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THE STORY OF A STUDENT MOVEMENT

Y. W. C. A. CELEBRATES FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY
FEBRUARY JUBILEE MONTH

A certain writer whose name is familiar to every American has been writing for one of the periodicals a series of articles called "Romances of the Modern Business World." Gradually people are coming to believe in the romance of the present, to see that it is, after all, a vision of possibility, a mysterious blending of sacrifice and courage and faith and high-hearted living, an attitude toward life for folks of red blood and trained minds!—instead of the weird, fictitious, chimerical thing it used to be.

It would be a marvelously interesting study if some one would write a series of articles called "Romances of the Modern College World." Perhaps a campus seems as foreign as a great factory to the spirit of romance, in this larger meaning of the word. Yet there is no more romantic story than the development of the great woman's movement which has grown up on college campuses. And a very important phase of this growth which is still holding the interest of the world is the women's student Christian movement, which, for most American colleges, means the Student Young Women's Christian Association.

To be a true romance a story must begin "in medias res." The Young Women's Christian Association the country over, is celebrating this month of February, 1916, its fiftieth birthday, and because it possesses eternal youth it is calling this birthday celebration a Jubilee. On the evening of the first day of February practically every Young Women's Christian Association in the United States will gather together its members for a banquet. Can you realize what that means? It means that every woman in the United States who is interested in the coming of the Kingdom of God will have an opportunity to join with other women in a fellowship that ought to kindle the world into friendliness that night! Think of the psychology of such an event! And, if you've never been persuaded that mind-things control external things, watch for the results that will follow this Jubilee at which women will meet to do honor to the courage of the past and to plan for a greater future! No college woman who goes to a Jubilee banquet will ever again need to feel that she has no allegiance, that she belongs to no great movement.

But the Nation-Wide Members' Jubilee is but an occasion, month-long though it is. What else has the Student Young Women's Christian Association brought to the college girl—in what ways is it steadily working with all the other agencies that help to make her fit for life in the world?

Perhaps the first answer to that question on the lips of any college woman whose campus vocabulary includes the letters "Y. W. C. A." would be—"Summer Conferences." The Jubilee with its gathering of like-minded women in a great cause, is thrilling in a spectacular fashion. But every summer by seashore and mountain, and lake, college girls gather for ten days to think together and study together and play together and enter together upon a fuller following of the way which Jesus Christ came to make known to the world two thousand years ago. It is difficult to speak of the influences which a Summer Conference puts into the life of a girl; one has the feeling, always, that these are things which are perhaps not unlawful but certainly impossible to be uttered. One needs to learn the heart-idioms of every one to whom she speaks, for only in the happiest moments of personal communion can such experiences be shared. But many a girl who goes to a summer conference to play tennis or for the fun of living with other girls in a tent goes home to play the game of life "on the dead square" and to put into practice the laws of living-together with all the women of the world as if they were her tentmates. Only by their results in the lives of college women can Summer Conferences be judged. It challenges the imagination to think how every profession which is open to women, including that of home-making, is being

permeated by the spirit which the experiences of a summer conference puts into the life of a girl—the spirit which made a man say once to a conference girl: "You're the best sport and the best Christian I know."

The Jubilee and the Summer Conferences are weaving Student Associations together into a great body where individuals find help and inspiration. But in the every day life and activities of a student association under-graduates are learning to get along with people, are developing leadership, are solving problems, financial, intellectual, spiritual; are finding life a fuller and a happier thing than they had known it to be before. No college girl's life is what it would have been without the Student Young Women's Christian Association. Whether the girl happens to be a member or not all her activities are influenced by what it has brought.

From a very hurried and incomplete survey of things as they are now "in medias res," as far as the Student Young Women's Christian Association is concerned, one turns to the beginning. If this were a scientific treatment we should have begun at the beginning, like the little boy who always begged for the story of the creation because he liked to hear "the beginnings of things."

After all the beginnings of things are interesting—if only for purposes of contrast. The modern college senior "square of shoulder, clear of eye" but a girl yet for all the dignity of her cap and gown, managing her own affairs with a freedom of which she has proved herself worthy—what has she to do with the young lady in a much ruffled muslin gown with flushed cheeks who "delivered her oration over a bunch of roses, watched by the eagle eye of a preceptress who, even on Commencement Day, could not forget her duty of enforcing the regulations concerning the association of ladies and gentlemen?" Only this, that from the needs of these college girls of long ago—needs not so different, after all, from those of modern students—has come one of the big factors that operate on the campus—this Student Young Women's Christian Association.

