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PREFACE

This pamphlet contains the official reports of all the Christian student movements in affiliation with the World's Student Christian Federation. The reports are arranged in alphabetical order. They cover one year, from March 1, 1898, to February 28, 1899. They are framed on the basis of a list of fourteen questions sent out by the officers of the Federation to the leaders of the various national movements. These reports are printed in response to the increasing number of requests coming to the office of the Federation from all parts of the world for exact information regarding the progress of the work of Christ among students of different lands. It is believed that the mass of facts here given in such compact and orderly manner will abundantly repay the most careful reading. It is suggested that in addition to reading each report as a whole, a comparative survey be taken by reading the answers given by all the movements to certain questions. It will be found especially interesting to take up in this way questions four, five, seven, and eleven. The more closely these facts are studied the more deeply one will be convinced that God is working among the student movements of all lands. And even the statistics, which are at times uninteresting, will, when not viewed superficially but pondered in the light of what they represent, afford real inspiration and stimulate thanksgiving.

JOHN R. MOTT.

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LIST OF QUESTIONS SENT TO THE CHRISTIAN STUDENT MOVEMENTS OF THE WORLD*

1. Give the number of separate student organizations belonging to your movement. How many of these were added during the past year?

2. Give the total number of members—students and professors—in all of your organizations combined.

3. How many delegates attended your last national convention? When and where was it held? In what respects was it better than your preceding convention? Mention any other student conferences held by your movement during the year.

4. What have been the most encouraging results in connection with your movement during the past year?

5. Is it your impression that a larger number of students were led to accept Christ as their personal Saviour during the past year than during the preceding year? If so, what in your judgment have been the principal causes? If not, what seems to be the most satisfactory explanation?

6. In how many organizations of your movement are there Bible classes or circles? What is the total number of students in them?

7. Give the most important facts showing the present position of the missionary department of your movement and its progress during the year. If you have a Volunteer Movement, give a statement of its condition and work.

8. What new pamphlets and leaflets have been published by your movement during the year? How many regular subscribers are there to your periodical?

9. How many paid secretaries does your movement employ?

* The reports on the following pages give the answers to these questions. The numbering of the answers in each report corresponds to the numbering in this list of questions.

List of Questions

10. How widely and in what manner was the Universal Day of Prayer for Students observed in connection with your movement? What suggestions have you to make regarding the better observance of this day in the future?
11. What difficulties or problems cause you the most concern, and to promote the solution of which you wish the prayers of the members of other student movements?
12. What advance steps for the coming year are contemplated by your movement?
13. Give suggestions as to how the Federation can serve your movement.
14. Give the exact name of your movement.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN AND CANADIAN STUDENT YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

1. There are in our movement 595 separate associations. Of this number forty are in theological colleges; four are in law colleges; fifty-one are in medical, dental, and pharmaceutical colleges; 260 are in other university colleges and universities; 106 are in normal, technological, military, and naval colleges and schools; four are intercollegiate organizations; and 130 are in academies and other preparatory schools. The number of associations is twenty-eight larger than the number reported last year.

2. The total membership of the movement includes between thirty-three and thirty-four thousand young men.

3. This movement conducts four regular summer conferences each year—one at Northfield, Massachusetts, primarily for students from Canada and the Eastern states; one at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, for students of the Middle West; one at Asheville, North Carolina, for students of the Southern states, and one at Pacific Grove, California, for students of the Far West. Each of these gatherings continues in session ten days. Last year the total attendance of the four conferences was 926 students, representing 311 associations. In several of the Eastern states presidential conferences were held, lasting in each case four days. At these conferences during the past year the newly elected presidents of over one hundred associations received special training for their responsible work of leadership. At Chicago a deputation conference was held for the purpose of training from one to three carefully selected students from each of ten Western states for the difficult work of visiting the associations in their respective states. These deputies do not receive any salary for their work, but render a purely voluntary service, and accomplish much good. At five metropolitan centers brief training conferences of from two to three

days' duration were conducted by the traveling secretaries, in order to help the leaders of the various associations in these cities to carry on their peculiarly difficult work.

4. The most encouraging facts in the work of the past year have been: (1) The extension of the movement to so many new centers that its influence can now be brought to bear upon 15,000 more students than a year ago. (2) A secretary has been set apart to develop the Christian forces in the one hundred and more medical and other professional colleges of our large cities. His work has been attended with real success. (3) A special secretary has also been devoting himself exclusively to planting and guiding associations in preparatory schools. This work is certain to exert a most helpful influence on the work in the universities. (4) An executive secretary has also been added who has done much to increase the efficiency of the entire movement. (5) Money has been subscribed for at least three new student association buildings, and successful building canvasses are being conducted at other centers. (6) The continued remarkable growth of the Bible study department.

5. While the number of students who have been led to accept Christ as their personal Saviour has not been so large in the Eastern and Southern states as during the preceding year, there has been an increase in the number in the West. Taking the United States and Canada as a whole there has not been an increase. In the sections where there has been a decline it may be traced chiefly to neglect of prayerful, persistent, studious personal work. On the other hand the increase of conversions in the West—in some respects the most difficult part of the field—has been due largely to the faithful personal dealing of believing Christian students with their unbelieving fellow students. At one conference in the West the delegates of thirty universities and colleges reported that there had been six or more men led to Christ in each of their institutions; and it was also reported that in twenty-six of the thirty institutions the associations had personal workers' groups, for the definite

purpose of leading fellow students to Christ through united study, prayer, and effort.

6. Over 300 of our student associations report having had Bible classes during the past year. Nearly 12,000 students were in Bible classes. There has been an increase of more than one hundred per cent in the number of classes taking up the courses of the four years' Cycle for Bible Study. The second year's course has been added to the Cycle during the past year, and the third year's course is being prepared. The work done in the normal classes at the various training conferences has continued to result in a better leadership of the Bible classes. It is also gratifying to report that there has been not only an increase in the number of students in Bible classes, but also an improvement in the quality of the Bible study. Students are devoting much more time, intelligence, earnestness, and prayer, than in former years, to their study of the Scriptures.

7. The Student Volunteer Movement is the missionary department of the Association Movement. The past year has been one of the most fruitful in the missionary life of the associations. Throughout the year there has been an average of 350 mission study classes, with an average attendance of 4,210. Over \$10,000 worth of the publications of the Student Volunteer Movement have been sold since the Cleveland Convention, or more than double the amount in any preceding year. Successful efforts have been put forth in the medical colleges by Dr. J. Rutter Williamson to enlist students in the work of medical missions. The latest tabulation of sailed volunteers shows that 1,363 have already gone to the mission fields, nearly 200 having sailed during the past year. The work by students, to promote missionary interest among the young people in the churches, is now carried on in eight denominations instead of two, as was the case a year ago. The members of the Yale Missionary Band, composed of five students, during the year addressed about 900 meetings in ninety-five cities and towns, and touched in their conferences over 2,000 Christian

societies of young people. It should be added that the statistics given about the Volunteer Movement include women students as well as men.

8. The association publications of the past year include (1) "The Association Movement Among Theological Students"; (2) "The Plan of Organization for Theological Students"; (3) "Constitution of an Association in a Preparatory School"; (4) "Systematic and Proportionate Giving"; (5) "Studies in the Acts and Epistles." To this list should be added the year's publications of the Volunteer Movement: (6) The American edition of "Dawn on the Hills of T'ang"; (7) "Social Evils of the Non-Christian World"; (8) "The Planting and Development of Missionary Churches"; (9) "New Testament Studies in Missions"; (10) "Money"; (11) "If God Permit."

The official organ of the movement, *The Intercollegian*, has had a monthly issue of 5,000. The number of paid subscribers has been a little over 4,100.

