

THE BUILDING MOVEMENT

A History of the Canvass for Funds to Erect a Y. M. C. A. Building—Lot Purchased Near University

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In keeping with the rapid development of our University there has been a very encouraging growth in the work of the Christian Associations. Along with this growth comes the constantly increasing need of an Association building in which the Christian work of the students would be centralized and by which the efficiency of the Associations would be naturally increased.

While the history of the building movement in the University has been repeated many times, yet a brief account of the work that has been done here may be of interest to many.

Six years ago a campaign, the outgrowth of two or three years of agitation, was launched in which in one day the students pledged \$2760, the faculty \$1500, and the citizens of Eugene \$2500 for the erection of a building that would afford a home for the Associations, especially, but would also contain rooms for the use of other student societies, glee club, and college publications, besides providing for the general social life of the University.

Unfortunately the conditions of the signed pledges were not fulfilled and most of them were cancelled by action of the building committee having the building project in charge. There were, however, a number of pledges that had been paid either in full or in part, and in 1904 permission was obtained from the donors to use this money, together with other pledges made for the purpose, for the purchase of a lot to be the site for a building when the students and friends of the University shall again undertake such a project. Accordingly, a corner lot 100x160 feet just west of the campus on Eleventh and A streets was purchased at a cost of \$1150.

As already mentioned, the effect of a building would be to increase the efficiency of the Associations. This would be accomplished in several ways. In the first place, a room suited to the needs of the Associations, would be provided in which their meetings would be held. In such a room the student could be removed for a time from the thoughts of the class room rather than to have those

thoughts forced upon him by the surroundings of the recitation room in which the meetings are now held. What is true of the Associations is equally true of the literary and debating societies, which should be provided for in such a building.

Then, too, the members of any organization that had rooms of its own in the building would feel a certain loyalty to their organization that can not be felt under the present condition.

Again the Bible study and mission study groups would be provided with attractive, comfortable rooms in which to gather at any hour of the day without inconvenience to themselves or to others.

There are many other points that might be brought out in favor of a building but only one will be mentioned. That is the added respect that would be gained for the Associations from the students and from the citizens of Eugene. A building would lend a feeling of ownership and stability that can not be secured in any other way and would stand as a visible evidence of the belief most of us have in the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations as a vital factor in character building.

BASEBALL WITH O. A. C.

Hugo Bezdek's baseball tossers will have a brush with the Corvallis nine at Recreation Park on Saturday, May 18th. The farmers have made a specialty out of the popular game and while their team is new they can make a good showing. The Oregon team will be at its best, however, and the local fans expect to win by a good score.

At the last meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Sweetser gave an interesting talk on immigration, a live question of the day. The condition in Europe, especially in Russia, and the condition of the civil, political and social life of the Jews which induces these people to migrate to our country, were briefly given. Transportation on the early immigrant vessels was in a deplorable condition until the United States investigated the matter and compelled better accommodations given the passengers.

Professor H. C. Howe addressed the Fortnightly Club Friday evening in the club rooms. Professor Howe's address was on "Bernard Shaw."

FACTORS IN EDUCATION

The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. are Important Factors in a College Training

By Pres. P. L. Campbell

Three things are especially to be emphasized in education—personal conduct, public service, and the life of the spirit as contrasted with the life of the senses. All of these are made cardinal principles in the work of the college Young Men's Christian Association. Membership in the Association commits a man to a clean and sane life. He is helped in it by the men with whom he is working and the principles with which he is made day by day more familiar. Right living soon establishes right habit, and life is kept free from the handicaps which prevent the best effort in the best fields of activity.

Public service is no less emphasized in Association work than personal conduct. Every effort is made to find means of being helpful. New students are welcomed and assisted in getting their start in college life; employment bureaus and book exchanges are maintained free of cost; wholesome social activities are fostered; boys' clubs are supervised, and missionary work is undertaken in neighboring towns. The Christian grace of helping others finds almost perfect development in the ideals and activities of the Association.

But the inspiration of the Association is found in its loyalty to the things of the spirit. It keeps before its members the finest standards of thinking and living, and systematically, through its Bible study, sets about the development of the fullness of knowledge and clearness of thought which will make possible in every day life at least an approximate conformity to these standards.

The Young Women's Association has been no less helpful in American college life, although a little later in entering on its most effective work. Its influence is now spreading rapidly throughout the colleges and universities of the entire country. Its national organization is being perfected and strengthened, and large sums of money are being placed at the disposal of its national committees.

Both of these Associations have been important factors in the life of the University of Oregon. They have hearty support of everyone connected with the institution.