

SHOW MOTION PICTURES OF OUR TROOPS IN FRANCE

Wednesday night at St. James' Presbyterian church, Chaplain Arthur E. Rankin, who went overseas with the 349th F. A., showed 35 stereopticon slides and three reels of motion pictures of our troops in France. The lecture room of the church was filled to capacity when the pictures were shown for the first time in America. Dr. Rankin viewed the 35 slides first, explaining each as it was shown. The pictures showed our troops at work and at play. In the interesting photos was one "Y" group, among whom were Mrs. Addie Hunton and Mrs. Helen Curtis, both of whom are well known among New Yorkers. In showing these latter pictures, the lecturer remarked that, out of 7,000 "Y" workers who went across the seas, but 55 men and 20 women were of our Race. Like

other returned men from the war Dr. Rankin had little good to say of the "Y" associations. Another of the pictures showed a group of our boys and several white men and women, all enjoying an apparently pleasant time. The picture of Premier Clemenceau was greatly applauded, but after the audience was told how Mr. Clemenceau had given permission to hold a Pan-African conference in Paris recently after President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George had both refused the Frenchman's picture was vociferously applauded.

Camp Romange Movies

The first two motion pictures were taken of life around Camp Romange and were named "The City of Romange." They showed the camp life of the 813th, 815th and 816th pioneer infantry. To these men was given the grewsome task of digging up the bodies from the battlefield and removing them to the cemeteries for proper burial. It is said that this work was given Race troops after the white boys had refused to do it. Pictured also was the 324th, 332d and 341st labor battalions. The artillery work of the 349th was also flashed on the screen, as well as the workings of some of the world's biggest guns. The final motion picture showed the French colonial troops in action and, said Dr. Rankin, "the work of the French colonials, while good and loyal, did not compare at all with the work of our own Race over there in France." The chaplain added that the dark peoples of Europe are looking to us to show them the way. Capt. Rankin is a native of Springfield, Mo. He will leave New York for Atlantic City, Philadelphia and then home.