9. Eleven student secretaries were employed by our Student Association Movement last year, of whom three attended to administrative and office work, one promoted the Bible study department, while of the seven engaged in traveling work, three visited universities and colleges in the East, West, and South, one worked among colored colleges, one had direction of the work in theological institutions, one gave special attention to work in medical and other professional schools, and one visited preparatory and high schools.

The Student Volunteer Movement employed eight secretaries, three in taking charge of the office and educational work, and five in visiting the colleges and universities.

10. The Call for the Universal Day of Prayer for Students was circulated in all our associations. It was observed by 321 of them. It would have been observed by a still larger number of associations had it not been for the fact that certain denominations have a special day of prayer for colleges which was observed instead of the Federation day. It is hoped that greater uniformity may be secured during the coming year.

The Federation Call was reprinted in several religious papers. It is believed that a larger volume of prayer, both by students and on behalf of students, was called forth on the last day of prayer than on any preceding occasion. Our movement regards the proper observance of this day as one of the strongest bonds which has been forged by the Federation for the uniting of the students of the world.

11. We desire the prayers of the members of other student movements to enable us to solve the following problems: (1) How to hold the associations true to the crowning purpose of the movement—to lead students to become real disciples of Jesus Christ as their only Saviour and Lord—so that there will be an increasing number of conversions among students. (2) How to obviate Bible study becoming an end in itself, and to make it result constantly in growth in Christian character and in increased activity and fruitfulness in Christian service. (3) How to make students more uncompromising and aggressive in the battle against student evils and temptations. (4) How to make the watchword of the Volunteer Movement—the evangelization of the world in this generation—have a commanding influence in the lives of students. (5) How to enlist more students in the direct work of extending Christ's Kingdom throughout the world.

12. Among the advance steps contemplated for the coming year are the following: (1) An effort will be made to affiliate more of the non-English-speaking colleges. In this work it is hoped that we shall have the coöperation of one of the leaders of the German or Scandinavian movements. (2) Steps will be taken to extend the movement to the high school system of the United States. (3) The leaders of the movement will seek to promote more organized or associated personal work among students. (4) The third year's course of Bible studies will be added to the Bible Study Cycle. It will be prepared by Professor W. W. White, and will be entitled "Studies in Old Testament Characters." Special Bible Studies for preparatory students will also be planned. (5) The call will be

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sounded out for more strong students to volunteer for foreign missions. During recent years the Volunteer Movement has not appealed so much for recruits as in earlier years. (6) The promotion of scriptural habits of giving among students will receive special attention.

13. The Federation can help our movement: (1) By promoting tours of leaders of other movements among our associations and conferences. The recent visits of representatives of European movements have done much to stimulate our work-ers. (2) By continuing to facilitate the interchange of the literature of the various movements. (3) By laying even greater stress on the proper observance of the Day of Prayer, and on the promotion of prayer among the movements for each other. (4) By bringing to our attention the most striking developments in the work among the students of other lands. (5) By granting to us as much of the time of the General Secretary as may be consistent with the demands of the larger work of the Federation.

14. The exact name of our movement is the "American and Canadian Student Young Men's Christian Association."

(Signed) RICHARD C. MORSE.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN STUDENT YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION*

1. The number of separate student organizations belonging to our movement is 368. Of this number 191 are in universities and colleges, sixty-one in normal schools, eight in agricultural schools, six in medical schools, one in a theological school, and 102 in seminaries and academies. Twenty-three associations were added during the year 1898.

2. The total number of members is 16,160.

*In harmony with the recommendation of the General Committee of the Federation, this movement has become affiliated with the American and Canadian Student Young Men's Christian Association in order to enter the Federation.

3. Three summer conferences are held annually, one at Asheville, North Carolina, one at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and one at Northfield, Massachusetts. The summer conferences of 1898 were held as follows: Asheville, June 17-28; Lake Geneva, July 2-12; Northfield, July 13-22. The total number of students attending these three conferences was about 700.

4. The most encouraging results in connection with our movement during the past year have been: (1) The very marked enlargement of the student department, three secretaries having been called by the American Committee to the secretarial staff of the department. (2) The raising up, in the providence of God, of a number of influential friends for the student work among the young women of America, who have given most generously to make this work financially possible. (3) The inauguration of metropolitan conferences for students in the great student centers. Four of these conferences have been held during the past year, viz., in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Chicago. These conferences have begun to unify and consolidate the students and all student interests of these cities. They have also been the means of spiritual awakening among some students in every city where they have been held. (4) The beginning of very practical and powerful evangelistic work on the part of the secretaries of the American Committee in the various institutions which they have been permitted to visit. This evangelistic work includes work in some state universities and in some normal schools, with very tangible results.

5. We cannot say whether or not a larger number of students have been led to accept Christ as their personal Saviour during the past year than in any other year. We have no statistics on this point to guide us accurately, and are unable to answer definitely. Our impression is that a larger number of students have been led to consider a deeper life in Christ than in past years. The letters which come in to us from all over the country show that there is a very earnest spirit among college women and a deep awakening to their responsibility and to God's call to them.

6. Two hundred and forty associations report Bible classes.
7. One hundred and thirteen of our associations report 355 young women volunteers. The most important feature in connection with our missionary department is that students all over the country are being awakened to a realization of their responsibility for the needs of the women students in all parts of the world. They have become deeply interested in student work in China, in India, and in other lands. This interest is very largely due to the splendid work of Miss Rouse, and to her deep convictions in regard to the responsibility of the American women students for work among the women students of other lands.
8. No new pamphlets and leaflets have been published by the student department of the American Committee during the past year. *The Evangel* has about 2,300 subscribers. This number, however, includes subscribers in city associations as well as student subscribers. We have no statistics showing the exact number of subscribers who are students.
9. The student department of the American Committee employs three student secretaries who give their entire time to the student work. One of the business secretaries of the American Committee gives a part of her time to the office department of the student work. In addition to these secretaries, who are strictly all secretaries of the American Committee, the committee has in the past year employed one other secretary, who has done student work for two months under its direction.
10. The Universal Day of Prayer for Students was observed by 165 of our associations. These associations, very many of them, observed the day not only publicly, but also by quiet prayer meetings held by little groups of students, and by giving time to secret prayer.
11. We would ask the prayers of the members of other student movements for God's guidance in direct and clean-cut evangelical teaching among our young women students all over the land. We find that evangelical teaching on the fundamental doctrines of the Christian belief is wonderfully needed among

women students. They are vague in their understanding and interpretation of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity. There is, among many of them, a tendency to scepticism. They are troubled by doubts, and are, many of them, inclined to a religion of ethics and esthetics rather than to the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ, as set forth by Him and by His disciples and apostles.

12. For the coming year we hope to make advances (1) in our work in the state universities; (2) in our work in the normal school field; (3) in the metropolitan centers. We also hope and pray to make advances in systematic devotional Bible study and in the dissemination of evangelical truth. We expect, under the guidance of God, to do distinct evangelistic work among non-converted students, and also to bring about a deepening of the lives of Christian students.

13. We would suggest for our assistance that the Federation prepare some concise statements of the conditions among women students in other lands, where the prayers and other coöperation of American students are especially needed. Such statements, in pamphlet form, can be used by us to great advantage, we are assured, among our associations in awakening and in making intelligent the student missionary interest for other students.

14. The exact name of our movement is the "Student Department of the American Committee of Young Women's Christian Associations."

(Signed) EFFIE KELLY PRICE.

REPORT OF THE AUSTRALASIAN STUDENT CHRISTIAN UNION

1. We have forty-four separate student organizations. Ten have been added during the past year.
2. We have about 1,400 members.
3. The annual convention was held in connection with the

Australian Students' Summer School at Mornington, Victoria, December 15-22, 1898. A business session was held in connection with the New Zealand Student Summer School, at Nelson, January 14-22, 1899, in order to give the New Zealand students a voice in the settlement of important questions discussed in Australia. These were the first summer schools held in Australasia, and both were unqualified successes. There were 163 registered delegates at Mornington, and ninety-six at Nelson.

