

COLLEGE NEWS.

Y. W. C. A.

WHILE visiting the Y. M. C. A., Mr. Cossum kindly gave a portion of his time and attention to the Y. W. C. A. of Queen's. In accordance with his suggestion it was decided to set apart one meeting each month, not merely as an hour in which to lay up a supply of facts about the various missions among non-Christian people, but chiefly as a means of stimulating the missionary spirit among the members—of learning through what others have done and are doing, what it is our duty to do both at home and abroad. The second meeting in December was accordingly devoted to India, as two of our members (one, our President of last year) are now at work among their Hindoo sisters, that country has a peculiar attraction for the members of the Association. The meeting was in every respect a success, and we trust that it is but a foretaste of those which are to come. Some of the members read short papers on different phases of the work as now carried on in India. The leader, Miss Turnbull, seems to have her whole heart in the work, and well she may, since she, too, expects to join the faithful few who are already in the field obeying that pathetic appeal. "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few."

THE ELOCUTIONARY CONTEST.

The contest for the prizes offered by the A. M. S. took place on the evening of Dec. 12th, in Convocation Hall. There was a large attendance of students and citizens. President Strachan occupied the chair. The Banjo and Glee Clubs contributed the music, the former organization making its first public appearance.

In the contest among theological students, which was the first on the list, Messrs. Ross, Hamilton and Rattee competed.

In the next competition, open to undergraduates in arts and medicine, Mr. Rollins was the first competitor. He recited in splendid style "Spartacus' Speech to the Gladiators." After him came Messrs. Byers and Horsey, the latter of whom gave an extract from John Bright's speech on "National Morality."

Mr. McLean recited "Mary, Queen of Scots," and was followed by Mr. Bawdin, who gave "Shamus O'Brien." Mr. N. Raymond, the only medical who competed, recited well.

The judges, Profs. Ferguson and Shortt and Mr. Conery, then retired, and after some delay Prof. Ferguson came forward and announced the prize-winners, Mr. Rattee in the first competition and Mr. Rollins in the second. President Strachan then presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The A. M. S. held its regular annual meeting on the evening of Dec. 13th, 1890, but the attendance was not as large as might be desired. Pres. D. Strachan, B.A., occupied the chair, and conducted to a successful close his twelve-months' occupancy of the honored seat. Secretary

Gillies read the minutes of the last annual meeting, and after their approval the usual reports were brought in.

Mr. W. F. Gillies in presenting his report as Secretary reviewed briefly the events of the year. He hoped that the agitation of the gymnasium question would not be allowed to cool. The control of the reading room had been given to the A. M. S., and the present curators were appointed by the Society. The growing interest in the meetings was referred to, and the members urged to support the officers energetically. The report was received and adopted, and the Treasurer's report called for. Mr. F. Hugo, in rising to present his report, congratulated the Society in his usual happy way on having had such a successful year. Much of the success he attributed to the untiring efforts of our worthy and efficient President. His report showed a very favorable state of affairs indeed, and below we give a summary of it:

Receipts—

Balance from 1889.....	\$ 64 00
From fees, concerts, etc., '90.....	151 14
	\$215 14

Expenditure—

From Feb. 26th, '90, to date....	107 89
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Balance on hand.....\$107 25

The conversazione account, presented separately, would make the full report read:

Total receipts.....	\$454 38
Total expenditure.....	347 13

Balance on hand.....\$107 25

The Society is to be congratulated on having this year the largest balance on hand yet shown by any previous A. M. S. Treasurer. Mr. Hugo concluded his report with a few words of advice as to the disposal of the funds in hand. On the report being received, Mr. Rowlands was appointed auditor for the Society and Mr. Davis for the Treasurer.

Mr. Strachan, in his closing address, thanked the members for the honor they had given him in making him President, and for the indulgence they had shown him in the year now past. He would always look back with pleasure to 1890. The Executive Committee had proved themselves excellent coadjutors, and especially might this be said of the Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary's duties were onerous, yet they had been performed to the satisfaction of all. The meetings of the present year had been exceptionally good. Heretofore business had had a rather prominent part in the programme, but it afforded a means of education not to be despised. He was pleased to see the Society with such a good balance financially. The future of the A. M. S. was a bright one. Occasional debates in Convocation Hall during the winter on living subjects would help much to awaken and sustain interest.

At the close of the address the officers elect were declared and duly installed. Immediately after adjournment the regular weekly meeting was called to order by our new President, Mr. N. R. Carmichael, M.A. Several members having spoken in feeling terms of the death of Mrs. Fowler, a motion of sympathy with the bereaved family was passed unanimously.