

Carl Kern Arrives

Successor to Blake G. Godfrey as
Boys' Work Director of Y. M.
C. A. Assumes His New Duties.

The new boys' work secretary and successor to Blake G. Godfrey, Carl B. Kern, arrived in the city Monday evening and will enter upon his new duties, Wednesday. He comes somewhat earlier than he expected because of the opening of the winter work and the somewhat onerous task that has fallen upon Physical Director W. E. Rice since Mr. Godfrey went away. He will familiarize himself with the conditions of the department immediately.

It is his intention to deviate very little from the policy of the man he succeeded. Mr. Godfrey and the new secretary have been friends, thoroughly understand the methods of each other and are in accord on the essential features of boys' work. The clubs and Bible classes organized by Mr. Godfrey will continue as before. Entertainments will be given from time to time in order to interest the boys and occupy them. The summer camps will be planned as formerly.

The new secretary comes to Dayton thoroughly equipped for the position and is well experienced in boys' work. Nine years work among boys has made him adept in handling youngsters in the right way. He began his training as assistant under B. F. Cracker of Cleveland, the most famous boys' work secretary in the country. Later he went to Springfield, Mass., and took a three years' course in the International Training School of that city. He was appointed boys' director of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., upon his graduation and has held the position for two years up to the time that he was called here.

His labors in Poughkeepsie have been very fruitful and he has personally accomplished much. When he first assumed charge there the boys' department was in the process of re-organization and the membership was comparatively very small. Largely by reason of his constant efforts there are now 223 boys who are members of the association. His resignation was accepted by the board of directors with deep regret. He left with the good will of the other secretaries and all the boys.