4. Among the encouraging results of the work of the year were: (1) The successful launching of the summer schools in Australia and New Zealand. (2) The increase in the number of unions. (3) The increase in the number of unions taking up the course arranged in Bible study. (4) Additions to the Tenth Legion for the promotion of systematic and proportionate giving.

5. A larger number of students were led to accept Christ, as the result of personal work, than in any previous year.

6. Thirty unions report Bible classes with about 400 members.

7. There are five student volunteer bands at the university centers. Five volunteers have been added during the year, making a total of seventy-eight. Nine have gone out to their work, one during the year. The volunteers in New Zealand are thinking more especially of work among the Maories of their own country, and the Australian volunteers are making extensive inquiries regarding the aborigines of Australia.

8. "Systematic and Proportionate Giving," by Wm. H. Sallmon, M. A., has been added to the list of pamphlets. There are 300 regular subscribers to *The Australasian Intercollegian*.

9. One paid secretary is employed.

10. The Universal Day of Prayer occurred during the summer holidays when the students were scattered. However, the Call was sent to each union and published in the *Intercollegian*, with the result that individuals remembered the day in each of the Colonies, and the Sydney University Union, with consider-

able zeal, gathered what students were within reach and held a profitable meeting.

11. Professor Drummond, after his visit to the Southern Hemisphere, said that the chief problem in Australia is "to deal with a civilized people undergoing abnormally rapid development. The chief problem of Christianity is to keep pace with the continued growth; the immediate peril is that it may be wholly ignored in the pressure of competing growths." This is the all-embracing difficulty in which we need the sympathetic prayers of other student movements.

12. The progressive course of Bible study, the promotion of the habit of systematic and proportionate giving, and the summer schools will be pushed, and the schools in another colony, Queensland, will be visited and organized if desirable.

13. We reiterate that at present the Federation can best serve our movement by arranging for a speedy visit from the General Secretary.

14. The name of our movement is the "Australasian Student Christian Union."

(Signed) WM. H. SALLMON.

REPORT OF THE BRITISH COLLEGE CHRISTIAN UNION

1. There are at present 116 separate student Christian unions affiliated to our movement. Of this total fifteen have been added since last report.

2. The total membership of the affiliated unions is slightly over 4,000.

3. The last national conference was attended by 360 delegates, of whom 185 were women. It was held at Ripon from July 30 to August 8, 1898. In point of numbers, representativeness, and organization it may be said to have marked an advance upon previous summer conferences. During the year

four other student conferences were held, more or less under the auspices of our movement, viz., the Oxford and Cambridge, the Welsh, the Irish, and the Scotch.

4. The most encouraging facts of the past year's work have been: (1) The reorganization and unification of our movement. By this step the Student Volunteer Missionary Union has become an organic department of the whole movement; while the old British College Christian Union has fallen into two sections, viz., a General College Department and a Theological College Department. (2) The slow but steady increase in the formation of new unions. (3) Increase in the number and quality of Bible circles, and progress toward the solution of the most suitable form of Bible study text-book. In this connection should be noted the valuable help and stimulus received by our movement during Professor White's visit. This was especially noticeable in London, where many students attended his School for Bible Study. (4) The success which has so far followed the efforts to strengthen and extend the movement among the hospitals and colleges of London. (5) The notable revival in Edinburgh during Mr. Mott's visit. (6) The real vitality shown by many theological colleges in spite of the fact that this department had no special traveling secretary of its own. Even colleges which refused to affiliate have been strongly influenced.

5. It may be safely said that, so far as we are aware, more students were led during the past year to accept Christ as their personal Saviour than in the year previous. The largest ingathering took place at Edinburgh, where the results were in part the outcome of much prayer.

6. In sixty-eight of our college unions there are Bible circles. The 290 circles in these unions have a total membership of 1,850.

7. During the past year the Student Volunteer Missionary Union completed a thorough revision of its register, so that the following statistics may be taken to be as nearly accurate as possible. Since the beginning of the movement, in 1892, 1,633 students have signed the Declaration, of whom 357 are women.

Of this total 511 have sailed, 573 are still in college, 400 have left college and are in further preparation, fourteen have died, twenty-five have been definitely hindered, and 110 have withdrawn. In the past twelve months seventy-eight men and thirty-five women have been enrolled. Although this shows a decrease on previous years yet we believe that missionary interest is spreading and deepening in our colleges, and that more students are now definitely facing the missionary question than ever before. Still, the present supply of volunteers is far below the demand for missionary candidates. Sixty missionary bands, with a total membership of 570, have been reported as meeting regularly during the year for the systematic study of missions. Allowing for those colleges from which no report has been received it is probable that there has been a slight advance in this department of our work. Meetings of student volunteers only, for prayer and conference, are becoming more common, and greater efforts are being made in several centers to keep in touch with those who have left college. A good deal of work is carried on by volunteers among the churches with the aim of arousing more interest in missions, but to a large extent this work is still in its experimental stage. In this connection it is worthy of note that in some centers theological students, stimulated by, but independent of the Student Volunteer Missionary Union, are taking up work of this nature.

8. The publications of the past year include (1) an English edition of "Dawn on the Hills of T'ang"; (2) two Bible study text books, entitled "Helps to the Study of St. John's Gospel"; (3) "The College Christian Union," being a handbook for secretaries and officers on its aim, principles, and methods of work; (4) three pamphlets, reprints of chapters in the above-mentioned handbook—"The Goal of a Christian Union," "The Bible Study Department of a College Christian Union," "The Missionary Department of a College Christian Union"; (5) a college directory, issued annually; (6) the annual report.

The organ of the Union, *The Student Movement*, has a monthly issue during the college year of 2,000. The regular

subscribers number 1,300, but the trade disposes of a large number.

9. Six student secretaries were employed by our movement last year—one in the office, one in the London student field, one as educational secretary to the Student Volunteer Missionary Union Department, and the other three, one of whom was a lady, in visitation. Of these three, one devoted his whole time to the work of the Student Volunteer Missionary Union, the second to organizing and developing Christian unions, while the lady secretary, to whom the women's colleges were entrusted, combined both these interests. It should also be stated that one of the members of the Theological College Department gave up part of his time to visiting the divinity colleges of the Church of England.

10. The Federation Call to Prayer was reissued by our movement, bearing the special indorsement of the Executive Committee. Over 8,000 copies were circulated among British students, and we have reason to believe that the day was widely observed, not only by our branches, but also by many churches in student centers. It was also noticed in the religious press.

11. The difficulties and problems which give us most concern are: (1) The deficiency in judicious aggressiveness on the part of our unions—probably the root of this difficulty lies in the low spiritual standard of many members, and the consequent failure to realize their responsibility to their fellow-students; (2) the proper development of systematic Bible study, not only in the ordinary unions, but still more in those where the intellectual standard is lower than the average; (3) the best lines of procedure in large commercial centres—*e. g.*, London—where the students are in nearly every case non-residential, and are scattered over a wide area; (4) the perplexing difficulty of getting a firm hold on the theological colleges and divinity halls; (5) the steady decrease in the number of those volunteering for service in the foreign field; (6) the apparent failure of Volunteer Bands to realize and use their unique opportunities of

arousing a greater interest in missions amongst their fellow-students and others; (7) the problem of how to increase the number of those engaged in the systematic study of missions, and of how to interest in missionary work those who will not undertake such study; (8) the securing of adequate financial support. As yet we have not learned the golden secret of getting our unions as a whole to subscribe systematically to the funds of the national movement.

