

## Y. M. C. A.

A joint meeting of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W. C.A. was held in Convocation Hall on Friday February 15th, President H. O. Borley occupying the chair. The speakers were Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, and W. J. Knox, of Strathroy. Evidently a treat was expected as the hall was filled with students who went away, not disappointed, but weighing in their minds those truths they had heard so forcibly expressed by the speakers. Dr. Milligan gave an interesting and instructive address, taking as his text 1 Cor. XII, 24, 25: "God hath tempered the body together, that the members should have the same care one for another." He pointed out that men's talents differ widely. So, just as one member of the body is not completed in itself, neither is one man a completed unit. This he illustrated by examples. What we are to be thankful for is the great complexity of a life which makes a proper unit. Rev. W. J. Knox emphasized what the former speaker had said, and pointed out in what he considered real life consisted. He based his address upon those words of Christ: "I came that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly." Mr. Knox is a graduate of Varsity and Knox colleges and this was his first address to students of Queen's. But he has made such an impression upon us that we hope we may often hear him again within the walls of our *alma mater*.

On Friday evening February 22nd, Rev. J. Sharpe, M.A., addressed the association, taking as his subject: "What God has cleansed, that call not thou common;" Acts XI, 9. He showed that all truth is sacred, and that all men are sacred. He laid stress upon the fact that the value of every act of our life depends on the spirit in which it is done.

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### Divinity.

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THE first alumni conference of the new century is now a thing of the past, and if one can judge from the interest taken in the discussions, we must pronounce it a success. Probably in no previous conference has there been so much readiness to discuss freely and openly questions which arose; in fact with such

ardour did some members enter into the discussions that sometimes they were inclined to forget that it was the point raised that was to be criticized rather than the one who raised the point. Some of the younger members of us who sat upon the side lines while the older and more mature entered into the fray were often amused at the turns which affairs took. There is a sort of grim satisfaction that human nature takes when it can sit at a safe distance and watch the struggles of others; especially does this appeal to those who have been accustomed to be criticized themselves. There is as much human nature in some people as in others, as David Harum says, and perhaps he might say a little more in the divinity student. So who can be surprised if he chuckles to himself when he sees staid ministers or dignified professors measuring swords with one another?

We admire the perfect candour and freedom which characterize all the alumni discussions, but at the same time we would remind the members never to become so interested in their subject as to forget themselves. The effect might be very bad upon us younger members, for along certain lines, we will not say the best, we are very apt pupils. If men remember that it is the truth or falsehood of the subject under discussion that they are to aim to bring out, independently of who presents it or how inadequately it may be presented, our alumni conferences, which have been and are always of the very best character, will never smack of the ridiculous, of which, sorry to say, many such discussions do flavour.

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We have been warned several times against going out preaching during the college session. The warning is no doubt not without its element of good sense, but it does not seem to us wholly an unmixed good. If the neighboring mission fields have to be supplied, and men cannot be found to supply them as missionaries throughout the winter, who is to supply them? Are they to go without service, or do they not need service as well as our city people who get their two services a Sunday? Besides some of these missions, even if a missionary could be procured to supply them