In the long ago days when it had its beginning in the co-educational colleges of the Middle West, student life was just as thrilling as it is today. Classes, to be sure, did go along "in solid blocks of fives"; there were few electives, Latin not yet having become less essential than meat and drink; the resources of library and laboratory were meager and the list of faculty was short. But societies were absorbing! Among the women Athenas and Hesperians, among the men, Philaitheans and Adelpheans, tried to out-do each other in lavish receptions, sleighing parties and boat-rides to dazzle the eyes and ensnare the hearts of the desirable freshmen. Not so very different from modern rushing, save that no member of one society might have a friend in another. No college activity but was conducted on partisan lines. "Knowing each other, appreciating each other, co-operating in anything at home or abroad was not dreamed of."

From the midst of such conditions as these came the initial movement which has resulted in the present powerful Student Young Women's Christian Association at headquarters in New York City, its all summer conferences with an attendance of 2,908, its special publications, its wide-spread influence through a membership of 65,000 in 721 colleges and universities.

On November 12, 1872, at the Illinois State Normal University of Normal, Illinois, Lida Brown, and three other students with two friends, met for "Bible study, Christian conversation and prayer." Evidently the little group found what it sought for the meetings continued, outgrew the student's room and were held in the vestibule of the church. In January a constitution (borrowed at the last moment from the Y.

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DAY OF PRAYER ADDRESSES

BATES RECEIVES VALUABLE MESSAGE

LARGE AUDIENCE HEAR DR. GIFFORD

In the morning of the Day of Prayer, Dr. O. P. Gifford addressed the students on the subject "Profit and Loss." In brief he said:

There is no corner of our brain not charged with human energy. There is a constant temptation to use this power to satisfy personal needs. Life is resolved into two centers, self-center and God-center. As a man ministers to his own power he loses sight of God. We are tempted to claim a divine promise without complying with conditions. We cannot obtain these promises while obeying the devil's directions. Temptations come to young men and they sell their souls for social, political, and financial power. If a man enters into a life of culture, he must obey the laws of the mind. You cannot have the power of a Christian life without obeying the laws of the Christian life.

The things of men are selfishness; the things of God are sacrifice. The question of Christ is "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" This is not an abstract question, but a personal question. No man can get the whole world, but every man can pay the whole price. What is the gain of pleasure at the price of conscience? A man who has lost his sense of truthness is like a ship which has lost its reckoning. If a soldier loots a city for personal gain he is shot. If this law obtained in business, there would be more deaths than in Europe.

Achen got his world, but he lost his life. What did it profit him? Give your lives to the whole world but don't sell them for it, for what does it profit a man if he gain substance at the price of his soul?

In the evening Dr. Gifford again spoke in the chapel, taking for his subject, "A Great Adventure."

Dr. Gifford began by speaking of a man prominent in amusement circles, who, as he watched the rising waters and narrowing horizon from the deck of the sinking Lusitania, was heard to remark: "I am not afraid to die, for death is only a great adventure." Dr. Gifford said that death is a great adventure, but so is life. The one takes place upon the river of time whose depths have been sounded; the other upon the sea of eternity whose depths are unknown.

Psychology teaches that the soul is very complex, being made up of all the passions controlled by the will. Heredity plays a large part in shaping the soul, for cross heredity may make a child plus the passions and minus the will. Environment also plays its part, for while it cannot be said to make character, it moulds life. Just as an acorn planted in the meadows of Maine grows to a great tree, but in the soil of Cape Cod will always remain a dwarf,—just so is the human life shaped by its environment. The preparatory school fits a child for the university, the university fits for the life on earth, and the earthly life prepares the soul for its journey through eternity.

