

sities, and after his death his biographer discovered a letter containing an invitation to him to become Principal of Edinburgh University, the most prominent educational position in Scotland. Cairns' was an unusual career. In its self-abnegation and strict adherence to duty there is no modern life to compare with it. He was one of God's heroes. He would not give up his ministry until his own church asked him to become principal of its college at Edinburgh, and then he accepted the invitation because it was the church that had spoken, and it was his duty to respond.

Y. W. C. A.

On the 29th of November Miss R. Mills read a paper, the lessons of which could not fail to impress each individual. Her text, "Everyday Mercies," suggests, as she pointed out, many a blessing of which we scarcely know the existence, and our ignorance only vanishes when some day we find these little blessings gone.

The following Friday Miss Youngson led the meeting, and a very interesting little paper on "Christian Perfection" was given. It was impossible to attend this meeting and not feel the deep shade of sadness resting on all the members, the repressed feeling which now and again made itself manifest in prayer and song. A loss to the University is a loss to every student, and not one there but felt that some one had gone whose presence filled the College with the sunshine of his spirit, and whose absence made it dark with gloom.

I cannot say and I will not say
That he is dead. He's just away;
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

And you—Oh, you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return—
Think of him faring on as dear
In the love of There, as the love of Here;
Think of him still as the same, I say
He is not dead—he is away.

The dinner, which the girls of '98 intended to enjoy together on Friday evening, was postponed indefinitely. No one felt in the mood for jollification of any kind on that day.

Y. M. C. A.

"Our Honan Mission" was the subject for the meeting on the 29th ult., which was led by James Turnbull. C. Young briefly compared the claims of Mohammedanism, Confucianism and Christianity to Universality and pointed out that in Christianity alone we find such a relation of man to God and to his fellowmen as his higher nature demands for its

true development. Hence, to show our appreciation of and confidence in the light we have, it is our duty to shed it abroad in the dark corners of the earth.

C. Campbell then gave a sketch of the growth of missionary spirit from the earliest times down to the present and saw in the triumphs of Christianity over heathendom good ground for giving it our unre-served sympathy and support.

D. McG. Gandier spoke particularly of Honan, of its location, of its population and of its urgent need for more laborers. He followed up the missionary movement in Queen's that resulted in sending out Dr. Smith and concluded with an earnest appeal for the means necessary to sustain the good work so well begun.

The Song Service which had been arranged for Dec. 6th was postponed for obvious reasons and a short devotional service took its place. A very appropriate opening was the Dead March, rendered effectively by Mr. Munro. The meeting was conducted by the President who read the 15th chapter of 1 Cor. and referred briefly to what filled everyone's thoughts—the death of our fellow-student. A committee consisting of Messrs. McIntosh, Taylor and Best was selected to prepare a letter of condolence to be sent to the friends of the deceased.

DIVINITY HALL NOTES.

The Knox-Queen's debate took place on Friday, Dec. 6th, at Knox College. The Knoxonian logicians were Ed. W. Mackay and E. B. Horne, whilst the honour of Queen's was upheld by D. McG. Gandier and James R. Fraser. A large audience witnessed the oratorical contest, among them being many Queen's graduates. Mr. Gandier led the affirmative, "Resolved that war is a necessary means for the advancement of civilization," and Mr. Mackay responded. Then Messrs. Fraser and Horne followed, and the leader of the affirmative replied in a five minute speech. Needless to say the speeches were all eloquent and convincing, though not reported *verbatim* in the Toronto papers. Rev. Louis H. Jordan, of St. James Square Church, presided, and decided the merits of the debate, awarding the palm to Queen's.

After the debate the Knox students held a reception in honour of our representatives in the large dining hall. Here the "feast of reason and the flow of soul" supplemented a much more substantial diet. Several songs were admirably rendered, and the toasts—"Queen's representatives" and "Our College"—were drunk with much enthusiasm.

Messrs. Gandier and Fraser speak in the highest terms of the hospitality of the Knoxonians.