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OF THE Y. M. C. A. YES-
TERDAY.

**What Was Done at the Ses-
sions of the Afternoon
And Evening—The Pro-
gram For Tonight
And Tomorrow.**

The opening session of the Y. M. C. A. convention took place at the First English Lutheran church yesterday afternoon, with an attendance half filling the church. Only about one-third of the delegates had as yet arrived, and but few of the citizens were present. The church is nicely decorated for the purpose with palms and the national colors, beautiful flags being draped on the walls in profusion. An inscription in blue and yellow hangs over the altar reading "Welcome, Young Men's Christian Association."

The meeting was characterized by great earnestness in all that was done. If our people only understood how interesting these meetings are, the church would be packed at each of them. The singing and addresses are all very interesting. Every speech is a gem, and the singing by the evangelists fine. The citizens are urged to attend these meetings and are denying themselves of a great privilege when they do not do so. Such enthusiastic, elevating, powerful meetings we have never seen in Richmond. A song service conducted by John P. Hills came first—and such singing! The duets by Charles Collins Smith and C. S. Colburn were much enjoyed, and were followed by an address on the "True Significance of this Convention" by Mr. E. L. Shuey of Dayton. It was, he said, a pleasure to join in the opening session of a convention, and his remarks were full of counsel for the delegates while here and at home. The responsibilities resting upon the members were great from the opportunities which were offered.

There is power in numbers, he said, but we are to make up in earnestness for lack of numerical force. While there is great power in numbers, we can compensate for lack of that by the influence of Christian gentlemen. There are Christians who are not gentlemen and gentlemen who are not Christians. Let us by our behavior impress this city that we are a party of Christian gentlemen. There is no force so irresistible as that of a Christian gentleman. Now let us consider why we are here. Did you come because you were sent as a delegate? Then the good name of the association that sent you is in your hands; so also the good name of this entire great brotherhood which extends around the world, is in the hands of the men who are here for the next few days as it is in the hands of no other men in the state at this time. You are not here for a good time—you are here for work; to work from the first moment to the last. Don't be afraid to talk in these conventions. Young men, don't be afraid to express your views. Let the other man talk some, but you talk, too. Thus we learn each other's methods; we get new ideas. But that is not all. If that is all this convention is to do it will be a failure or you have been. It should bring into your hearts a stronger brotherhood and love for the spirit of Jesus Christ. Now you are not here to visit. There are lots of handsome young ladies in Richmond, I know that—but you are not here to visit; do that some other time. Now, work. We want enthusiasm, religious fervor. We want the enthusiastic spirit which shall mean that we are here for the service of Jesus Christ. With it we are to use the tact which wins men—we are to be earnest Christian gentlemen with all whom we may meet, especially in this city which has no association but has buried several of them and is in deep mourning over it. We must exert an influence that will mean an association in this city, not next year, but now, at once. These are grave responsibilities, but they rest upon us.

The duties of the delegates on their return home were then stated in the same happy style, leaving the impression that they were going home to do God's work, and urging them to bear that in mind. Let our motto be, as is the motto of the week of prayer, "Make Jesus King." Let us carry this home with us from this convention.

The address was followed by a short devotional service led by Charles Cullen Smith of Chicago with a beautiful ten minute sermon on a text from the third chapter of Colossians.

The review of the year led by State Secretary E. E. Stacy followed, from which the following statistics were available:

	Members	Current Expenses	Cost of Building
1 Anderson	235	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000
2 Crawfordville	265	3,200	2,000
3 Evansville	255	3,200	2,000
4 Indianapolis	265	3,200	2,000

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5 Lafayette	325	4,000	12,000
6 Marion	325	1,700	1,700
7 New Albany	305	1,000	35,000
8 South Bend	164	1,800	15,000
9 Terre Haute	402	3,917	1,000
10 Elkhart	179	1,605	5,000
11 Ft. Wayne	395	2,700	12,000
12 Indianapolis	406	13,717	1,000
13 Logansport	20	2,921	1,000
Totals	5,036	\$55,847	\$706,000
College Totals	1,415	5,531	700
Total	6,451	\$61,378	\$706,700

Total value of all furniture and fixtures \$19,325.

