

THE religious services on the hill have been very interesting since the opening of the college year, but during the past few weeks they have been greatly increased in interest and effect. One of the advantages proposed by the organization of the College Y. M. C. A. was additional sabbath services especially for the students. For the present it was decided to hold one Sunday evening service each month at which the pastor of one of the neighboring churches would be invited to come in and preach. As the earliest arrangements that could be made, would provide for the first Sunday in March, an agreement was made between a committee of the Faculty, appointed to arrange for the services in connection with the Day of Prayer for Colleges 28th February, and the Associational Committee, whereby a speaker should be obtained for that day, who would remain over Sunday. With the consent of the Home Mission Board, the services of Rev. I. Wallace, Gen'l Missionary were secured. Before his arrival the weekly prayer meetings had become crowded and several of the students professed conversion. At the request of the association, Mr. Wallace, commenced personal work among the students in all the departments on the hill and in the village, and meetings held every evening either in the college or at the church were continued for two weeks. A deeper work has scarcely ever been experienced in connection with the institutions. Nineteen young men from the college and academy, and eight young ladies from the seminary, have already united with the village church by baptism, and the special interest still continues.

At the close of Mr. Wallace's work on the hill, a resolution expressing the hearty appreciation of the members of the Y. M. C. A. for the zeal and earnestness with which he had labored among us, was spoken to by Prof. Keirstead and Dr. Sawyer, and unanimously adopted.

We have had during Mr. Wallace's visit a practical proof of the claims that have been made through these columns from time to time, for personal work among the students. His earnest warm hearted appeals from the desk, will not soon be forgotten by those who listened to him, both in the social meetings and from the pulpit of the village church, but very many who heard him there, were first attracted by his sympathetic words and earnest prayers as he

visited the various rooms in the boarding houses. Very few men have the tact for personal work that Mr. Wallace has, and still fewer could visit among the students with as much acceptance.

Those who were drawn into sympathy with his work, grew to love him. All respect him. He is regarded through the entire community as a most faithful worker and convincing preacher.

We are glad to know, that Mr. Wallace, contemplates settling his family in Wolfsville, and should he do this, we sincerely hope that the institutions may be favored by frequent visits from him

NOTHING in the college course should take precedence of English, and in this study original composition occupies the place of prime importance. To become the ready master of a good English style may well stand the chiefest aim of every student. The most erudite without an ability for happy expression is at a disadvantage, while even a mediocre who can clothe his thought in appropriate language is quite likely to win if not deserve success. Examples are not few of the intellectual giant meeting easy discomfiture at the hands of the stripling armed only with his rhetoric. The secret of Talmage's wonderful power is in his vivid word painting and brilliant imagery. Hundreds of preachers there may be in the country with education as thorough, reading as extensive and whose presentation of truth is quite as profound as that of this king of pulpit orators, yet unpossessed of his magical utterance they must plod along making little or no impression upon their age.

Everyone who lays any claim to a liberal education ought to devote no small time to the attainment of a graceful and forcible use of his mother tongue. This obligation however rests imperative upon some in a tenfold degree. Numbers of our men see their life-work mapped out in the journalistic and legal professions, or in preaching the gospel. It would seem unnecessary to remind these of the supreme importance of a good written and spoken style. Their chief claim upon the world's attention will rest right here. No one pretends to deny or to be ignorant of this fact. Nevertheless how many float carelessly along the four years, refusing to believe that excellence in composition comes but by the genius of the moment: and this though the whole array of authors past and present