12. Our movement contemplates the following advance measures, among others: (1) The holding next winter of an International Students' Missionary Conference in London. Strong efforts are being made to secure good delegations from foreign countries, especially from those on the Continent. It is expected that 2,000 students and professors will be present. (2) The appointment of an additional lady secretary to help in canvassing the women's colleges for this conference; also of an assistant general secretary to aid in the office work connected with it. (3) Increased emphasis on organized work by volunteers to arouse missionary interest in the home churches. (4) A secretary has been secured to serve exclusively in editorial and literary work. (5) The preparation of new courses of Bible study, and the increasing of the number of Bible circles. (6) The appointing of a strong secretary for the work among theological colleges.

13. The Federation has served our movement nobly in the past. We desire that it should continue doing so (1) by repeating the Universal Day of Prayer for Students; (2) by reissuing the Exchange-List and Directory; (3) by granting to us occasionally the help of the General Secretary, not only in solving problems which demand a wide knowledge and experience, but also in visiting some of our student centers; (4) by keeping our leaders informed, through correspondence and publications, on the most suggestive features of the student work in other lands; (5) by the issue of a Federation prayer cycle.

14. The exact name of our movement is the "British College Christian Union;" while the three departments which compose

it are respectively called the General College Department, the Theological College Department, and the Student Volunteer Missionary Union.

(Signed) STANLEY WRIGHT,
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REPORT OF THE COLLEGE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHINA

1. There are forty-four separate student associations in our movement, of which eleven have been added during the past year.
2. The number of active members in our associations is 1,300; associate members, 620; making a total membership of 1,920.
3. There have been held during the past year five student conferences, at Chefoo, Nanking, Shanghai, T'ungchou, and Foochow, respectively, attended by a total of 1,059 delegates from thirty-eight colleges.
4. The most encouraging results in connection with our movement during the past year have been: (1) An increase of thirty-three per cent in the number of associations over last year. (2) The laying foundations for a strong work in the near future in the large student center of Hong Kong. (3) The manifestly growing strength of the intercollegiate bond between associations. (4) The arrival of three new secretaries,

Messrs. Lewis, Gailey, and Brockman, to give their whole time to the work. (5) The large growth in the number of associate members, double the number of a year ago.

5. The reported number of conversions resulting in a uniting with some church during the past year is ninety. This is considerably larger than the number reported last year, though in neither case are the figures probably complete. The deeper spiritual life of the associations is probably the cause of the increase.

6. There are Bible classes in about half of our organizations. Exact figures cannot be given, for the reports sent in have been confused on this point. It is safe to say that over 200 students are in these classes.

7. We have no organized Student Volunteer Movement in our Association, though we have a sub-committee of the National Committee, whose duty it is to foster the volunteer idea. The reports give 230 as the number of young men in the associations who purpose to give their lives to the proclaiming of the Gospel. This number does not include all who purpose to give their lives to direct Christian work.

8. During the year the Cycle of Prayer (in Chinese) has been revised and reprinted. The Call to the Universal Day of Prayer was issued in pamphlet form. A booklet entitled "The Association Hymnal," comprising about fifty hymns and gospel songs for use in association gatherings, has also been published in Chinese. No pamphlets in English, aside from the English supplement of *The Chinese Intercollegian*, have been issued. The Chinese edition of *The Chinese Intercollegian* (monthly) has an edition of 2,000, all but about 200 of which go to regular subscribers; these 200 are used as sample copies.

9. There are four paid secretaries in our movement.

10. The Universal Day of Prayer was not as widely observed as it might otherwise have been on account of its falling this year at the very first of the Chinese New Year, when all colleges were closed and students scattered to their various homes. In spite of this, however, large numbers of the students

observed the day individually, and in some cases, where several were together, they had meetings. For China some other date would be more suitable, for the Chinese New Year usually comes during the last half of January, or the first half of February. The New Year's season is the great holiday season of China. All colleges close for a fortnight or more. Where possible, students strive to spend their New Year's holiday at their homes.

11. The problems before our movement now are: (1) How can the great centers of government examinations be effectively reached? (2) How can the association be adapted to the students of the twenty-one new government colleges of Western education in China? (3) How can the hundreds of English-speaking and other educated young men in the port cities of China best be reached? (4) What is the best method for raising up and training an efficient corps of native secretaries who can undertake these advance lines of work? We earnestly desire the prayers of our brothers all over the world towards the solution of these problems.

12. The following advance steps are contemplated for the coming year: (1) The holding of the Second National Convention of our movement. (2) The securing of a man for the Hong Kong field. (3) The devoting of a large portion of time by one of our secretarial force to a careful study of the government examination system field. (4) The holding of small but representative training conferences for officers and committee chairmen in the associations at four different centers, with a view to making the work of the associations more efficient than ever before.

13. The value of the Federation to our movement cannot be overestimated. The substance of every publication of the Federation during the past year has been translated into Chinese, and printed in the *Intercollegian*. We only desire that the Federation may be able to continue its helpful service. An international quarterly, giving facts concerning the growth of the work of the Federation in the different countries, and giving

strong articles on successful methods of work, would be a great contribution to the efficiency of our movement.

14. The exact name of our movement as pronounced in Peking is Romanized as follows: "Chung Kuo Hsieh Shu Chi Tu Yu T'u Hui."

(Signed) D. WILLARD LYON.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT MOVEMENT IN FRANCE.*

1. There is only one definitely organized association, and that is in Paris. Another will soon be organized in Lyons. In the city of Montpellier, the Young Men's Christian Association, consisting almost exclusively of students, may be considered as a students' union. The Young Men's Christian Associations of Bordeaux, Lille and Nancy have each a special branch for students. There is special work among students at Caen, Dijon, Grenoble and Toulouse, but nothing organized as yet. The Paris Association has during the past year collected information concerning the university towns of Aix, Algiers, Besançon, Clermont, Marseilles and Rennes, and it is hoped that associations may be organized there also. At Montauban there is a theological college which has a Christian students' union. It hopes to extend its influence to Toulouse, the neighboring university town.

2. The total number of students and professors taking an active part in the movement may be estimated to be about 400.

3. There is no national committee. The directing committee of the Paris Association and the Young Men's Christian Association National Committee have so far been the promoters of the movement.

4. There is no general secretary. M. Jean Monnier, General Secretary of the Paris Association, and M. Emmanuel

*As the report of the French movement had not been received at the time of printing this pamphlet, the report of that movement for the preceding year is included.

Sautter have both acted as such, the former especially where no Young Men's Christian Association exists.

5. M. Jean Monnier has visited the universities of Lille, Lyons and Grenoble. We owe hearty thanks to Mr. J. R. Mott for a most beneficent visit which he paid to the Paris Association last June. M. Emmanuel Sautter has visited Bordeaux, Montauban and Montpellier during the past year.

6. The only periodical published is that of the Paris Association, *Bulletin du Cercle des Etudiants Protestants de Paris*. It is issued monthly. The first number was only recently published, therefore the number of subscribers is yet unknown. We hope there may be about 300 for the coming year.

7. One pamphlet concerning mission work has been published by the Montauban union.

8. At Whitsuntide, 1897, the first national convention was held at Versailles. It lasted three days, and was attended by nearly 150 delegates and visitors.

9. Most of the provincial groups being but partially organized, it is difficult to estimate results. In Paris much has been undertaken during the year, with encouraging success. Invitations to meetings for scientific or other studies have frequently been accepted by Roman Catholics or other students, who have since shown great sympathy for the movement, and in some cases become associate members. Debates have been held by some of our members in the Latin Quarter. Work among apprentices and the working classes is also carried on with good results by our members. At Lyons the Christian students have organized interesting meetings in the slums.