We must bear in mind that death does not change character. A person breathes in and out all his life, and not one of those breaths has ever changed his character. Is it possible then, that death, which is only one breath out and none in, can change character? Choice makes character and character decides destiny. It is not breathing but an act of the will. Neither does contact change character, any more than looking at food nourishes the body. As digestion and assimilation of food inside the body make tissue, so does the digestion and assimilation of truths and principles inside the soul mould character. Death is but an unfolding of the character that has been built in life, and the judgment is based upon the stored up memories of past acts. If we put a letter into a mailbox it must reach its destination unchanged. Thus does the soul of man arise unchanged at judgment. Character and judgment are not one, therefore, it is useless to expect

FRESHMEN PROMINENT IN TRACK MEET

SECOND MEET OF SERIES PROVES VERY INTERESTING

The second of the series of interclass track meets was held on the board track and in the gymnasium Saturday afternoon. The day was clear but cold, and some very interesting races were exhibited. Quite a large crowd, who were on their way to the hockey game, stopped to see the meet. This time the victors of last week were not so much in evidence, and the Freshmen seemed to capture everything in sight with the exception of the hurdles and jumps. A large number of competitors took part in the events especially fitted for them.

As before, the first events on the program were the shot put and the three standing broad jumps. There were no handicaps given in the jumps, but to make the shot put more interesting and to make it a more closely fought contest, handicaps were given to some of the men who haven't been out for practice as long as the regulars. Sherman, a husky Freshman, won the event with a five foot handicap over "Soldier" Adams. This man looked good and with practise should make a valuable shot putter. Following the first two events was the high jump. This was the first high jump event to take place indoors this year and so no new record was made, but undoubtedly there will be great improvement over the height attained in the weeks to follow.

About thirty-five men were entered in the fifty yard dash. This was the only other handicap event of the meet besides the shot put, and the winners of the different heats were a considerably different set from those who won the week before. The handicapping, however, made some of the heats very close toward the finish and none of the winners had a chance to slow up before they broke the tape.

The relay races were the most exciting events of the afternoon. The first was called the Novice Relay and teams from the Freshman and Sophomore classes competed. Each team was made up of thirteen men and each man ran four laps, making the whole distance covered by each team nearly five miles. In this race the first man for the Sophomores secured a good lead over his opponent and this lead was held by the next two men. Then the Freshmen went ahead and more than lapped the Sophomores until the last three men on the 1918 team made up all but about fifty yards of the lost distance.

As it is to be expected the closest and most exciting race of the afternoon was the relay between teams A and B of the varsity squad. Team A won again, but by a very small margin as they were continually pushed by team B. From these eight men will be picked the four who will run in Boston Saturday night. It almost looks like a toss up between the bunch and those who are left behind will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are practically as good runners as the men who are taken, the only difficulty being that the rules of the race allow but four men to compete.

Y. W. AND Y. M. C. A. HOLD UNION MEETING

On Wednesday evening, January 26, occurred the union meeting of the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A.'s. It has been the custom for some time to hold a joint meeting of the Christian associations on the evening before the Day of Prayer. Prof. Britan was the speaker and his discourse on "The Perfect Man" was both interesting and profitable. He said there are five fundamental principles which make up the perfect man: Intelligence, Work, Appreciation of Things that are Good, Love—Good Will toward Men, and Prayer.

Music was furnished by a mixed quartette. Miss Mitchell presided.

to lie down in the grave unrighteous and arise at the judgment righteous. The adventure of life holds in its warm palm the key to the adventure of death, and not by the choices that are made for us, but those that we make for ourselves, are we able to shape our destinies for eternity.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TO HOLD BANQUET

BIG TIME PLANNED FOR THURSDAY NIGHT, FEB. 10

The Bates Athletic Association is to hold a banquet at the College Commons on the evening of February 10, at 7 p.m. The idea is to get together for a good time, and at the same time to further the interests of Athletics at Bates. The affair will occur immediately at the close of examinations, and should serve as an occasion to restore the nervous equilibrium. The banquet will be something in the nature of a "Smoker," just an informal affair to prove that we are not dead, but only sleeping.

Do you want a good feed? Come to the banquet.

Do you want to hear some live ones? Ditto.

Carroll L. Beedy, the most eloquent of all Bates Alumni, will speak. Prof. Pomroy; are you acquainted with him? Well, he has some ideas. Coach Ryan is working night and day to bring the New England meet to Bates. Would you like to know what it means? Prof. MacDonald will tell you how hockey is played in Canada. Big Dana Russell will preside over the toasters. What more do you want? Every man who wants to see our Athletics develop will be on hand. Better come. It will be a regular time.

