

Then came the practical application, that Christ's attitude towards custom and towards all formal observances should be ours, while at the same time we must respect the opinions and even the prejudices of all honest men, especially of aged saints.

General Secretary Williams was present and took part briefly in the discussions that followed.

On account of the reception given the "Champions of Canada" on their return from Montreal on Friday afternoon, the regular prayer meeting for the 24th was postponed until Sunday morning. At 9.45 quite a number of students gathered in the city Y. M. C. A. building, where a very interesting meeting was held. The leader, Mr. Conn, read a paper, just the right length, in which he indicated several lines of thought and left the development to those present.

The subject was "A Law of Progress," taken from John xii, 24: "Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die it abideth alone; but if it die, it beareth much fruit." The leader pointed out that the meaning of this death was not the annihilation of anything good, but the realization of self through the crucifixion of evil desire and through obedience to the will of the Father. But in this life through death we must have a definite purpose to guide us. This purpose must be, to follow with unflagging zeal the pathway of duty.

Several of those taking part emphasized the fact that this self denial was no easy matter. Paul calls it crucifying the flesh, a most agonizing process. Fruit unto life can only be reaped when there is death unto sin. But suffering makes strong, so that he who has the strongest and noblest character is he who has endured most for God and humanity.

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Although this Society now speaks for the first time, this term, through these columns, it has been by no means inactive. We make no apology for its existence; but it may be well to state briefly its aims, for the sake of the unenlightened, and to dispel all doubts as to the advisability of becoming a member, from the mind of the wary freshman.

In the past, the young women of Queen's, believing in a liberal education, and knowing the tendency of college life to develop the mental at the expense of the spiritual, felt the need of an organization which should have for its aim the development of the higher life. Accordingly, this Society was organized under its present name, and took the form of a weekly meeting of one hour devoted entirely to prayer and the study of the scriptures. Whether or not our predecessors were very happy in their selection of a designation, whether the mere name can or cannot affect the success of an organization, are points for discussion. But it is not our intention to contest with Shakespeare the importance of

nomenclature in general; it is enough for us that the Society has been re-organized as having in the past fulfilled its purpose.

This year it is more than ever the aim of the members, if that were indeed possible, to make the meetings of such a nature as shall stimulate to a higher plane of living by impressing through study of the Bible, wider and truer ideas of the meaning of life. The hour is not set apart for mere "playing at being good." The time of the average student is too precious for affectation, cant and namby-pambyism. The aim is to break through the crust and see into the heart of real religion, and thus make their meetings a strong factor in the upbuilding of genuine character.

We note with pleasure that many of the class of '97 have not only joined but are taking an active interest in the work. They seem to understand that it is they who lay the foundation of that spirit which will in the future characterize the lady students of this college, and that it is incumbent on them to build well, so that the women who have received their education at Queen's may be known throughout the country, not only for their scholarly attainment but also for their nobility of character.

The topics this year cover a wide range, are original and as has been already proved can be made helpful and interesting.

The Thanksgiving Song Service was in every way a success. The offerings of fruit and flowers were sent to the hospital where the programme was repeated on the following Sunday.

The President, Miss Polson, was appointed delegate to the Inter-Seminary Missionary Convention, held last week in Toronto.

DIVINITY HALL.

During the first few weeks of the session a solemn stillness seemed to have settled over Divinity Hall in striking contrast to the days when Patriarch Sharp presided over the boisterous throng. The shade of Muirhead, in its phantom meanderings thro' the halls, must have groaned within itself and felt regretfully that the sprightly days of yore had relapsed into a monotonous hum-drum.

However, within the last few days the theologues have awakened from their sleep and returning consciousness was shewn by feverish desire to win glory on the foot-ball field. Alas! their fondest hopes were doomed to disappointment, as defeat at the hands of the freshmen and numerous bruises and scars bear witness. In spite of defeat, in spite of naughty words used, and in spite of the fact that a prominent theologian was ruled off for scrapping, we feel that this new departure has had a healthy influence, and besides developing latent rugby skill it shews that divinities can take pleasure in sublunar affairs as well as others.