

College Y. M. C. A. tendered a reception to the freshmen in the gymnasium. The faculty with their wives and the students of the three upper years gathered together to give a welcome to the members of year '20 on the occasion of their entering the Ontario Agricultural College. This annual function was attended with the same interest and the same spirit of good-will and fellowship pervaded the meeting as in former years, despite the fact that the number of Students attending the College has been greatly diminished.

The Faculty, the Seniors, the Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen mingled freely, the assemblage offering splendid opportunities for all to become acquainted. Hearty hand shaking, pleasant chats and reviews of the events of the initiation which had been held that afternoon made the meeting a pleasant one and fostered that friendly spirit among all which begins with a genuine "How do you do."

Prof. Caesar occupied the chair. After the singing of "O Canada," a program was carried out which was designed to acquaint the freshmen with the various College organizations, their functions and their aims and the opportunities which they afford to all.

In the absence of Dr. Creelman, the address of welcome was delivered by Prof. W. H. Day. In a brief, forcible manner, the speaker impressed upon the gathering the importance of maintaining a proper attitude during student life. He dwelt upon the fact that only energy with stability could bring success and happiness; that during life at College, character building should be the first object of all. A warning was sounded against the creation of false ideals which have ruined many college men. The speaker exhorted all to

establish fixed principles, to stand on them and fight for them and success would surely crown their efforts.

An interesting talk was given by Prof. Jones on "Room Decoration." Reproductions of many of the famous master-pieces were on exhibition. These might be secured by the students. Prof. Jones' address did much to awaken in his listeners an interest in these pictures and lead them to take a deeper interest in the great artists and their works.

Brief addresses were delivered by officers of the various organizations of the College. Mr. I. B. Martin representing the Athletic Society, Mr. A. M. Stewart the Literary Society. The aims and purposes of these organizations were explained and the freshman invited to at once take an active interest in them. In the absence of the executive, Mr. A. MacLaren welcomed the members of Year '20 on behalf of the Philharmonic Society and urged those who possessed musical ability to avail themselves of this opportunity for its cultivation. Mr. W. F. Geddes, in a few words, explained the history and purpose of the Cosmopolitan Club. Mr. W. G. Marrit spoke in the interests of the Y. M. C. A., setting forth the objects of the Association and explaining the function of the different departments.

On his arrival late in the evening, Dr. Creelman was called upon to say a few words and heartily welcomed Year '20 to the student body. Mr. Mackenzie added to the enjoyment of the evening by rendering several excellent solos which were greatly appreciated.

Delicious fruit was served for refreshments and thoroughly enjoyed, and the reception to Year '20 closed with Auld Lang Syne.—*R. A. Brink.*