

an equal number acquired from him their first appreciation of the real fineness and delicacy and power of their own mother tongue. He was wonderfully choice and discriminating in his use of the English language.

His personal character was like his language,—pure and true. To the students of the First Year he seemed stern and somewhat unapproachable; and doubtless he had very strict notions of what was fitting conduct on the part of a student to his professor. He believed that only harm could come to the student who should be permitted to forget it. He was right. Reverence for one's teacher lies at the basis of all growth in knowledge. But if he demanded respect, he always gave it in return. I never remember his treating any student other than as one gentleman should treat another. His students learned to appreciate his sterling character, and they regarded him as a noble type of an English gentleman and scholar.

They trusted his honor implicitly, while he on his part, as the sessions advanced, and he found he could trust his men, delighted to unbend and show the essential geniality of his nature.

Space will not allow me to dwell on his various and disinterested labors on behalf of the Denomination of which he was a member and chief ornament, nor is this the most appropriate place to do so. Yet I may add, in order to a just estimate of his character and varied labors, that he was for years the secretary of Zion Church in the days of its greatest activity, afterwards he was for many years secretary of Emmanuel Church, taking in each church the burden and work of a pastor (or at least a large part of it) during any interregnum.

For years also he gave gratuitous instruction in the Congregational College, and was for twenty-five years its secretary also. Afterwards, and at the date of his death, he was chairman of its Board of Governors. He was also chairman of the Home Missionary Society up to within a year of his death.

It is surprising that he accomplished so much, especially as he was far from strong in health. His was a quiet, persistent and unselfish life,—a life that did not attract the attention of the multitude by reason of any surpassing brilliancy or masterful achievement in any one direction. He might have won more fame if he had closed his ears to the appeals for help which came to him on every hand. But men like him were scarce, and he found a pleasure in doing all the good he could.

Such men are worthy of all honor, and when they pass away we do well to pause amid the rush of life, that in their absence we may learn, as we seem not able adequately to do in their presence, what sort of men they were with whom, by God's grace, we have kept company, and resolve to be worthy of them.

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## MCGILL UNIVERSITY YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The Young Men's Christian Association in connection with the University begins its work this session under peculiarly favorable circumstances. It has long been the desire of its promoters that a building might be secured that would be adequate for the carrying on of its work, but up to the present the desire had not been realized. Last winter, however, an opportunity of securing a building in a specially convenient location presented itself, and the officers of the Association were not slow to avail themselves of it. The offer was made to sell the property immediately opposite the College gate, known as the Bute House. A hurried canvass of the students was made, and the amounts promised, together with the generous donations of city friends, were considered sufficient to warrant the purchase of the lot and building. Trustees were appointed and the purchase was duly made.

The task of fitting up and furnishing that part of the building required for the work of the Association was entrusted to a competent committee. The way in which they performed their duties certainly reflects creditably upon their taste, judgment and ability. This was done during the summer, and all was in readiness for the reception of the students at the beginning of the college session.

The object kept steadily before them was to make the building a college home for students, cheerful, home-like and inviting. A cosy reading-room with easy-chairs, papers and periodicals, a well-appointed parlor with piano and various games and pastimes, mellow tintings, electric lighting, and every comfort conspire to attract the students.

And then in its situation it is unique. It stands opposite the main gate of the College, on the student thoroughfare, commanding a view of the University and grounds.

A comfortable meeting-room, capable of holding upwards of one hundred persons, has been furnished with folding seats, and here the regular meetings of the Association will be held on Sunday afternoons at 3 o'clock, under the direction of Mr. H. M. Tory, B.A., lecturer in Mathematics in the Faculty of Arts.

Two meetings have already been held, and the interest and spirit manifested were such as to betoken a very successful series. The life of Christ will constitute the course; the meetings will be informal, conversational and devotional.

Besides the Sunday afternoon meetings, there will also be held through the week classes for Bible study, in the various Faculties, conducted by the students themselves.

Special efforts have been made to enlist the interest and sympathies of the new students. To many, before leaving home to come to college, the Student's