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Total, 62

April 8th 1886

CONVENTION CIRCULARS.

CALLING THE CONVENTION.

OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS,
23D STREET AND 4TH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY, March 1, 1887. }

To the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British Provinces:

The Twenty-seventh International Convention of the American Associations will be held in San Francisco, Cal., May 11-15, 1887.

All Young Men's Christian Associations, entitled under the Rules of the Convention to representation (*see note appended hereto*), are earnestly requested to send delegates.

I.—The meeting for organization will be held at 10 A. M., Wednesday, May 11th.

Reduced railroad fares for delegates are now being arranged for and will be duly announced through the Transportation Circular, which will be issued by the Committee as soon as possible.

Every delegate should be provided with one of the *Credentials* mailed with this circular to the secretary of each Association, for presentation to the Credential Committee, which will be in attendance at the Association Building in San Francisco, beginning with the day before the Convention opens, and will give each delegate, in exchange for his credential, a certificate entitling him to entertainment and to admission to the floor of the Convention, where none but delegates thus accredited will be admitted until after the organization is completed.

A circular will shortly be issued by the San Francisco Association, embracing matters of detail within its province, including the reception and entertainment of delegates.

II.—The following topics are suggested for discussion at the Convention:

1. Is the Bible adapted to the young men of to day, and if so, how?
2. State work: What it has been, what it is, and what it should be.
3. The lay element in our Associations; its place and power.
4. The secretarial element in our Associations; its place and power.
5. The Young Men's Christian Association in its relation to railroad employés.
6. The province and best methods of work for boys in the Young Men's Christian Association.
7. The Association gymnasium; its place and usefulness in our work.
8. The College Young Men's Christian Association; its opportunity and how may it be improved.
9. Work for young men exclusively the work of the Young Men's Christian Association.
10. The German Department of the Young Men's Christian Association: its sphere and usefulness.
11. Spiritual work for young men the controlling and crowning work of the Associations.
12. The work of the Young Men's Christian Association; the relation of the building to its effective prosecution, and the relation of the whole community to the work and to the building.

There will be a meeting on the afternoon of Sunday, May 15, for a special presentation of the gospel to unconverted young men.

III.—THE INTERNATIONAL WORK.—Following the instructions of the Atlanta Convention the Committee has prosecuted the work, through its secretaries, by correspondence, personal visitation, the circulation of documents, and by coöperation with State and Provincial Committees. The progress which has been made in the various sections of the continent in all departments of the work, is very gratifying. A detailed account of this growth will be given in the biennial report of the Committee which will be submitted to the Convention.

The cost of the work intrusted to the Committee was, for 1885, \$31,795.38, and for 1886, \$37,819.90.

Each Association is requested to instruct its delegates how much per year it will subscribe for 1887 and 1888.

To meet the extra expense which will be incurred by holding the Convention in San Francisco, special additional help is needed by the Committee, and the friends of this work are earnestly solicited to aid the Committee to secure the funds needed to make our first

Convention on the Pacific Coast a means of blessing to the multitudes of young men in that growing section of the country.

IV.—The official report of the proceedings of the Convention will be published in pamphlet form as soon thereafter as possible. The price of this pamphlet, which will include the Year Book, with the usual tabulated reports of the Associations in America, lists of foreign Associations, table of Association Buildings, lists of State Committees, International and State Conventions, Local, State and International Secretaries, &c., will be 75 cents per copy, 8 copies for \$5, or 18 copies for \$10. Associations are requested to notify the Committee how many copies they desire to subscribe for.

The Committee earnestly hopes that the friends of our work for young men everywhere will unite in fervent prayer for the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit at the San Francisco Convention, and would suggest that this gathering be presented for special prayer to the Association meetings on the two Sundays preceding the Convention, May 1 and 8.

Fraternally yours,

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RICHARD C. MORSE, *General Secretary*.

NOTE.—The following is a summary of the rules of the Convention in regard to representation:

1. Associations entitled to representation are requested to furnish the International Committee a copy of their Constitution. Associations which have in previous years forwarded such copies need not send a duplicate *unless a change or amendment has been made in the Article on Membership*.

2. Each Association is also requested to send the Committee a statement of the number of its members, showing how many are active and how many associate.

3. Representation is based only on the number of active members—Associations having one hundred active members, or less, are entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for each additional one hundred members. No Association, however, is entitled to more than ten delegates. Branch Associations, which have a membership roll distinct from that of the central or main Association, are entitled to the same number of delegates as separate Associations of equal membership.

It is customary for all members of Associations in attendance, and not regularly accredited as delegates, to be constituted by special vote Corresponding Members of the Convention. Such members enjoy the right to the floor, after the organization has been completed, and to all the privileges of delegates except voting and entertainment.

4. No Association, organized or reorganized since the Portland Convention (July, 1869), is entitled to representation unless it has the test of active membership prescribed by that Convention in the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Associations organized after this date shall be entitled to representation in future Conferences of the associated Young Men's Christian Associations of North America, on condition that they be severally composed of young men in communion with evangelical churches (provided that in places where the Associations are formed by a single denomination, members of other denominations are not excluded therefrom), and active membership and the right to hold office be conferred only upon young men who are members in good standing in evangelical churches; and we hold those churches to be evangelical which, maintaining the Holy Scriptures to be the only infallible rule of faith and practice do believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (the only begotten of the Father, King of kings and Lord of lords, in whom dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and who was made sin for us, though knowing no sin, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree) as the only name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved from everlasting punishment."