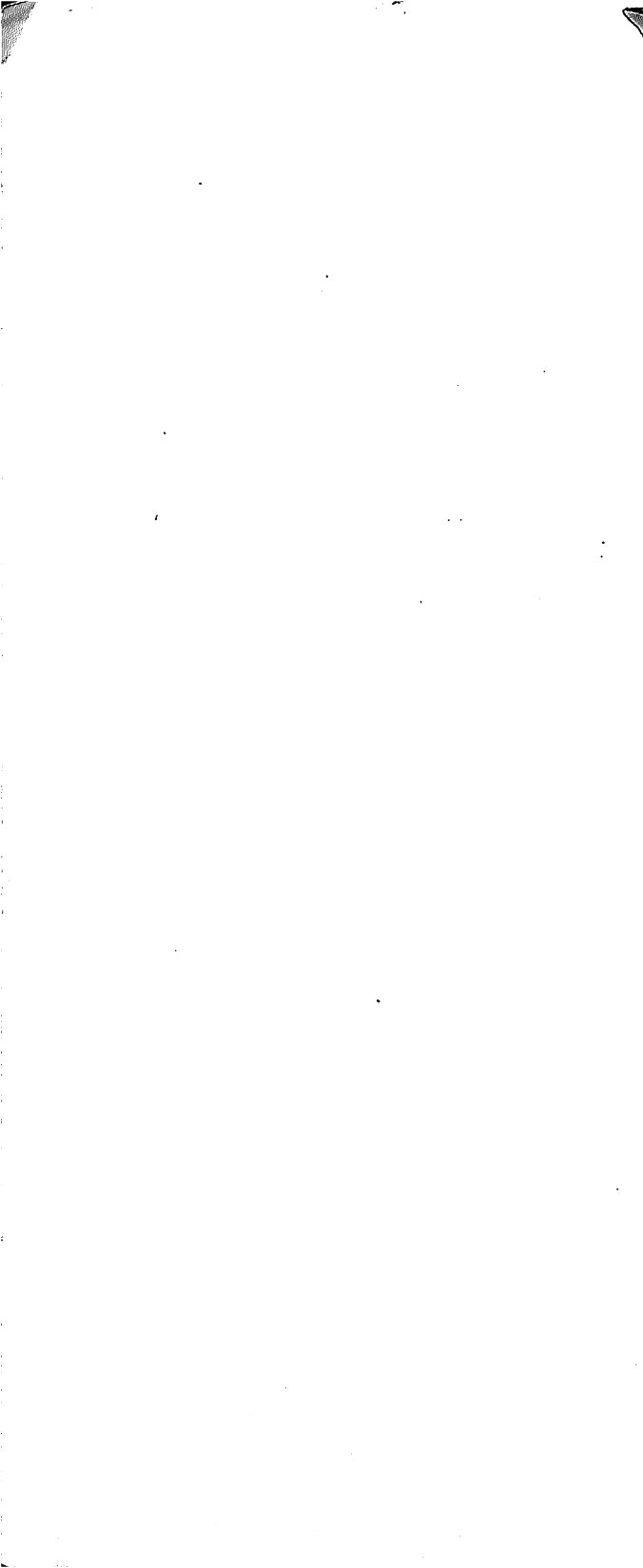


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Time and Place

The Sixth International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement will be held in the Convention Hall, Rochester, New York, beginning at 3.00 P. M., Wednesday, December 29, 1909, and closing on the evening of January 2, 1910.

Previous Conventions

The conventions of the Student Volunteer Movement are held once in a student generation.

1st, 1891, Cleveland, Ohio, 680 delegates.

2d, 1894, Detroit, Mich., 1,325 delegates.

3d, 1898, Cleveland, Ohio, 2,221 delegates.

4th, 1902, Toronto, Canada, 2,957 delegates.

5th, 1906, Nashville, Tenn., 4,235 delegates.

Four conventions of similar character have met in Great Britain; the first in Liverpool in 1896, the second in London in 1900, the third in Edinburgh in 1904, and the fourth in Liverpool in 1908.

Purpose

(1) To bring together at Rochester representative delegations of students and professors from all important institutions of higher learning in Canada and the United States, and leaders of the missionary enterprise, both at home and abroad, for helpful association and conference; (2) to consider unitedly the lead-

ing problems of the world's evangelization; (3) to gain inspiration and a vision of the missionary possibilities of the Church; (4) to pray and earnestly resolve to enter with greater consecration upon the work of extending the Kingdom of Christ among the non-Christian nations.

Leading Features

Addresses.—Some of the ablest missionary speakers of North America and other lands will address the Convention at the five evening sessions. The addresses will vividly picture and forcefully emphasize the needs of the non-Christian world to-day, as well as the principles underlying the missionary enterprise and the lines of effective and speedy conquest of the nations for Jesus Christ.