10. It is impossible to estimate the number of conversions during the past year.

11. Meetings for Bible study have been held weekly in Paris, and have been most helpful. Students in this city, however, are extremely scattered, and regular attendance is therefore very difficult. At Montpellier and Montauban, where the same impediment does not exist, the weekly prayer and Bible meetings were regularly attended.

12. Two societies, one in Paris and one in Montauban, represent the missionary movement. They both bear the name, "Société des Amis des Missions." No pledge of any sort is taken; nevertheless, four members have decided to devote their lives to missionary work, one of whom is Daniel Couvé, the traveling secretary of the movement.

13. The Universal Day of Prayer was not very widely observed. In several churches, however, where there is a large attendance of students, public prayer was offered for the movement at their request.

14. Our plans for the coming year consist chiefly in the definite formation of our provincial groups. At Lille a special room in the Young Men's Christian Association building has already been secured. We hope for great results also from the national conventions. The first has already taken place at Sèvres, near Paris, and was most successful; the second will meet at Montpellier in October, and it is hoped the formation of a National Federation will be its outcome.

15. We ask for the prayers of the leaders of the movement for the deepening of Christian life among our members. We also need to find more abundant and effective means of penetrating into the student world, a task which is especially difficult in our country.

16. The Federation can help our movement: (1) By keeping us constantly informed as to its progress in other lands, and pointing out the methods used, and which of them give the best results. (2) By giving us the results of its leaders' studies of problems concerning Latin races especially. (3) By keeping in close correspondence with our own leaders, in order to encourage them to active propaganda, and, if possible, sending us representatives well acquainted with the present religious and social situation in France. (4) By having as many tracts and circulars as possible printed in French. (5) By endeavoring to show us an ever warmer brotherly feeling, and thereby creating the same in our midst, where it is especially wanting.

(Signed) E. DUSSAUZE.

REPORT OF THE NETHERLANDS CHRISTIAN
STUDENTS' UNION

1. There are nine organizations in our movement, one of which is the Student Volunteer Missionary Union, which was started during the past year.
2. We have in all 199 members.
3. We had about seventy delegates at our last conference, held September 12-14, 1898, at Laren. This convention might be called better than previous gatherings in this respect, that we had a series of Bible lectures by a pastor who attended the whole conference. The attendance also of several foreign delegates was a principal event, and their prominent place was a good thing. On February 9 we also had a meeting of the committee of the movement, with a few men of each university, where the basis was discussed and a constitution drawn up. Missions were also discussed there.
4. The advance steps of the year have been: (1) The formation of the Student Volunteer Missionary Union on February 9, 1899. (2) The better organization of our movement into a union of unions, and consequently another formulation of our basis and a new constitution. (3) General adoption of Bible circles. (4) The formation of a few missionary circles. (5) Conviction of members' responsibility to pay as far as possible the expenses of the movement.
5. As far as we can judge more students have accepted Christ during the past year than before. The cause is to be found in the Bible circles.
6. There are Bible circles in six of the organizations. Kampen Theological School has no special Bible circles because the men read the Bible together after dinner. They nearly all dine in small groups in Kampen. The total number of students in these circles is at least 125, of whom about one hundred are members of the organizations.
7. There has been started a Student Volunteer Missionary Union. There are only two members as yet. In Leiden there

is a mission study circle of six students. Utrecht has a missionary circle of ten members. The Free University also has a missionary band. The work of the Volunteer Union is so far very small and consists mainly in promoting missionary study.

8. The "Mededeelingen" were started. Number one came out in September, number two in November, 1898. The periodical, *Eltheto*, has about 800 subscribers, but most of them are not students.

9. We have one paid secretary.

10. In all the organizations except one a special meeting was held for the celebration of the Universal Day of Prayer. We sent circulars to all the churches (evangelical) in the university towns, and in several the day was observed in the public service. If our members could better grasp the meaning and blessing of common prayer the observance would be wider and more powerful. Also the churches might be better instructed about the nature and meaning of our Day of Prayer.

11. We wish the prayers of members of other movements in order to help us solve the following problems: (1) How to reach and how to organize the students of Amsterdam. The Christian workers are few and the condition of students very perilous on account of many severe temptations. (2) Although our members are beginning to feel their responsibility to pay the expenses of the work there is not enough readiness to give for the movement. (3) The missionary spirit is weak. (4) Our faith is not strong enough to show in every part of our lives, and therefore the influence of our movement is not what it might be. (5) In Utrecht there are still the two unions, *Eltheto* and the Netherlands Christian Students' Union organization. There has not yet been found a satisfactory solution of this problem.

12. We hope to hold a boys' camp this summer for the boys of preparatory schools. Our annual conference will take place again at Laren, September 4-6. The traveling secretary will live in Amsterdam next year and devote part of his time to the Amsterdam students.

13. The Federation may serve us, among other ways, by helping to bring us into closer touch with the other continental movements.

14. Our name is "Nederlandsche Christen-Studenten Vereeniging."

(Signed) TH. SCHARTEN.

REPORT OF THE SWISS CHRISTIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

1. There are three student organizations in our movement. No new ones have been added during the past year.
2. The total number of members in our organizations is ninety-five. No professors are members.
3. Our last convention, held at Ste. Croix, September 19-22, 1898, was attended by ninety-two students and twenty-five professors, pastors and friends. Practical questions received more attention than in the preceding meetings. The second Students' Conference of German Switzerland (which is not connected with our movement) was held April 14-16, 1898, at Aarau (Argovie). We also held a meeting for gymnasium students at La Bourdonnette (near Lausanne), September 8, 1898.
4. The most encouraging results in connection with our movement during the past year have been as follows: The strengthening of the intercantonal organization; the organization of weekly prayer meetings at Lausanne and at Geneva. Many new students have joined the association.
5. We think that many students are being led, through the influence of the association, to consider more seriously their Christian calling. It is easier to influence the gymnasium students than the older ones.
6. There are no Bible classes in any of our organizations.

7. Some missionary meetings have been held. At Geneva a circulating library of papers and books on foreign missions has been started. We support a negro student at the school of the Swiss Romand Mission, Shilouvane, South Africa. We have no Volunteer Movement.

8. The following new pamphlets have been published during the past year: "Report of the Ste. Croix Students' Conference," "Appeal to the Students," "Voix d'amis" (A Friend's Call). Our movement publishes no periodical. The *Bulletin du Cercle des Etudiants Protestants de Paris* is taken by several of our members.

9. Our movement employs no paid secretary.

10. The Universal Day of Prayer for Students was observed by special prayer meetings in Neuchâtel and Lausanne, the former attended by thirty students and the latter by ten. In Geneva a meeting of students, professors and pastors was held, with an attendance of twenty-five.

11. Our difficulties and problems are as follows: Indifference, the students being satisfied with such associations as they already have; how to interest students in Bible study and foreign missions; how to reach gymnasium students, whose rules forbid them to join an association.

12. The Federation can help us by a visit from the Secretary, Mr. Mott, and by sending publications.

13. The name of our movement is "Association Chrétienne Suisse d'étudiants."

(Signed) F. DE ROUGEMONT.

REPORT OF THE GERMAN CHRISTIAN STUDENTS' ALLIANCE

1. There are twenty-one separate student societies in connection with our movement, seven of which have been added during the past year, while three have ceased to exist because

nearly all of their members have left the university. Three of the unions were started during the visit of the General Secretary, Mr. Mott, and have since hopefully developed. Our unions exist in the universities of Berlin, Breslau, Erlangen, Göttingen, Greifswald, Halle, Heidelberg, Jena, Kiel, Leipzig, Marburg, Rostock, and Strassburg, and in the polytechnical colleges of Charlottenburg, Darmstadt, Dresden, Hannover, Karlsruhe, München, and Stuttgart.

