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COLLEGE NOTES

"PREPARATION FOR GREAT LIVING"

Follege Day at Convention-Long Beach
July 29, 1925

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CONFERENCES OF CHURCH WORKERS IN UNIVERSITIES

THE NORTH CENTRAL REGION

The University of Chicago, December 28, 29, 30, 1931

H. D. Bollinger, President

Religion, "the art of complete living," must be realistic and practical today or the proverbial "average man" or "man in the street" will ignore its claims. This is also true of the student. All classes of men today are demanding that religion and life shall either be closely articulated or the former will be ignored. Hunger, "Americanitis" (hurried, acquisitive living), and depression have made themselves felt in both town and gown.

The result on the campus is a certain type of collegiate attitude that "high hats" religion. The student does not ask questions concerning God as much as he asks, "Is Life Worth Living?" It is imperative therefore that religious workers at university centers shall make the art of complete living attractive, practicable, and natural.

To this end, the coordinate agencies of the program of religious work must function in harmonious inter-relation. Beginning with the life of the religious worker himself, with whatever personal resources he makes available, and running through the program which he directs, to the very heart of the communal feast of worship, there must somehow be made real and actual the awareness of the Divine Presence. This is no easy task. The whole set-up must be intelligent, dignified, beautiful, and real. Therefore, at Chicago, we sought to dip deeply in regard to: (1) The educational theory of our work; (2) Practice and pastoral procedure; (3) The message of the church to the university center; (4) Objectives of cooperative effort.

Furthermore, we carefully studied the problem of how religion may function through the religious drama, art and worship. A visit to the numerous chapels at the University of Chicago stimulated the latter group.

The method of the Round Table featured the Conference. The frank and free exchange of ideas, programs, and objectives by

the seventy-eight members present, (in addition there were many visitors at all sessions) from sixteen different states, proved to be practical and helpful. A chairman at the helm in leadership of each of the three groups into which the Conference was subdivided, became the "referee" of the ideas that "Jiu-jitsu-ed" in seminar-fashion, following the stimulating papers that served as a "lead-off." "The most helpful of these Conferences that I have attended," was the comment of one Conference member. When pressed for a reason, he replied, "Because I have received both practical ideas and inspiration to help me in my work."

In planning the program, the Executive Committee felt that three types of workers always attend these Conferences: 1—The pastors in pulpits who are interested in the preaching message to students. 2—The university pastors who are interested in the right kind of activities and program for university students. 3-Faculty men, pastors, and others who are interested in the educational objective of the religious work at the university center. The program was planned with these groups in mind. Furthermore, the Executive Committee was desirous of maintaining that high standard of brotherly fellowship which has characterized our gatherings in the past.

That proved to be one of the happy features of our meeting, for pastors, "activity men," church secretaries and assistants of diverse denominational heritage came together and "round tabled" their ideas in wholesome and helpful fashion.

The fact that practically all members of the Conference were housed in the same building and that a number of Conference sessions were held around the luncheon or dinner table set free a tide of fellowship not soon to be forgotten. Finally, we sought for the secret of our own power resources in a discussion of "The God We Know," and in the worship services held each morning.

Other interesting and helpful features of our program in addition to the Conference sessions were: 1-The Youth Session in which three young people interpreted for us, "How Youth Looks at Religion." 2-The worship services conducted each morning by Dr. Norris Tibbetts, of the Hyde Park Baptist Church, Chicago. 3-The tour of the chapels of the University conducted by Dr. Edgar Goodspeed, of the University of Chicago, vd sevitosido ina processo [408] to energiaza sort fora siquet

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