

himself in the matter, not hesitating to send whatever he can, from fear that his contribution may be of little value, but leaving the Curator to be judge.

THE COIN COLLECTIONS.

The nucleus of the present small and imperfect collection of coins in possession of the College was a group acquired in 1868 from the cabinet of Dr. Simeon Shurtleff. This has been slightly increased during succeeding years by a few gifts and by small purchases. It is now proposed to make a systematic effort so to add to this beginning, that the College may possess a representative collection of ancient and modern coins to illustrate the progress of art and of political and social institutions that shall correspond to its progress in other directions.

To this end our alumni, students and friends are earnestly requested to lend their assistance in securing (1) gifts of few or many coins, medals and tokens of all countries, ancient and modern, or of electrotypes thereof; (2) deposits, or loans for indefinite periods; (3) loans of small or large collections for limited periods, to be placed on exhibition under careful guardianship; (4) contributions of numismatic books and catalogues; (5) gifts of money for further purchases.

All such contributions will be duly acknowledged by the Curator, and recorded with the name of donor or lender, which will also be exhibited with the specimens. Duplicates are particularly valuable to replace poorer specimens, and for exchange with other collections.

It is especially urged that our alumni will interest themselves in this important movement, not only by making contributions themselves, but by persuading their friends to do so.

All communications and contributions should be addressed to "The Librarian," Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE ASSOCIATIONS.

The inaugural meeting of the Eighth Annual Conference of New England College Young Men's Christian Associations was a great success in every way, and its spirit was indicative of the depth and earnestness of the feeling which characterized the whole Conference.

The body of the Methodist church was well-filled with delegates and other college men some time before the appointed hour, and during the organ voluntary by Karl P. Harrington, Wesleyan, '82, the galleries also became comfortably filled. The choir was composed almost entirely of Wesleyan men and was led by F. L. Willis, general secretary of the Waterbury Y. M. C. A. On the platform with the presiding officer, Rev. Dr. Bradford P. Raymond, President of Wesleyan University, were Rev. Dr. Arthur Little of Boston, Rev. Mr. Snyder of the South Congregational church; W. E. Colley, state secretary of the Connecticut Young Men's Christian Associations; H. L. Gale, general secretary of the Middletown Association; J. R. Mott, college secretary of the International Committee, and F. S. Goodrich, president of the Wesleyan Association.

The exercises of the evening were opened with the singing of the hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers," to that soul-stirring tune of Sir Arthur Sullivan's, "Christus Victor." Prayer was then offered by Rev. Mr. Snyder, and the congregation sang "Stand up, stand up for Jesus." President Raymond then gave a brief but very cordial welcome to the many delegates assembled, saying that F. S. Goodrich, president of the Wesleyan University Association, would give the greetings of welcome on behalf of the College Association.

Mr. Goodrich heartily welcomed the delegates, and the representatives of the State Associations present. The success of our work demands that College and State Associations should be more closely united in the future than in the past, that we may work together, side by side, to save young men. The eight years during which these Conferences have been held have been years of wonderful growth and progress in Association work, but there is call for yet greater effort. In closing, he urged enthusiasm, consecration and prayer, that the results of the Conference might be the best possible.

President Raymond pleasantly introduced the next speaker, H. L. Gale, general secretary of the Middletown Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Gale said: "There is no grander sight than a large body of Christian young men. They have such a power and influence in the state. The great work of reclamation has been left to us of to-day. We ought to be successful, and will be if we do our part, for we know that God is always in the work, and always with young men. Nearly every great achievement has been accomplished by