2. The total number of our members is about 250 students. Not all of the unions have a list of membership. Recently one professor of philosophy joined our union in Halle; another professor of theology in Leipzig professes to be in favor of our movement, while the sympathy of others seems to increase.

3. Ninety-two students from fourteen universities and two polytechnical colleges attended our last national convention held August 8-12, 1898, at Eisenach. In many respects it was better than the preceding convention, because the students took more active part in the meetings and in arranging the conference. The meetings went on in unity and power. There was more discussion of practical questions. The situation of Eisenach being central was more favorable than that of the places of former conferences. Yet, even more through its consequences the conference proved to be better than the preceding one. For in quite a number of cases we could state how in single students and whole unions the fire kindled at the convention had become a flame, and a good number of students were more in favor with, and in the spirit of our movement than before. Some little gatherings of students in the summer vacations deepened the impression the convention had made upon the students, and proved to be a help for the inauguration of the work for the next semester. Two local conferences also were held, one in Berlin, March 3-4, 1898, and the other in South Germany, at Wilhelmsdorf, March 14-18, 1898, and a student missionary conference, also a local one, at Leipzig, March 5-6, 1898, all three mentioned in the last report.

4. The past year had, in many regards, encouraging results,

some of them distinctly due to the influence of the Federation Conference held in Eisenach, July, 1898. The number of the unions as well as of the individuals has increased, the tie of fellowship has become far closer. The students are engaged more than ever in sustaining the work by their own money and proportionate giving, so that their gifts during the last half year amounted to four times the gifts of the first half year. The different unions have become, apparently, more aggressive than they were before, and have showed their aggressiveness by arranging evangelistic meetings for their fellow students, specially in Berlin, Halle, Marburg, and Tübingen, while it was also possible for the traveling secretary to hold single public evangelistic meetings for students at eight other places. Some work has been done for Japanese students. The fact that some professors are more in favor of our movement is not so much a result of our work as of God's grace towards us, and we believe it to be a token of greater things to come. The issue of our monthly paper increased from 1,000 copies to 1,700, and also the size of the paper necessarily had to be enlarged since the "Studentenbund für Mission" has come into organic connection with the German Christian Students' Alliance. One of the main results of our work has been the turning of the "Studentenbund für Mission" into a real Volunteer Movement on August 11, 1898. By this means we have secured to our work the energetic help of devoted men, and we have been able in return to afford them a larger sphere of missionary influence, by letting them use our paper for inspiring missionary articles and information. The practical result of this step on the part of the German Christian Students' Alliance has been the forming of some classes for the study of missions within our unions. Moreover, we have felt strong enough to undertake the maintenance of organized Christian work among gymnasium boys, though the man whom we wished to have become secretary for this work finally declined our call. We hope still to find the right man. That we could organize the distribution of an inviting leaflet, "A Word to Fellow Students," may be

regarded as a remarkable fact towards the improvement of our organization. This leaflet was distributed to more than 2,000 graduates of the gymnasia. Our Executive Committee is now fully composed of men still studying, and so still in real contact with student life and work, and we cannot but praise God for the unity He has given us in our working together. Yet the main result we have had, and for which we again and again wish to praise the living Saviour, our King, is the real conversion of German university students from darkness to light, through which He has been pleased to bless our work, to put His own seal upon it, and to glorify His name.

5. We know that a larger number of students by His grace were led to accept Christ as their personal Saviour during the past year than during the preceding year. Moreover, the spiritual life of many of our members has evidently been deepened so as to serve Christ better and to confess His name more boldly. With special thanks we report the comparatively great number of students converted in Marburg, a fact due principally to the believing and earnest prayer of non-academic Christians.

6. We have Bible circles in all our unions, a number of the unions simply being in existence as Bible circles. The total number of students in these Bible circles even exceeds the total number of the members of our movement, because in almost every place students take part in the Bible reading without assuming the responsibility of becoming professing members.

7. The missionary department of our work, the "Studentenbund für Mission," became during the past year (August, 1898) a Volunteer Movement by accepting the regular Volunteer Declaration, "It is my purpose, if God permit, to become a foreign missionary." The "Studentenbund für Mission" also became organically related to the German Christian Students' Alliance. Both steps indicate progress. Though three members left the "Studentenbund für Mission" because of the adopted declaration, yet still more have entered, so that by February 28 fifty-six members were reported officially as being

now volunteers, while according to our former basis they could be regarded only as being to some extent interested in missions. Eight of them are in the mission field, and five at least are preparing to go soon.

8. During the last year we have issued the following publications: Quast—"Short History of the Anglo-American Missionary Movement among Students," and "Report of the Second Student Missionary Conference in Leipzig"; Lohmann—"The Royal Commandment, Matt. xxviii:19"; Witt—"How Can We Serve Our Movement Practically?" and a short "Report of the Eighth Student Conference at Eisenach." Our periodical, *Mitteilungen an die Bibelkränzchen und Christlichen Studenten-Vereinigungen*, has had no regular paid subscribers, because we think that it is more important to have our paper read than to have it paid for and not so widely read. About 500 of the total edition of 1,700 copies were sent to friends of our movement and to people who know how to pray. We count it a privilege to enlist the prayers of God's children in our country for our movement.

9. Our movement has employed one paid secretary hitherto, yet we are contemplating the appointment of a second one who has consented to enter the work.

10. The Day of Prayer was faithfully observed in our unions. In Berlin some forty students from Charlottenburg as well as Berlin, together with a newly founded union of Franco-Swiss students, met for united prayer. In Greifswald the day began with the observance of the Holy Communion. Then followed a special sermon, and in the evening a united meeting for waiting on God. At Halle fifteen went together to the table of the Lord, and in the evening met for united prayer. Kiel, Erlangen, Marburg, and München report similar gatherings. At Rostock a Bible reading was arranged on Saturday evening on I. Cor. xii. as a preparation for the Day of Prayer. As to better observance of the Day of Prayer we have no suggestions to make, except that we ask for the liberty to issue, if needed, a special German Call for this day, in addition

to the regular Call, in order to meet better the special situation of students, friends, and the whole church in Germany.

11. Our greatest difficulty is the indifference on the part of most students, even of many so-called Christian students. Another great hindrance is the innumerable, exclusive, student corporations. We wish earnestly that many of our members may be strong men, not so much dependent on leaders as themselves able to lead others on. We ask for the prayers of our brethren in other lands for the solution of these problems, seeing with gratitude how, at least in regard to the first point, God is changing the situation.

12. We expect to employ another secretary, who will do local work in Leipzig and occasionally travel. We also have it in view to find a man who can carry on the work among gymnasium boys in full sympathy and unity of spirit with our student movement, and we expect to employ such a worker from October, 1899. We are considering the question of arranging a sort of summer school for training, besides our great German national conference.

13. We thank the Federation for all the services rendered to our movement by linking us together with so many like-minded student movements, and especially by having held the International Conference on German ground. We should be grateful if we could get the addresses of some men or Christian associations in the German colleges in the United States, in order to send there our paper and to influence them for Christ. Moreover, we should be thankful if the Federation would issue the full list of all printed matter concerning the student work throughout the world.

14. The exact name of our movement is "Deutsche Christliche Studenten-Vereinigung."

(Signed) H. WITT.

REPORT OF THE INTERCOLLEGIATE YOUNG MEN'S
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF INDIA
AND CEYLON

I. INDIA

1. There are forty separate student associations in India belonging to our movement.

2. The total membership is about 1,600.

3. No national convention has been held since December, 1896. Another will occur in December, 1899.

6. There are 336 students enrolled in Bible classes.

7. Under the auspices of the Student Volunteer Movement, Rev. F. B. Meyer conducted a series of meetings in about fifteen different centers in India, Burmah, and Ceylon, from December, 1898, to March, 1899, attended with much blessing. While not limited to students, the meetings were very helpful to them among others. Mr. George S. Eddy has continued the missionary department of the association, but conducting travel widely throughout India and Ceylon, not only organizing evangelistic meetings, stimulating and directing in Bible study and in all phases of Christian activity.

