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## EDITOR'S NOTE.

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The Sunday morning services of the Students' Christian Association, inseparably connected, in the remembrances of the older Alumni, with the University Chapel, are now held in the auditorium of Newberry Hall. Attended mainly by students of the University, they bring together audiences varying in numbers from one hundred and fifty to four or even five hundred. The programme of the exercises consists of singing, reading of the Scriptures, and an address, from fifteen minutes to half an hour in length, upon some topic germane to the purposes of the Association.

The addresses which are heard at these services are various in character. Sometimes they are appeals by members of the Association in the interest of specific objects, sometimes informal talks by religious workers who are visiting in the city. At somewhat irregular intervals members of the Faculties appear upon the programme. The President of the University, in accordance with an established custom, delivers at the beginning of each year what is known as the Annual Address.

The twenty addresses of which the body of this volume is composed, were delivered by the President and by members of the University Faculties. The President's Annual Address, given at the beginning of last year, appears on pages 141-150. The remaining addresses form a series of which it will be necessary to speak in some detail.

The series had its origin in a suggestion that the Association avail itself of the Sunday morning services to obtain a record of the religious thought of the University. Most of the University instructors, it was pointed out, were interested, speculatively as well as practically, in matters of religion. Among them a great deal of quiet but active thinking about religious questions was continually going on, of which students had but occasional intimations. Why should not the Sunday morning exercises be made a channel through which this thought could find expression? The suggestion was taken up and acted upon. Provided with a list of topics, a committee of the Association called upon members of the University teaching force and asked them to prepare papers for the Sunday morning services. The requests met with an immediate and hearty response, so that in February, 1892, the committee was able to prepare and announce a programme of ten addresses to extend through the next four months. The series, begun Feb. 14 with a paper by Prof. Carhart on "God and Nature" (p. 110), was brought to a close May 15 with the address by President Angell which stands at the beginning of the present collection.

During this time each paper after it had been delivered, was published in pamphlet form as a supplement to the Monthly Bulletin of the Association, and sold to the students at a nominal price. The pamphlets were readily disposed of, and at the close of the year there appeared to be a demand for a more permanent and dignified issue of the addresses. Since, however, the material was not sufficient to form a volume of any considerable bulk, it seemed best, by arranging for a second series of addresses, to increase the amount to the requisite proportions. The efforts of the committee were again rewarded,



and during the months of March, April, May, and June, 1893, nine more papers were prepared and read.

The twenty addresses, including the Annual Address of the President referred to above, of which the body of this volume is made up, have now all been accounted for. There remains to be noted the article by Prof. D'Ooge on "The Religious Life of the University," which stands as an introduction to them. This was prepared at the request of the committee of the Association especially for the place which it occupies.

The work of the editor has consisted simply in classifying the material put into his hands and in endeavoring to see it safely through the press. In the latter task he has not been in every particular as successful as he could have wished. Errors have crept in, for some of which he is responsible, for others not. The most serious of them, because they involve the important matter of record, are the two dates on pages 51 and 60. The first should be April 3, 1892, the second March 27. Annoying typographical perversities are also to be found on page 72 in the fourth line from the bottom of the page, on page 137, line 14, and on page 152, line 13. The classification does not pretend either to strictness or consistency. If it shall seem to bring together the topics which are more closely related in thought, its purpose will have been accomplished.

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