Total debt on buildings \$29,487.

The colleges have associations with 7,510 members, as follows:

Butler	110
Central college	87
Central Normal	499
Culver	260
DePauw	280
Earlham	130
Eastern Indiana	90
Franklin	99
Hanover	110
Indiana University	789
Marion Normal	495
Medical college, Indianapolis	260
Moore's Hill	82
Oakland	78
Purdue	968
Rose Polytechnic	132
State Normal	502
Union Christian	76
Valparaiso	2,155
Wabash	165

Delegates from the various associations reported briefly their condition and progress for the year as follows:

Anderson—Growth in membership, growth in educational work.

Crawfordsville—Have finest building in state, were in debt \$8,000. This year have raised \$12,000, wiped out the debt and have money in the treasury. The backing of the association by business men has never been equalled in any previous year.

Evansville—Steady advance along all lines. Splendid business men connected with the board.

Indianapolis—Boys' work especially growing. Gymnasium work remarkably fine. Indications good for the winter.

Lafayette—Just been given a \$12,000 property by a citizen who is still living and working for funds to rebuild the building and add gymnasium. Monon railroad has given \$5,000 toward it.

Marion—Still occupy rented property, but doing good work.

South Bend—Doing well, cutting debt down rapidly; having trouble to get a competent secretary.

Terre Haute—About to get control of a new building; now canvassing the city for funds with good encouragement; expect to raise \$12,000 more.

Elkhart—Great increase in membership and financial condition improving steadily.

Ft. Wayne—Began under poor circumstances but have made a good showing from the start. Building not what they need but have it paid for and a building fund well started. Entirely out of debt now.

Indianapolis—Last year burdened with unpaid debts, which are now all paid and money in treasury. Large increase in membership, largely Catholic.

Logansport—Prospects much better than last year; membership increasing; are renting property but expect to build at an early day.

EVENING SESSION.

The First M. E. church was filled last evening and the services were given the most careful attention. The church was nicely decorated. The delegates were not placed by themselves, but were all over the room, mingled with the congregation.

The devotional services consisting of the singing of hymns by the congregation led by Mr. Hills was followed by the business session.

The committee on nominations for officers for the ensuing year reported the names of:

H. P. Town, Terre Haute, for president.
J. P. Ritter, Indianapolis, for vice-president.
Sharon E. Jones, Richmond, for

vice-president.

E. C. Bromwell, Evansville, for

secretary.

J. H. Eikenberry, Greencastle, for

assistant secretary.

O. E. McMeans, Richmond, for

press secretary.

J. F. Wallick, Indianapolis, for

treasurer.

The election was by acclamation and was unanimous.

Mr. Sharon Jones was called to the platform and made a little welcome address, and prefaced it by assuring the delegates that they were

now assembled in the heart of the prettiest city in the best county in the greatest state in the union; that

the city appreciated them at their true worth as representatives of one of the best organizations in the

world. Richmond received at his hands the finest of eulogiums in praise of her many good institutions

and in behalf of the city and her citizens extended a warm greeting, with the hope that their convention might

not only be pleasant and profitable to them, but result in the formation of an association here in keeping with

our other many worthy institutions.

Rev. J. W. Kapp on behalf of the ministerial association welcomed the

convention, with the prayer of the word of the Scriptures, "In His

Name." We were glad to secure

a representative of the highest type of Christian manhood. We realize

that our country is safe so long as we feel confident that back of it

stands, as it does, Christian manhood—the highest type of which was

in the Y. M. C. A. They are welcome to our city and our homes. He

felt also that if, as was hoped, this convention should result in the

formation of an association here we should owe them a debt which would

be lasting and great. In the name of the churches of Richmond he bid

them good speed.