8. *The Young Men of India* has a circulation of 2,000, but only part of these are students.

9. There are two secretaries, but only one is able to give his whole time to the work.

10. Owing to the special Day of Prayer for the Awakening of India, in December, it is difficult to secure as general an observance of the Universal Day of Prayer for Students as we would wish. But the student work is one of the prominent subjects of prayer on the more generally observed day.

11. Our great difficulty is to find Indian student leaders. There is needed a far deeper sense of personal obligation among them. They are inclined to lean too much on foreign leadership. But there are signs that this is changing—in a few centers, at least. The student work of India is very largely of

an evangelistic character. Most of those who are giving their whole time to student work are devoting themselves almost wholly to work for non-Christians. It is possible that it might be better policy to spend more of our energy in arousing and training what Christians there are, that they might be a more effective agency in evangelization. Both the Christian and non-Christian students of India need the prayers of all in every land who are willing to coöperate in this very practical way.

12. We hope to have another secretary who can devote his whole time to developing student work. A number of sectional student conferences will be held. There will be a national student conference in connection with the National Young Men's Christian Association Convention in December, 1899.

13. We are deeply indebted to the Federation for a large amount of stimulating and suggestive literature on student work, and we rejoice that we are members of such a helpful brotherhood. May its power and ours for good be multiplied!

14. The name of our movement is the "Intercollegiate Young Men's Christian Association of India and Ceylon."

(Signed) J. CAMPBELL WHITE.

II. CEYLON

1. In Ceylon there are six separate student organizations, which consider themselves as affiliated with the Federation, though there is no union of these in the Island. Four are members of the "Intercollegiate Young Men's Christian Association of India and Ceylon." The other two were organized during the past year, and have not yet affiliated.

2. The total number of students in these six organizations approximates 315.

3. Not having a national or insular organization, no convention was held. Three associations united with the town and village associations in Jaffna province, and in this capacity a convention was held.

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4. The most encouraging event during the past year has been the organization of the Medical Students' Christian Association in the Ceylon Government Medical College. There are about one hundred young men in this institution. The average attendance at the weekly gospel meetings has been thirty.

5. I do not think that a larger number, if as many, students were led to accept Christ during the past year than during the preceding year. I believe the principal reasons for this are found in (1) the lack of Christian zeal, due to neglect of Bible study; (2) the lack of systematic effort; (3) unconcern on the part of Christian teachers. Conversions in past years have been, for the most part, due to the sympathetic interest and efforts of the teachers.

6. Of the six organizations I know of but three having Bible classes or circles. The total number of students in them approximates thirty.

7. Aside from the recently organized association in the Medical College, there is but one institution in the Island having an association where the students are sufficiently matured to decide the question of their life's work. The association in this institution, Jaffna College, has a Volunteer Band of four, which during the year established a mission study class.

8. We use the pamphlets and leaflets of the Student Volunteer Movement of India and Ceylon, and so do not publish any independently. The localized *Young Men of India* is published in the interests of all the associations of Ceylon, a number of copies of which are taken by students and teachers.

9. Part of the time of the American Secretary for Ceylon, and part of the time of the Tamil Secretary for the North Ceylon Union, is given to the furtherance of the student work.

10. The Universal Day of Prayer was observed by two or three of the associations, but with no marked result. Some of us in Ceylon think a better day would be the Sunday following the Week of Prayer for young men in November. This would follow quite naturally in most countries, and would also avoid

the problem of multiplying days of special prayer, which some pastors and clergymen view with alarm.

11. The prayers of friends interested in the students of Ceylon are asked to help us in face of the following difficulties and problems: (1) A greater love for God's Word is wanted, which will lead students to study the Bible daily. (2) Wisdom is needed to interest a larger number of the technical college and law students of Colombo. (3) In most of the other institutions only about one-third of the students are fifteen years of age or over, and hence are more largely under the influence of their instructors. A great need is that of a few Spirit-filled teachers to lead these young men to Jesus Christ.

12. Beside strengthening the things that remain, efforts will be made to establish Bible classes in institutions which have not yet had them.

13. The Federation can be of service to us by (1) Informing us what work is carried on in other lands among school boys under fifteen years of age. (2) By arranging for a visit from the General Secretary. (3) By earnest prayer.

14. The name of our movement is the "Intercollegiate Young Men's Christian Association of India and Ceylon."

(Signed) LOUIS HIEB.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION UNION OF JAPAN

1. There are thirty-one separate student organizations in our movement, two of which were admitted during the past year. The theological and academic associations in Meiji Gakuin united, so that the total has increased by but one.

2. The total number of members is 877.

3. About fifty delegates attended the last national convention, held at Hayama, July 5-7, 1898. As compared with the constitutional convention, this first general convention paid

more attention to spiritual themes and methods of work. Three district training conferences were held in the northern, central and southern parts of the empire, respectively.

4. The most encouraging results in connection with our movement during the past year have been: The increase in the number of Bible classes; the restoration of two associations, one disaffected, the other moribund; the inauguration of a winter tour of the educational centers for visitation of the associations and evangelization; the opening of two student Christian homes, owned by the associations; the starting of the district conferences on the right basis; the success of Secretary Hara's work.

5. It is our impression that a larger number of students were led to accept Christ as Saviour during the past year than during the preceding. Among the causes we might mention: Increased zeal in personal work growing out of conferences; believing prayer, offered both in Japan and in other lands; special evangelistic services.

6. There were Bible classes in twenty-one of our organizations. The total number of classes was thirty-one, and the average total attendance was 281.

7. There is no missionary department in our movement.

8. Three new pamphlets have been published during the year: "The Morning Watch" (trans.), by John R. Mott; "The Student Young Men's Christian Association, History and Work"; "Bible Study Outlines: The Life of Paul." Our periodical, *The Student Christian Union*, was started during the year. It has thirty-five paid subscribers.

9. Our movement employs two paid secretaries, one Japanese and one foreign.

10. The Universal Day of Prayer for Students was observed by three-fourths of the associations, by girls' schools and by churches in many places. Union services were held in three of the larger cities. Missionaries and pastors coöperated heartily. We would suggest that the Call be sent out a little earlier, and that it include definite and full reasons for thanksgiving.

11. The chief difficulties at present, for the solution of which we desire the prayers of other movements, are: The education of Bible class leaders; the closer union of all the organizations in our movement; a more extensive and effective planting of the work in the irreligious government schools; the displacement of materialistic aims in Christian students by a more positive and self-sacrificing spiritual life.

12. Among the advance steps contemplated for the coming year are: The introduction of a year's course of Bible study in the life of Christ; thorough visitation of the associations, and a better winter campaign by the secretaries and members of the Central Committee; the changing of the periodical from a bi-monthly into a monthly.

13. The Federation has vitally helped us in divers ways during the past year, especially by the report of the Eisenach Conference. The fuller and more frequent the reports and statistics the better. Allow us to reiterate two requests: a visit from the General Secretary, and special care for the Japanese students in Europe and America.

14. The name of our movement is Romanized as follows: "Nihon Gakusei Christokyo Sei Nen Kwai Domei."

(Signed) K. IBUKA.
G. M. FISHER.

REPORT OF THE SCANDINAVIAN UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

1. There are thirteen separate student organizations in our movement, although not all of them are on a basis which enables them to be regarded as a part of the Federation. Of this number two are in Denmark, three in Finland, five in Norway, and three in Sweden. We also have three Volunteer Bands. No new associations have been added during the past year.