Y. M. C. A. BOOK AGENCY

With the near approach of the Second Semester many queries have come as to whether or not the Young Men's Christian Association would open an agency for the receipt and disposal of second-hand text books that can be used in the spring semester's work. Notice is hereby given that representatives of the Book Agency will be in the association office, at regular office hours (after chapel until 11:30 a.m.; 1:00-3:00 p.m.) beginning next Monday, February 7th, and continuing through the week. The attention of the students is called to lists posted about the campus giving the names and prices when new, of the books that are to be used again. The customary discount on a book listed at \$1.50 up is twenty to twenty-five cents on each transfer of ownership. Ten cents is a fair discount on a book listed for 75c or under. Discounts vary somewhat with list prices.

As unscrupulous persons have sometimes collected books and sold them when second-hand, for more than they cost when new, it is recommended that the price lists posted be consulted before making purchases. The Y. M. C. A. Agency is run without charge to its patrons and furnishes a convenient and satisfactory medium of exchange.

THE BATES CHAPTER, DELTA SIGMA RHO

Students and Alumni interested in the Delta Sigma Rho will be glad to know that already the officers of the Bates Chapter are considering plans for the annual meeting to be held in Lewiston, June 26, 1916. A meeting of the Chapter was planned for the first of this semester, but because of the nearness of this meeting to the one for organization held last June, it was difficult to get everything in readiness for actual meetings of the organization so early in the year. Therefore for this year, the meetings will be combined.

The president of the Chapter, Clarence P. Quimby, presented the merits of Delta Sigma Rho before the Maine Alumni at the Stanton Club banquet, Lewiston, on Friday, Feb. 4th.

Copies of the "Gavel" the official organ, intended for some Alumni were sent by mistake to Bates College. If any Alumni has not received his first copy of the "Gavel" please inform the secretary. This officer has now in the course of preparation a news letter to be sent to members, and another letter of explanation and invitation to be sent to non-members among the eligible Alumni.

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ALUMNI NOTES

1872—The many friends of Dr. F. W. Baldwin will be very sad to learn of the death of his wife, at Montclair, New Jersey, on January 14th. Mrs. Baldwin was an unusually lovable and noble woman.

1875—Hon. F. H. Smith, LL.D., of Stockton, California, has recently died. He was a member of the California Supreme Bench.

1881—Henry E. Coolidge is a leading lawyer at Lisbon Falls. He has been judge in the Municipal Court and is cashier for the Lewiston Trust Co. A son, Charles W. Coolidge, of the class of 1903, is associated with him.

1900—Harriet D. Proctor is a teacher in the Morris High School of New York City.

1903—Jeanne M. Towle has recently been elected to a position in the Waterville, Maine, High School.

1907—Guy Von Aldrich is secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

1908—Dr. Walter E. Libby has recently been appointed a medical missionary to China under the direction of the Methodist Board.

Mrs. Elizabeth Anthony Dexter has a young son, named Louis Anthony.

Thomas Sheridan Bridges is principal of the high school, Lubec, Maine.

1909—Stephen Aratas Cobb, M.D., and Ruby Varnum Wood were married December 25th at Bowdoinham, Maine.

1911—Bates graduates are well represented in the high school in Manchester, N. H. The principal, Mr. George H. Libbey, is a Bates man, and four other Bates people are associated with him as teachers,—three members of the class of 1911, Gullie A. Wyman, Annie S. Marston, and Ambrose J. Nichols, also Edna Dyer, formerly of 1913.

1912—Samuel L. Allen has a little son, born in December. Mr. Allen has introduced a new system of instruction in Hygiene in Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, where he is a teacher.

1915—John T. Greenan and Persis Belle Kendall of Jersey City, New Jersey, were married December 25th.

Harry L. Horne, ex-1915, visited the campus Saturday. Mr. Horne is principal of the high school at Bryant Pond.

DEUTSCHER VEREIN

The regular meeting of the Deutscher Verein was held Monday evening in Roger Williams Hall. The large number present agreed that it was the best meeting of the season thus far. F. H. Spaulding, '16, presented a very interesting paper on "Rural Life in Germany," in which he told many of the customs and superstitions of the German peasant. The members divided into two groups for German conversation for a half-hour, after which a German game furnished interest and amusement until time to adjourn.

SENIORITY

Seniority met informally for a social evening in Fiske Room, Friday, January 28th. The members were dressed to represent characters in fiction, and Pollyanna, Oliver Twist and Peg-o'-my-heart were there, among others. After refreshments were served and the characters had made their guesses, Launcelot Gobbo distributed the prizes. Charlotte Piper was awarded a book, "Adventures in Friendship," for guessing the largest number correctly, and Alma Gregory, for the most successful characterization—of the Widow Bedott—received a large mirror, that she might see herself as others see her.

