

Y. M. C. A.

If "a good start is half the battle," the Y. M. C. A. is in a fair way to success this session. It certainly has made a good beginning. The first meeting, held on Friday, Oct. 6th, was well attended, especially by first year students. Several of the workers had felt that this first meeting was a most important one, and many prayers had arisen that it might be a helpful one. A spirit of earnestness pervaded the atmosphere; all were more or less interested, and seemed to realize that the gathering was no mere formal assembly, but that it was a place where men came close to one another, and to God.

The President sounded, as a keynote for the session, the words of Paul (II Cor. v. 14), "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, *that they which live should no longer live unto themselves*, but unto Him who for their sakes died and rose again."

He then spoke a few words of welcome to the Freshmen, pointed out the need of mutual fellowship among the students, and urged all to take a definite stand, either for or against Jesus Christ, as to each seemed right.

At the close there was an opportunity for getting acquainted. All stiffness had vanished, and for a few minutes there was a perfect hum of conversation.

At the next meeting the English room was crowded much beyond its seating capacity. The leader, G. R. Lowe, read a thoughtful paper on "True Religion," after which the meeting was left in the hands of the audience. Several spoke briefly, led in prayer, or gave out a hymn, until, almost before anyone realized it, the hour was gone.

On the 19th J. B. McDougall was the leader, and notwithstanding the fact that preparations were being made for the reception, the mathematics room was well filled. The leader spoke appropriately on "Enduring hardness as a good Soldier of Christ," and was followed briefly by a couple of our post-graduate men, whose interest in the meetings has never failed and whose words are always welcome.

The football excursion to Toronto took away a large number of students last Friday. There was, however, a fair attendance at the song service conducted by C. F. Lavell, and it was appreciated by all present.

Let us remember that a good start is only a *start*, and requires to be followed up closely if it is to become anything more. The reception has been pronounced a success. The first month's meetings have been well attended and interesting. If the

older students, as well as the first year ones, will now attend regularly, each vying with the other to make the meetings profitable, and then striving to practise what is preached, a good work will be done at Queen's this session.

DONATION.

The Herbarium of Queen's University has been enriched by a very fine collection of cryptogamous plants, chiefly lichens, from A. T. Drummond, Esq., LL.B., of Montreal, a graduate of Queen's. Most of the lichens are either verified by the late Prof. Tuckerman, the leading authority in America, or are originals from the Scotch authority, the late Dr. Lauder Lindsay. There are about 225 or 250 species, but nearly all have duplicates from other localities to illustrate variations if any. The collection was the work of years, and is the basis of the lists published in the *Canadian Naturalist* in October, 1865, and March, 1874. The specimens are mounted on 487 sheets and form, perhaps, the most extensive private collection in Canada.

Thus early in the session we are forced to chronicle the death of one of our number.

Early Friday morning, M. J. Byrnes, 97, passed away. He had been suffering for some time with pneumonia, but was steadily improving and expected to leave the hospital in a few days. In the night he suddenly became worse. The nurse called the doctor, but in a few minutes he was gone, the immediate cause of death being heart failure.

At a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Friday afternoon the Executive were instructed to prepare a resolution of condolence and forward it to the bereaved friends. The class of '97 have also sent expressions of their sympathy, accompanied by a wreath.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ASSIST IN PAYING THE DEFICIT.

The last annual report of Queen's showed an accumulated deficit of revenue for the past six years of about \$12,000.

John MacLennan, Esq., By the Lake, Lancaster, has sent a donation of \$200 to assist in paying this ugly debt. It would lighten the load of those who are responsible for financiering the University if two or three score of friends would do likewise.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY EXTENSION IN OTTAWA.

The Association in Ottawa interested in this movement have requested Professors Cappon and Shortt to continue their courses in English Literature and Political Science for a third Session. They have consented, and the Course is to be inaugurated