

Northfield Convention. He pictured very vividly the great gathering of students from all quarters of the Globe, and the magnetic influence of the gifted speakers. He urged strongly upon those present to be sure and avail themselves of the first opportunity to attend the Convention.

The other meetings of the month have been led by Messrs. G. Harcourt, B. S. A.; H. L. Hunt, J. A. B. Sleightholm, and D. Buchanan.

The annual meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association for the election of officers was held on the 30th inst., when the following appointments were made: President, J. A. B. Sleightholm; Vice-President, Mr. Putman; Sec.-Treas., Mr. Youill; Cor.-Sec., Mr. Storey; Committee, Messrs. McKenzie, Gibson, Soule, Kent and Harvey. The membership roll embraces at present 39 active and 34 associate members.

Every true graduate of an institution is pleased to learn of anything which indicates progress in any worthy direction at his *Alma Mater*. The history of the O. A. C., of late years especially, has been a record of continual and rapid improvement in all departments. Not least noticeable is the growth of organized religious effort amongst the students. Several years ago Prof. Hunt opened a class for students for Bible study on Sabbath afternoons. At a later date a students prayer-meeting was arranged for Thursday evenings after study. For these meetings the reception room was used for several years. With the growth in numbers and influence of these meetings, it was felt that some more thorough organization would lead to greater efficiency. Accordingly Prof. Hunt and a few students organized a College Y. M. C. A. in March, 1889. The question of a suitable room for the holding of meetings now pressed itself for solution, with the result that one of the rooms of the College, formerly used as a locker room and smoking room, was converted into a hall for Y. M. C. A. purposes. Those who knew the room as it was can hardly realize what a change has been made in its general appearance. The new floor, the artistically grained woodwork, the nicely papered walls and comfortable seating arrangements have transformed the place into an attractive room, well adapted for the purpose for which it is intended. The members of the association, at a cost of one hundred

red dollars, have purchased an elegant and finely-toned Bell Organ for use at their meetings.

The hall was formally opened and presented to the students, on Tuesday evening, 28th inst. The ministers of the city were invited to attend, but the evening proved an unfortunate one in that respect, as many of them were either out of the city, or otherwise engaged for that evening. The students had the pleasure, however, of having with them the Revs. Beattie and Williams, of the city, together with several members of the faculty and their families.

After the opening exercises, the meeting was addressed by President Mills and Revs. Beattie and Williams. President Mills congratulated the students upon the high moral tone which existed in the College. He was pleased also to feel that he was supported by a staff, the example of every one of which was morally wholesome and Christian. He believed there was need of religious organization in College, because of the effect of routine work of College life in tending to deaden zeal. Reference was made to the starting of the Y. M. C. A. during the month of March, 1889. Those who were active in bringing about this organization had two objects in view—1st Bible study and 2nd active Christian work. He believed that the association had wielded a wholesome, though unobtrusive, influence upon the students. It was, indeed, with much pleasure that he was able to formally present the newly fitted room to the officers of the Y. M. C. A. His high hope was that the opening of the hall would mark the inauguration of an era of even more extended usefulness.

Mr. George Harcourt, B. S. A. President of the Y. M. C. A., on behalf of the officers and members, appropriately expressed his thanks to President Mills for the much appreciated gift.

Rev. Mr. Beattie, of Knox Church, expressed himself as pleased to be present at a meeting of this nature. The students were to be congratulated on so bright and cheerful a hall. He paid a high tribute to the character of the men on the O. A. C. staff, and spoke favorably of the influence of the College on the city, and of the respect in which it was held by the people of Guilph. The young men were reminded of the words of the Psalmist in his last days—"Show thyself a man." This room would help to