

What Y. M. C. A. Does For Soldier and Sailor

One of the interesting modern features of the Young Men's Christian association movement is that which has to do with the soldier and sailor of the United States army and navy.

Organized in 1858, the army and navy movement was at first largely a temporary one, providing for the peculiar needs of the soldiers in camp during the Spanish-American war. So loyal to the cause were the members of the movement and so hearty did they appreciate the efforts in their behalf that at the close of the war there existed a need for the permanent extension of the effort to the regular army posts and naval stations. Since that time the organization has so developed as to extend its work throughout the United States and to Alaska, China, and the Philippine Islands. In fact, the policy of the association is to follow the soldier or sailor wherever he goes and has need of this co-operation.

When the first naval building was erected, some people felt that the necessity for a 100-foot building was entirely too large for a Christian organization among sailors. It took less than six months to convince them of their mistake. Within that time the building was crowded to its utmost, so that an adjoining structure had to be purchased and used as an annex; and recently Mrs. Russell Sage, seeing the need for extension, has given \$100,000 for the purchase of a new building, and the erection of a new building, which will about double the present capacity.

John D. DeWitt, realizing the need at Norfolk, recently presented \$250,000 to erect a fine building for the naval association in that city, and the ground has already been broken for this structure.

Some idea of the enormous business conducted in the naval buildings will be gained by trying for a moment to comprehend the Bureau of a single year's work in one branch. Last year at this building the total attendance was 247,904, an average of 680 men a day. In other words, 265 working days of 10 hours each, a sailor passed into that building every 54 seconds.

CONDUCTS BANKS FOR SAILORS.

Another significant feature, which gives one but an inadequate conception of what this association means to the United States sailor, is the fact that last year the five naval branches in this country handled, for safekeeping and permanent investment, \$2,700,000 for the sailors. If one considers where that money formerly went, and what its present disposition means in the lives of these men today, he can become enthusiastic over this one point alone.

The work done at these naval branches leaves its influence long after the ships leave port, and in many cases the Bible classes started by the secretaries when the ships are in port are conducted by the men while at sea. During the past year a system of correspondence Bible study has been started among the sailors, with encouraging results. One hundred and thirty-six men are already enrolled in these classes, and the quality of the work done is a striking testimony to the intelligence, persistency, and character of Uncle Sam's Jack Tars.

An illustration of the influence of the organization of the national guard encampments, in which it also extends, was shown in a recent encampment last year, where without the association there were 19 court-martial cases; while this year, with an association organized, not a single man was absent without leave or tried for an offense.

GOOD WORK AT EXPOSITION.

When the government erected the building at the Jamestown exposition for both sailors and soldiers, the territorial commission requested the Young Men's Christian association to manage it. This has been done to the evident satisfaction of all concerned. When the soldiers and sailors learned that the Young Men's Christian association was in charge they knew exactly what to expect, were entirely at home, and have used the building to its fullest capacity. They find there every facility for rational recreation and amusement. —Washington Post.

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KING OF ANNAM.

Born of a slave mother, young Vinh-Song has been proclaimed king of Annam.

His royal name is Duy-Tan, and he ascends the bloodiest throne on earth. His father, Thanh-Tai, who ruled (under French tutelage) for 13 years and has been compelled to abdicate, is a madman and blood is his passion. The cries and slaughter and torture that have taken place in his palace of recent years have horrified the whole world, and it was high time that he was deposed. The chief reason for the selection of his child as his successor is that the French may have an opportunity to train him up to rule as they would have him rule. For him were passed over four older sons of the deposing king, being less likely to prove tractable.

NEXT WEEK IN HISTORY.

