

to aid, and the blessing of Almighty God to crown our efforts with success, we enter on our session's work with the assurance that there are yet greater blessings in store for our Association.

Y. M. C. A.

THE Y. M. C. A. is at present one of the most vigorous societies connected with the College. Since the beginning of the Session the meetings for prayer and the study of Scripture, on Friday afternoons and Sabbath mornings, have been well attended and characterized by much life and earnestness. To many a student they are as seasons of refreshing after the strain and monotony of the week's work, and add not a little to the pleasure of college life and association.

At the monthly business meeting held Saturday, Nov. 4th, the Convener of the Membership Committee nominated a number of new students for membership. The Convener of the Religious Work Committee reported that the work carried on last Session in the outskirts of the city had been resumed, and that arrangements were now being made to maintain a regular service in these places every Sabbath during the winter.

The past week has been observed by all Y. M. C. A.'s throughout the world as one of special prayer for young men. Accordingly on Sabbath evening, Nov. 12th, a public meeting was held in St. Andrew's Hall, when a large number of Christian people united with the members of the Association in offering up special prayers in behalf of young men. Afterwards short stirring addresses were delivered; the subject, as chosen by the International Committee, being, "I would become a Christian but I want to have a good time." During the week a number of the students have gathered, for a short time in the evenings, for the purpose of uniting in prayer and praise, and have always had a *real good time*.

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A SCIENTIFIC CAT-ASTROPHE.

THE subject of Physiology, as taught by our accomplished and competent Professor, is one of the most, if not the most interesting in the curriculum, and aside from the nature of the study, this is due in a great measure to the fact that the professor spares no pains to render the lectures as clear and practical as possible. During the past four days he has been elucidating to his very large class, which, by the way, includes the lady students, the subject of the circulation of the blood and the heart's action in relation thereto.

The other day, wishing to give the students an opportunity of viewing the heart's action during life in an animal under the influence of chloroform he made the request that some member of the class would furnish a cat for that purpose on the following day. If he had specially designated some student for this purpose, the laughable incident which we are about to relate would not have occurred.

On the following morning the professor was surprised by the visit to his surgery of a small boy with hand-cart attached bearing a bag containing no less than four beautiful specimens of the feline tribe; Fastened on the bag

was a small card with the words, "A tribute to Science. From the hopeless old maids." This was evidently a contribution from the lady students. The bag was carefully set aside until the hour for the lecture, when it was duly conveyed to the class-room. But there were more to follow. The lecture had scarcely begun when the good order which always characterizes this particular class was interrupted suddenly by the entrance of a tall student of the primary year who was persuading an unwilling disturber of the night to enter the room by means of gentle traction on a string attached round its neck. The animal was placed beside the bag, the string being tied to the professor's desk, and a broad grin was noticed on the countenances of those present. Scarcely had this student taken his seat when the door opened and in came another primary, leading another cat, which, amid the plaudits of the assembled medd, was duly placed beside the others.

Even the learned professor smiled blandly as he thanked the students for the way in which they had responded to his request. He said that he had been more liberally supplied than he had ever hoped for, and as he made this remark he held up to the view of the whole class the bag with the placard which had been presented by the lady students. This action was greeted with loud applause, which had hardly died away when a burly Freshman came in, having in tow another fair specimen of the feline tribe in good condition. The students were now fairly convulsed with laughter, and it was some time before quiet was resumed and the real work of the hour proceeded with.

But the fun wasn't over yet; for a tap at the door brought the student sitting nearest, to his feet to answer the summons. After a moment of silence he turned around and said: "Mr. C, a lady wishes to see you." Mr. C. was surprised, and the more so when he beheld in the door-way the indignant countenance of the owner of the cat which he had borrowed. He smiled when she demanded her cat, but was compelled to hand over her only protection against rats.

Meanwhile the remaining cats had commenced to spit and claw at each other until a general fight appeared imminent, compelling the professor to desist from lecturing and proceed to his practical demonstration.

So having selected the largest and ugliest feline of them all, the rest were given their liberty, and very soon were conspicuous by their absence.

The victim was handed a handkerchief saturated with the anæsthetic to smell, and was soon under its influence, when the operation was performed to the satisfaction of all.

We always knew that the boys could be successful in a cat-hunt on short notice, but the question arises: How did the ladies become possessed of four such lovely specimens?

## ANNUAL DINNER.

THE annual dinner given each session by the students of the Royal College was to have taken place on Thursday evening, the 23rd inst., at the British American Hotel, but owing to the death of Dr. Dickson, the President of the Faculty, which took place on the morning of that day, it was necessary to postpone the event.

Mine host Davis had his preparations all completed, but under the circumstances consented to the postponement. The dinner was held on Monday evening, the 27th inst. A full report will appear in our next issue.

THERE is corn in Egypt yet. Our dissecting room is well supplied. So, ruralist, trot out your defunct.

WE miss the cheerful face and portly form of our genial comrade Roy. Oh, where! oh, where is he?