CURRENT EVENTS

Berlin was arrayed with flags on January 27 in honor of the anniversary of the 57th birthday of Emperor William.

The Conscription Bill is now a law in England. Parliament is prorogued until February 15 for a short vacation.

Great Britain will not attempt "actual" blockade.

Greece receives an allowance of coal in return for permission to pass allied troops through Grecian territory.

The English report that Japan has re-

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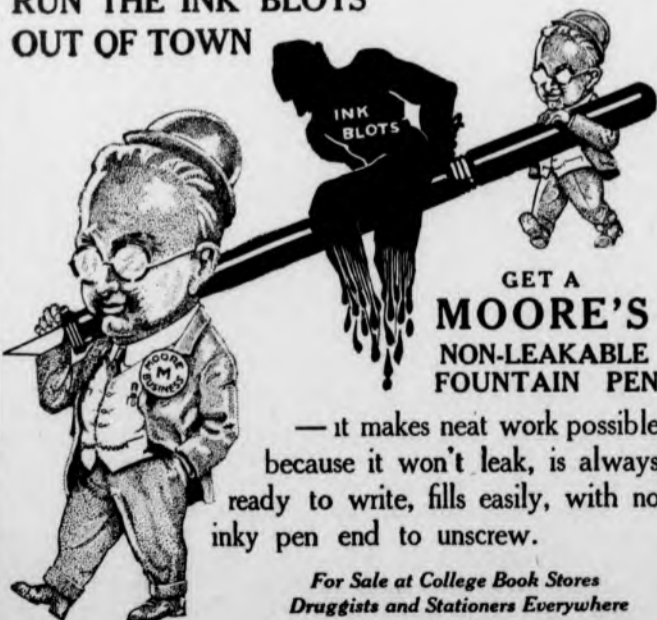
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Foresters urge Congress to spend \$10,000,000 for land purchases in New England and the Southern Appalachians.

A bill allowing more pay to railroads for handling mail has a favorable report in the House. The bill calls for an appropriation of \$323,000,000.

The Third National Foreign Trade Convention was held at New Orleans Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of last week,—Jan. 27, 28 and 29. Business men from all points in the United States attended.

"Cheerful people, who look on the bright side of the picture, and who are ever ready to snatch victory from defeat, are always popular,—they are not only happy in themselves, but the cause of happiness to others."

newed her excessive concessions on China, has been denied by Japan and China.

The revolution in China is still going on.

American cotton trade is reported captured by Japan. Prices of cotton in this country have been very low.

Col. House was welcomed in Paris and is now in Berlin. The German papers report him very quiet and reserved.

The Lusitania case is still in the air. It seems that nothing but a confession of wrong on the part of Germany will satisfy Lansing.

It would seem that the German advances to Belgium in regard to a separate peace were of no avail, since Belgium declares she will fight till the foe is beaten.

They say the Germans don't like the English. However that may be, the German aviators are very fond of visiting Dover and vicinity.

Governor Goethals of the Panama Canal will be in Washington soon to answer to charges preferred against him by Brig. Gen. Edwards.

The Germans are reported to have destroyed the Nieuport Cathedral because it would make a fine observatory for the Allies.

The text of the British Compulsion Bill may be found in the Boston Transcript for Jan. 25.

Did Francis Bacon write the Shakespearian plays?

Hon. Louis D. Brandeis of Boston received the appointment to succeed the late Associate Justice Lamar from President Wilson. It is thought that the Senate will oppose him.

The Senate favors freeing the Philippines in four years. Does this mean that the United States will give them over to Japan or will they be independent?

The following inscription will be placed on the memorial in Trocadero Gardens, Paris: "A la memoire de Mlle. Edith Cavell, l'heroine anglaise fusillée par les allemands à Bruxelles, le 13 Octobre, 1915. The memorial will be built of American bronze and granite.

The U. S. Supreme Court sustains the Income Tax Law as constitutional by a unanimous decision. Last year the income tax netted \$357,515. The democrats now urge a 50 per cent. rate on large fortunes.

It was estimated that \$2,000,000 was raised January 27 in the United States for relief work among the Jews in the war zone.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has placed, with some few exceptions, an embargo on