investigations the Commission proposed the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Convention:

Resolved: 1. That this Convention heartily endorses the work of the World's Committee, the National Councils and Committees of Europe in stationing representatives of the Young Men's Christian Association in ports of embarkation: Naples, Genoa, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Liverpool, Havre, and other ports; and that we, employed officer. of the Young Men's Christian Associations of California pledge our hearty support to make effective the work of these European Secretaries.

2. That we commend the wisdom of the American Associations who have placed representatives at the ports of entry to guide and help immigrants as they come to North America, and we pledge ourselves to honor every card of introduction presented to us and to render all possible Christian service to the bearers.

3. That it is the duty of every Association to make a careful study of the local field in order to be truly helpful to the stranger within our gates.

4. That the Association should co-operate in every way possible with every agency, whether social, philanthropic, patriotic or religious, in making these immigrants worthy American citizens.

5. That through the Association ideals of systematic body, mind and spirit development we can best serve our foreign brother.

6. That we recognize the very great importance of the immigrant boy problem and the great need of more conscientious work for the small boy of foreign parentage, in order that he may develop along natural lines into a strong man and a desirable American.

7. That we recognize this work for foreigners as it is capable of being done by the Young Men's Christian Association as the only practical and efficient solution of the many perplexing problems of the present day civilization relating to the various races.

8. That we bend every energy to the furthering of Christ's kingdom among these foreigners,—that we acknowledge our obligation in this matter,—and that we be ever watchful of the opportunities for service, striving always "That they may all be one, even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us: that the world may believe that thou didst send me."

The credentials committee then presented the following report:

To the officers and delegates of the twenty-eighth annual convention of the California Young Men's Christian Associations: Your committee on credentials would report as follows:

Number of registered delegates.....	115
Visitors	3
Total.....	118

These delegates are registered from the following Associations:

Sacramento	28	Los Angeles	2
Fresno	15	Riverside	2
San Francisco	12	San Diego	2
Army and Navy	12	Watsonville	2
Oakland	5	Santa Barbara	2
Berkeley	4	Stockton	2
Stanford	4	Santa Cruz	1
Orange County	4	Redlands	1
San Jose	3	Ventura County	1
San Bernardino County	3	Pasadena	1
Long Beach	3	University of California	1
Sanger	3	State Officers	3
Visitors	3	Respectfully submitted,	

(Signed) GEO. A. MULLIN,
CHAS. CUNNINGHAM,
S. W. DOUGLAS.

The report of the committee on State Committee's Report was presented and on motion adopted, which adoption included the election of the following Trustees of the State Incorporation:

C. E. Rumsey, Riverside.	C. M. Barker, Berkeley.
A. B. Cass, Los Angeles.	W. M. Alexander, Oakland.
H. J. McCoy, San Francisco.	C. Z. Merritt, Oakland.
Geo. W. Marston, San Diego.	C. M. Campbell, Sacramento.
J. Q. Anderson, Fresno.	

President David Starr Jordan of Stanford University was introduced and delivered an interesting address.

On motion a telegram of greetings was sent to the Kentucky State Convention in session at Versailles. After announcements by the Business Committee the session adjourned.

SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 27.

A quiet hour was conducted at the Association at nine o'clock for the delegates. The pulpits of the city churches were occupied by delegates at the time of the morning services.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 27.

At three o'clock in the afternoon three meetings were held as follows:

Meeting for men in Elk's Hall, addressed by Mr. H. J. McCoy.

Meeting for older boys in Red Men's Hall, addressed by Mr. J. P. Hagerman.

Meeting for younger boys in the Association building, addressed by Mr. R. O. Hanson.

SUNDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 27.

On Sunday evening two meetings were held simultaneously, at the First Methodist Church, and at the First Congregational Church. At the Methodist Church, after a service of song, an address was given by Mr. H. S. Chuck of Stanford University. A short address was given by Field Secretary J. E. Sprunger. The audience then adjourned to the First Congregational Church for the closing service.

At the First Congregational Church the song service was in charge of Mr. D. W. Weist of Stanford University, Vice-President C. H. Dunn of Sacramento presiding. The devotional service was in charge of Rev. Dr. Wills.

Mr. D. Willard Lyon, Associate National Secretary of the Associations of China, gave an address on his work.