Mr. W. R. Snyder, superintendent of schools, Muncie, speaking for the

president of the association, who had not yet arrived, responded. If this

visit should prove a benefit to Richmond, as it was intended and hoped

it would give God the praise, who would work through the association,

which he pledged to do its best to merit their hearty welcome.

The chairman then announced the committees of this session as follows:

Business committee—J. F. Hobbs, Indianapolis; M. F. Sonntag, Evansville; L. H. Weir, Bloomington; Geo. E. Hiett, Indianapolis; G. M. Wells, Crawfordville.

Committee on reports of state officers—Prof. E. P. Trueblood, Richmond; W. A. Kline, Lafayette; T. C. Crabbs, Crawfordville.

Mr. Hills then led several hymns, during which Vice-president Pickett arrived. Mr. Pickett presented the

annual report of the executive committee. In the year two prominent members of the executive committee

—Governor Mount and General Harrison—had died and a memorial

meeting in their honor is to be held during this convention. Governor Durbin had been elected to fill one of the

vacancies. The thanks of the association were extended the state

secretary, Mr. Stacy, for efficient service. The report was an encouraging

one, showing advancement in nearly every line.

The report of John F. Wallick, treasurer, was received. It showed

receipts of \$5,366.25 from all sources, and expenses of \$5,125.25, leaving on

hand a balance of \$241.

Mr. E. L. Shuey of Dayton made a short address.

The Hon. Charles Denby was then introduced and spoke of "Christianity in the Far East." He felt

that his invitation to speak was due to the hope that his fourteen years

of service of this country in China and the Philippines had given him

opportunity for seeing the missionary work and life in those countries.

He had visited, as was his right and duty, every missionary station in

those countries and found their lives pure and their work beneficial. The

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great difficulty about the reports against him is that the writers of books on the subject know nothing about it. He knew personally of writers whom he had endeavored to induce to visit the missions and who had failed and refused to do so.

He then spoke of civilization and written books attacking the missionaries and their work. It is

supposed generally in this country that the missionary's work is merely

theological; that is a mistake. He writes books; he translates primers

and readers; he teaches agriculture and trades; he builds hospitals; he

erects universities and schools. He teaches even surgery—think what a

benefit that is to a country that knows neither medicine nor surgery.

The female missionary educates the women of those countries, and she is a ministering angel to her sick and suffering sisters there. If these

things are of no benefit to these people, then let us burn our own colleges and hospitals. The inference of some

of the opposers of the missions to China is that when the nations arise and destroy them the work is lost.

This is wrong—the nation has been educated and upraised. Instances

of the faithfulness of the converts to their conversion and their missionaries were given from personal

observations. Speaker has been told a hundred times that China had a

civilization of her own, older and better than ours. China has 800,000

more square miles than this country and five times more population; she

invented gunpowder and printing; she had the compass; she has had

natural gas for hundreds of years; she built suspension bridges centuries

ago; centuries ago she built ships with compartments centuries ago; bills of exchange in the 14th

century; postoffices and banks with clearing houses long before we did.

Confucius uttered the golden rule 500 years before Christ. Yet I have

no doubt Christianity is needed to make the country happy and progressive.

Her government is the most corrupt in the world; her superstitions are great. They murder their infants. Even Li Hung Chang

worshipped an ugly little snake; they have slaves; they are corrupt in office; they torture to punish crime; they treat the sane and the insane

alike. Why, only a year ago they killed 200 foreigners and 15,000 converts claimed it was by Divine behest. Only missionary work can

save this country. Li Hung Chang was not a reformer. He built railroad and steamship lines, and bought a new navy—but he did not progress

in education. I predict that the next great man will be a reformer along

all lines. The charge that we are forcing a foreign religion upon China is false. It is only by the kindest of

persuasion. In the course of his remarks the speaker referred to Henry

Lawton, formerly of Fort Wayne, as the greatest soldier this country has

produced since Grant. One of the chief beneficiaries by the Philippine war was the Y. M. C. A. The

objects of the association went right along with the camp of the soldier.

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