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| <p>DECEMBER 22.</p> <p>1802—Sarah Colveridge, the only daughter of Samuel Taylor Colveridge, and an author of repute, born in Keswick, England; died 1842.</p> <p>1850—Mrs. Cross, formerly Mary Ann Evans and Mrs. Lewes, but better known as George Eliot, died in Chelsea, England; born 1820. Miss Evans left her home in the country of Shakespeare while a girl, almost and engaged in literature in London. Her first important work was published when she was 26 years of age. It was a translation. She contributed to the great reviews and assumed the nom de plume of George Eliot in Blackwood's. The identity of George Eliot was not made known until her second novel, "The Mill on the Floss," appeared.</p> <p>1898—Selvation Bush Mills, composer and pianist died; born 1838.</p> <p>1905—Count Alexis Ignatieff, member of the Russian council of the empire, assassinated in St. Petersburg by a revolutionist.</p> | <p>DECEMBER 23.</p> <p>1750—Friedrich Augustus, first king of Saxony, born; died 1827.</p> <p>1777—Alexander I, of Russia, born; died Dec. 1, 1825. The reign of Alexander I covered the period of the close of the French revolution and the Napoleonic wars. He paid unremitting attention to internal improvements and administrative reforms. He invaded France in 1812 and was foremost in displaying magnanimity to the conquered French. Through his influence 200,000 French prisoners of war were liberated and Napoleon given the sovereignty of Elba. Prosecution for religion was first abandoned in Russia under his reign.</p> <p>1788—Thomas Macdonough, American naval commander and hero of a brilliant victory over the British on Lake Champlain, Sept. 11, 1814, born in New Castle, Del.; died 1825.</p> <p>1852—Henry Woodin Grady, editor and orator, leader of the "new south" died at Atlanta; born 1850.</p> <p>1901—Sir Joseph Henry Gilbert, noted</p> |
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- English chemist and rural economist, died at Oxford; born 1817.
- DECEMBER 24.**
- 1732—Silas Deane, diplomat of the revolutionary era, born in Groton, Conn.; died 1780.
- 1745—Benjamin Rush, "sinner" and eminent medical writer, born in Haverhill, Pa.; died 1813. Dr. Rush studied medicine abroad after graduating at Princeton. He held the chair of chemistry in the Medical College of Philadelphia when the Revolution broke out. His support of the cause led him into Congress. In 1777 Dr. Rush was appointed surgeon-general of the American army. When the war ended he returned to his professorship and became a popular lecturer and writer upon medical science. In 1792 he successfully treated yellow fever in Philadelphia, sometimes visiting and treating 100 patients a day.
- 1814—Treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain signed at Ghent, ending the war of 1812.
- 1822—William Makepeace Thackeray, English author, died; born 1811.
- 1899—Daniel Sharp Ford, inventor and editor of South's Companion, died in Boston; born 1822.
- 1895—Rear Admiral Edwin White, U. S. N., died in Berkeley; born 1843.
- DECEMBER 25.**
- Date settled upon in the fourth century for the birth of Jesus Christ and celebrated as Christmas since the reign of Constantine.
- 1623—Samuel de Champlain, founder of Quebec and first governor of New France, died; born at Brouage, France, 1581.
- 1642—Sir Isaac Newton, born in Lincolnshire; died 1727.
- 1738—James Hervey, English divine and author of hymns, born 1703. Hervey was noted for piety and benevolence.
- 1787—Daniel Shay's broke up the supreme court at Worcester, Mass.; "Shay's insurrection" suppressed soon afterward.
- 1850—Right Rev. and Hon. William Thompson, D. D., archbishop of York, died; born 1819.
- 1901—Jacques Francois Henri Poincaré, famous French mathematician, died in Paris; born 1858.
- 1905—Revol in Santo Domingo; President Morales in flight. Political strife began in Russia by the labor unions.
- DECEMBER 26.**
- 1716—Thomas Gray, author of the famous "Elegy," born; died 1771.
- 1770—Battle of Trenton.
- 1813—The Richmond theater burned and many lives lost, first casualty of the nature in the United States. The Richmond theater stood upon the site of the Monumental church, erected as a public memorial for the victims. About 700 perished, among them the governor of the state and many people of prominence.
- 1821—Stephen Girard, eccentric millionaire and philanthropist, died in Philadelphia; born in France 1759. Girard passed his early life at sea and settled in Philadelphia as a trader and vessel owner in 1774. A fortune of \$2,000,000 remained at his death, \$2,000,000 of which he directed to the founding and maintenance of a college for orphan boys.
- 1832—Great fire in New York and famous clipper Great Republic destroyed.
- 1856—Gen. John A. Logan died in Washington; born 1828.
- 1894—Case Nicholas issued his long promised reform ukase.
- 1906—The province of Tacna, Chile, devastated by an earthquake.
- DECEMBER 27.**
- 1856—Sir Francis Drake, celebrated

AN ENGLISH HORTICULTURAL COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.



The picture shows the horticultural institution for women at Studley, Warwickshire, England. The building was originally Studley castle, and it has been adapted to educational purposes. It is surrounded by beautiful gardens and offers exceptional opportunities to girls who choose horticulture, poultry farming, beekeeping or dairy work as a profession.

HOMES FOR AGED WORKERS.



The cut shows some cottages which have recently been erected on one of the prettiest hills in Surrey, England, as homes for aged working people. Until now the workhouse has been the only refuge open to these unfortunate old persons, but now a large fund is being raised to provide a system of cottages.

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