Discussions.—A part of each day will be devoted to a helpful consideration of questions concerning the volunteer, the promotion and fostering of missionary interest among students, the financial problems of missions, the extension and development of the Student Volunteer Movement, and the responsibility resting upon the Church at home in view of the consecration of students to world-wide evangelization.

Sectional Conferences.—One afternoon will be devoted to simultaneous conferences on the great mission fields, *i. e.*, China, India, Japan, Africa, Turkey, etc. On another afternoon there will be conferences for delegates from different classes of institutions. Another afternoon will be devoted to conferences by boards and societies, thus affording the delegates an opportunity to meet the missionary leaders of their own communions. Each of these afternoon conferences will have its own chairman and special program.

Spiritual Life.—Addresses and exercises for the deepening of the spiritual life will be given a prominent place on the program. Judging from the past this will be one of the most helpful features.

Music.—The music will be under the direction of the Association Quartet.

Interviews.—A very practical feature of the gathering will be the abundant opportunities afforded students for meeting personally representative missionaries from all lands, secretaries of foreign missionary boards and other leading workers. It will be an inspiration to look into the faces of many of the heroic men and women from the front, to say nothing of the invaluable help that can be derived from interviews with missionary experts. This opportunity will be of great value, not only to the missionary candidate, but also to the student desiring first-hand information in regard to recent progress in industrial education and development in non-Christian countries.

Exhibit.—There will be an exhibit of literature for promoting missionary intelligence among students. The exhibit will be thoroughly practical. Carefully selected collections of books and pamphlets dealing with the various mission problems and countries will be displayed; and a staff of workers will give information regarding the best reference material on foreign missions. Suggestions may be had as to the composition of model libraries, of various sizes, for colleges and associations. There will be, also, exhibits of missionary periodicals and missionary maps. Every leader, present or prospective, of a mission study class, and every delegate who desires to become acquainted with the best literature on missions, should find occasion to examine the exhibit.

Delegates

(1) Students (men and women) from no less than 700 universities, colleges, theological seminaries, and other leading institutions of higher learning in the United States and Canada. The delegates will be both volunteers and non-volunteers.

(2) Members of the faculties.

(3) The secretaries employed by the Student Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations.

(4) Student Volunteers not at present matriculated in any institution.

Basis of Representation

1. The basis of representation is: Two student delegates from each institution and one additional student delegate for each 200 students or fraction thereof above the first 200 students matriculated in the institution.

2. One member of the faculty of each institution.

3. The secretaries employed by the Student Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations will be received as delegates *ex officio*.

Student delegates will not be permitted to take the place of the representatives of faculties or of the secretaries.

4. A limited number of Student Volunteers not at present matriculated in any institution will be invited.

Admission to the Convention

Admission to the meetings of the Convention will be by ticket, and tickets will be furnished only to delegates presenting credentials signed by F. P. Turner, General Secretary.

The capacity of the hall in which the meetings are to be held is limited, and the demand for tickets will be far greater than can be supplied. Names of those who expect to secure tickets, whether they pay for their own entertainment or not, should be registered as long before December 1st as possible; tickets of admission cannot be guaranteed after that date.

Expenses

1. *Railway fares.*—It is hoped that reduced rates will be secured as in former years. For information write to W. B. Smith, 125 East 27th Street, New York City.

2. *Registration fee.*—The registration fee for each delegate (students, professors, student association secretaries, and student volunteers out of college) is three dollars (\$3.00). No delegate will be registered unless the fee accompanies the name.

A blank for registering names of delegates from each institution will be furnished on application to T. S. Sharp, Convention Registrar, 125 East 27th Street, New York City.

3. *Entertainment.*—Properly accredited delegates will be entertained in the homes of Rochester. Entertainment includes lodging and the morning and evening meals, but not the noon meal.

4. In estimating expenses provision should be made by each delegate for meals *en route*, noon meals at Rochester and for sleeping car fares where necessary.

Delegates desiring to provide their own entertainment can secure accommodations at hotels and boarding houses. Such persons wishing reservations made for them should notify Mr. Sharp, the Convention Registrar, specifying the rate per day they wish to pay.

Names and registration fees of all delegates (students and professors, student volunteers out of college), whether they desire entertainment or not, should be forwarded on or before December 1st to T. S. Sharp, Convention Registrar, 125 East 27th street, New York City.

Neither entertainment nor tickets of admission can be guaranteed after that date and delegates are urged to send them as much earlier as possible.

Why Send Delegates?

A variety of reasons, some of them appealing to the special needs of the organization or institution, may be urged. Among others the following are suggested:

1. The Rochester Convention promises to be the greatest student gathering ever held. No institution which desires to make its influence felt in the world can afford not to send a representative delegation to this Convention.

2. It will bring to each institution the best experience and methods of missionary workers in over seven hundred other institutions of Canada and the United States.

3. The various sectional conferences will afford opportunities for securing counsel and instruction from the missionary leaders of America and other parts of the world.