2. The membership is possibly 950. As stated in the previous report, this figure is extremely uncertain, owing to the absence of reliable statistics and organization. Altogether, the position of the whole movement and of several individual associations belonging to it renders every tabulation of figures illusive, especially if these figures are supposed to give information about the extension of the World's Student Christian Federation.

3. No conference for the whole movement has been held since that at Herlufsholm, mentioned in the previous report. In Jyväskylä, Finland, a Students' Christian Conference for Finland was held June 13-14, 1898, attended by 129 students. In Christiania a Scandinavian Student Volunteer Conference was held June 30-July 1, 1898, attended by eighty-eight students.

4. The most encouraging results of our work have been the development of Bible circles in some universities and the spiritual disposition of the Finnish students.

5. In Finland only it is estimated that a larger number of students were led to accept Christ during the past year than during the preceding year.

6. There are Bible circles in five of our organizations, with 250 students enrolled.

7. Little, if any, progress has been made in the missionary department. The Scandinavian Volunteer Union has some twenty members. (Regarding Volunteer Conference see Question 3.)

8. The only publication which has been issued by our movement during the past year is "Kristliga Studentvärldsförbundet," by Karl Fries. There are 220 subscribers to *Excelsior*, our periodical.

9. We have no paid secretary.

10. Our difficulties and problems are: Lack of simplicity and earnestness, both in individual life and the united work of the Christian students; an unsound inclination to criticism and doubt.

11. The Day of Prayer was observed in all the student centers.

12. The advance steps contemplated for the coming year are: A visit by the General Secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation; a better organization of the associations in the different universities and of the movement as a whole; a summer conference in Norway.

13. The Federation can serve us by earnest intercessory prayer and by visitation by leading and suitable men.

14. The name of our movement, as used in other countries, is the "Scandinavian University Christian Movement."

(Signed) KARL FRIES.

REPORT OF THE STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

1. We have in all in our movement eighty-three associations, including not only those among students, but also those among scholars.

2. The total membership of our movement is 2,422.

3. Our last conference, held at Graff Reinet, was attended by 211 delegates. It seemed to have more practical influence than previous gatherings, especially in promoting the observance of the Morning Watch, and in awakening interest in missions.

4. The most encouraging facts in the year's work have been: (1) The results of the work of our traveling secretaries, especially in the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, twenty-two new associations having been started in these states. (2) The Morning Watch (fifteen minutes) has been well taken up by members of the association, more than 450 having been enrolled. (3) Increased interest in missions has been shown.

(4) The helpfulness of local conferences, which were held this year for the first time, has been demonstrated.

5. More students have been led to Christ than in preceding years. This has been due to the work of our traveling secretaries, conferences at Stellenbosch and Graff Reinet, and to the special efforts at some centers to reach new students.

6. There are Bible classes in nearly all our associations with a total attendance of about 2,300.

7. We have a Volunteer Movement which is controlled by a committee appointed by the General Executive. Volunteer meetings have been held at the conventions, where numbers of young people were led to consecrate themselves to missions. The Volunteer Movement has had twenty-five accessions during the year, and now has an enrollment of 150. Seven volunteers have left to take up mission work during the year.

8. Our new publications for the year have been: "Junior Bible Study Booklets" (Dutch and English), "Bible Studies on St. John's Gospel," "Bible Studies on the Lord's Prayer," "The Cycle of Prayer," "Booklet on Association History." Our periodical is *The Christian Student*.

9. We have a traveling secretary. From time to time the Executive has paid part of the expenses of theological students who have done work for the Association.

10. The Day of Prayer was observed throughout South Africa wherever the influence of our movement has been felt. Special meetings were held and special sermons were preached in many places.

11. We have not been able to find entrance to the schools of Natal. Pray that God may open the way. Anglican Church institutions are not open to us. Pray that they may be reached.

12. Among the advance steps contemplated are: To reach, if possible, Natal schools; to follow up the work in the Orange Free State and the Transvaal; and to start missionary libraries wherever possible.

13. The Federation can help us by sending the General Secretary to be with us at our annual convention in the autumn.

14. The name of our movement is "The Students' Christian Association of South Africa," or, in Dutch, "De Studenten Christelijke Vereeniging van Zuid Afrika."

(Signed) C. H. MURRAY.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT IN MISSION LANDS

1. This movement includes twenty associations in colleges and schools scattered throughout the following countries: Bulgaria, Turkey in Europe, Asia Minor (including Armenia), Syria (including Palestine), Egypt, West Central Africa, Brazil, Chili, and the Hawaiian Islands. Recent returns have been received from only fourteen of these societies.
2. The total membership is estimated at 900, which is the same as the number reported a year ago.
3. Owing to the fact that the associations are so widely scattered it is impossible for the movement to hold a conference which would be at all representative. The workers of the group of associations in the Hawaiian Islands continue to keep in touch with each other. When the times become more settled we hope to have a local conference of the associations in Armenia. We shall also make an effort to have some of the countries included in the movement represented at the next Federation conference.
4. The facts of greatest encouragement for the year have been: (1) The good work by the associations of Robert College, near Constantinople, and the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut. These associations are doing a more creditable work than many of the student religious societies of Christian lands. (2) The blessing which has attended the united prayers and efforts of the students in Armenia. (3) The revival in the college at Asyut, Egypt.

5. We have not sufficiently complete returns to enable us to state positively whether the number of students who have become Christians during the year has been larger or smaller than in preceding years. Revival interest in Asia Minor seems to have been more marked than usual. The greatest spiritual awakening in the movement was in the college at Asyut, Egypt. As a result of the work of our association there thirty-seven students were led to Christ. It is reported that twenty-five of this number are to become teachers in the government schools, and that one has decided to devote his life to preaching the Gospel.

6. Bible classes exist in a majority of the associations.

7. The missionary spirit is quite strong in most of the associations. It manifests itself in the carrying on of a large amount of neighborhood mission work, and also in the fact that so many of the members purpose devoting their lives to Christian work.

8. No new pamphlets have been published. The *Foreign Mail* is the organ of this movement, although it also largely serves the home interests of the other Federation movements which are in mission lands. Quarterly editions of 2,000 copies each are published. These are chiefly for free distribution.

9. This movement has no secretary who devotes all his time to its supervision. Part of the time of the home secretaries of the Foreign Department of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations is given to promoting the movement by means of correspondence, spreading of literature, and arranging for the visiting of the associations, whenever practicable, by workers of other movements who may be passing by.

10. The Day of Prayer was observed in a majority of the associations. The day was best observed in the Levant, in Bulgaria, and in the Hawaiian Islands.

11. This movement needs the prayers of Christian students of other lands (1) that the Spirit of God may work through all of its associations with converting power; (2) that its members

may become more like Christ; (3) that an increasing number may be led to give their lives to Christian work; and (4) that associations may be formed in a number of the colleges and schools in mission lands which do not now have student movements of their own, and that they may be affiliated with this movement.

12. The principal advance steps contemplated for the coming year are: (1) The visitation of as many as possible of the associations in the Levant by Mr. Sallmon on his way from Australia to Europe; and of the associations in the Hawaiian Islands by Messrs. Helm and Southam on their way out to Japan and Hong Kong. (2) The closer cultivation of the associations by correspondence and the use of literature. (3) The investigation of the student field of mission countries not now federated with reference to preparing the way for any work of organization.

13. As we pointed out at Eisenach, there is no movement in the Federation which stands in greater need of the helpful influence of the Federation work than this movement with its isolated societies. Let more prayer be offered for these organizations. Correspondence by the Secretary of the Federation will be of real help, as it has been in the past. The Federation should also coöperate, not only by appointing corresponding members in the countries included in this movement, but also in getting these men to attend the Federation Conference in such cases as may be at all practicable.

14. Our movement is called the "Student Christian Movement in Mission Lands."

(Signed) J. ROSS STEVENSON.

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