The closing service was in charge of State Secretary B. B. Wilcox. The Committee on Resolutions presented the following report which was adopted:

"To the Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention California Young Men's Christian Associations assembled at Sacramento, February 24-27, 1910:

"Your Committee on Resolutions desires to present the following resolutions and recommend their adoption:—Resolved

"1. That the delegates of this convention express to the State Committee their appreciation for the arrangement of the helpful, practical and inspirational program.

"2. That we express our gratitude to the following for helping to make this Convention a pronounced success.

(a). To General Secretary W. D. Eastman and his assistants.

(b). To the officers and members of the local Association.

(c). To the citizens of Sacramento for their open homes and kind hospitality.

(d). To the pastors and members of the First Methodist and First Congregational Churches for the use of their church buildings.

(e). To the women of the various churches for providing such excellent dinners and luncheons.

(f). To the daily papers for their splendid reports of the convention.

(g). To the Young Women's Christian Association for the cordial reception at their building.

(h). To the Chamber of Commerce for the delightful trolley ride.

(i). To the Fresno Mandolin Club for their excellent music.

(j). To the Sherman Clay Music Company for the use of piano during the convention.

(k). To the railroads for special rates.

(l). To all the participants on the program, especially the chairmen of the different commissions, their associates and

Governor J. N. Gillette.

Henry J. McCoy.

Mayor M. R. Beard.

Ivan B. Rhodes.

Dr. David Starr Jordan.

D. Willard Lyon.

Bishop Edwin H. Hughes.

J. P. Hagerman.

Dr. F. L. Goodspeed.

Raymond O. Hanson.

George W. Marston.

A. H. S. Chuck.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

E. J. RUENTZ.

GEO. C. WILSON.

DWIGHT W. WEIST."

On motion of Mr. C. E. Rumsey of Riverside, the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolved, that the Young Men’s Christian Associations assembled in State Convention at Sacramento desire to thank Governor Gillett for his helpful addresss and pledge its city and county secretaries to give to paroled prisoners, whose names may be sent them, all the aid possible to lead them to better citizenship and a Christian life.”

Brief remarks were made by H. J. McCoy, D. E. Luther, C. E. Rumsey, W. H. Wallace, Ivan B. Rhodes, D. W. Weist, S. W. Douglas, J. B. Riddiek, R. H. Gossom, Mr. Kaufman, R. A. Lang, W. A. Stilwell and F. A. Jackson.

The closing remarks were made by D. Willard Lyon. He said: “I certainly count it a privilege to be in this Convention. I am sailing for China within a few days, with a hope based on contact with the Association men here, that the Associations have undertaken the enterprise of reaching the young men of the world. I am glad to know that the men of the Association are backing us up more than ever. I thank the local committee for the courtesy extended to me while in this city. It has been a real privilege.”

The chairman called upon all delegates and members of the local Association to form a circle about the walls of the church by taking hold of hands and singing the Convention Closing Hymn, “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.”

After the benediction the president declared the convention adjourned sine die.



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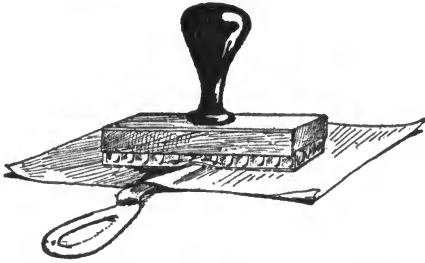
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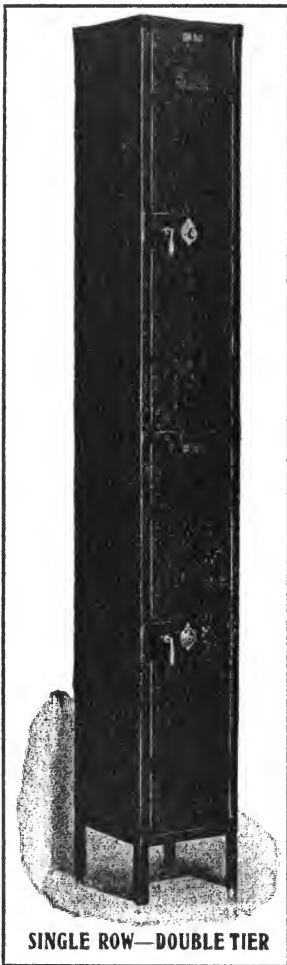
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