4. It will make possible the inspection of representative missionary literature, and thus aid in the introduction of well-equipped missionary libraries and in the wise enlargement of those already in existence.

5. Those who are considering foreign missionary service as a life work will have the privilege of personal interviews concerning their life plans with well-known missionaries and expert missionary secretaries.

6. It will give Christian students in attendance an exceptional opportunity to realize the full significance of the great work which confronts the Church in which, as laymen or clergymen, they are to be leaders. In the addresses the recent social, educational, political and industrial changes in many countries will be discussed. The diversity of talents and training required in workers will be brought out.

7. It will bring each institution inspiration from the fact that its leading students will come in touch with a center of marvelous spiritual power.

Evangelistic Deputation Training Conference

An invitation is extended to student associations to be represented at a training conference of evangelistic deputation workers (Gospel Teams) to be held following the Convention on Monday and Tuesday, January 3-4. In selecting the men to represent an institution some who are especially qualified for this work should be included in the delegation in order that they may remain for this conference. This conference will be led by those who have had successful experience in conducting deputations from the colleges for evangelistic work. At this conference an unusual opportunity will be afforded for instruction in conducting evangelistic work, and in carrying to others the message of the Convention.

How Secure Adequate Representation

To aid in securing proper representation from each institution of higher learning in the United States and Canada we offer the

following suggestions, which are the result of the experience of those institutions which have had the most representative delegations at former conventions:

1. The facts concerning the Convention should be brought strongly before the members of the religious organizations of the institution at a public meeting. It should not be forgotten that these conventions are held but once in four years. No institution, no matter how small or distant from Rochester, can afford to miss the inspiration and help which will come from sending representatives who will bring back to their institution from the Convention the mighty influence of such a gathering. Those of the students and professors who have the Christian work at heart should spare no effort to send a delegation worthy of the institution.

2. The Convention Committee, composed not only of volunteers, but also of other students who believe in having the institution ably represented, should be appointed by the chairman of the public meeting on the motion of some influential student to devise ways and means of securing the necessary funds and to appoint delegates. The members of the Convention Committee should be decided on previous to the public meeting.

3. This committee should at once get accurate information as to the necessary expenses per delegate. (See "Expenses," page 7).

4. In most institutions it will be much better to secure the funds before selecting the delegates.

5. There is no institution which cannot secure money enough to insure the sending of at least two delegates, provided the matter is taken up promptly, earnestly, prayerfully, and

with the conscientious use of the methods which have been successful in hundreds of institutions. The following plans have been found successful:

- (1) The appropriation should be secured from the treasury of the organization.
- (2) Hold a public meeting, and take written pledges—not simply a collection—at the close. This plan has been most successful.
- (3) Organize a personal canvass among the students, faculty, alumni, and friends of the institution. If the matter is presented by some one who believes in it, he will find few who will not co-operate liberally.
- (4) Get a church, religious society, or individual to bear the expenses of one or more delegates.

6. The delegation should include both volunteers and non-volunteers. Send those who are in position to do most to promote the missionary interest of the institution. In co-educational institutions the delegation should include both men and women.

7. Other things being equal, choose students who will be in the institution longer than the present year. Avoid sending delegates who wish to go merely for the sake of the trip, or who will arrive late or will remain but a part of the time. Guard against selecting some who are popular, but are not workers. Do not overlook the obscure student who has in him the undeveloped elements of leadership.

8. Having selected the strongest possible representatives, get them to pay as much toward their own expenses as possible. Some will probably be able to pay all.

Important Points

1. The delegates should be appointed sufficiently long in advance to enable them to arrange to be at the Convention at the very beginning, prepared to stay until the close. Too much stress cannot be laid on this point. Owing to the large numbers who are coming, entertainment cannot be held open for those who apply at the Registration Bureau later than 2 P. M., December 29th.

2. As the Convention will be held during the Christmas holidays, it is absolutely necessary that the delegates be selected, the money secured and all arrangements made before December 1st.

3. When delegates from the same institution or different institutions plan to travel together a place of meeting should be decided on before they separate for the Christmas holidays.

4. To insure entertainment names of accredited delegates must reach T. S. Sharp, Convention Registrar, 125 East 27th Street, New York, not later than December 1st—entertainment cannot be guaranteed for delegates sending in their names after that date.

5. To insure tickets of admission to the meetings names must be reported to Mr. Sharp on or before December 1st.

6. On arriving in Rochester report promptly at the Registration Bureau for tickets of admission and assignment for entertainment.

7. Delegates should have mail and telegrams sent care delegations of which they are members, Student Volunteer Convention, Rochester, N. Y.

8. The first and, in many respects, the most important session of the Convention will begin at 3.00 P. M., Wednesday, December 29, at the Convention Hall. At this time a quiet session will be held under the leadership of Mr. John R. Mott.

