

ply. "but most important of all, that in life I have a noble part to play. I have been learning how to fight, and am eager for the fray." He is gone, and with him has passed the scene of which he was a part.

Oh, Wesley, may you ever be the strong and tender Alma Mater, who, besides bestowing upon her children a wealth of knowledge and skill, lays for them sure foundations of character, and gives them noble ideals and sturdy strength for the ruling of the world, which is theirs to make or mar.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES

On the 29th day of October, 1891, a meeting, which was to prove of considerable importance to Wesley college students, was held in the Assembly Room of the large building situate on the corner of Broadway and Edmonton streets. The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing an address from Mr. J. R. Mott, International College Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. After that address had been delivered, a discussion took place as to the advisability of organizing a branch of the Association in Wesley College. The minutes of that meeting tell us the result of the discussion: "Moved by Mr. W. A. Lewis, seconded by Mr. J. Endicott, that we form an association to be known as the Y. M. C. A. of Wesley College"

In pursuance of this motion, we find that the Association was organized, and Rev. Prof. Stewart became the first president. Meetings were held every Wednesday for the development of the spiritual life among the students, and to further the interests of the Association. These meetings have continued without interruption to the present.

At first no effort, save the regular meeting each week, was put forth, but in the spring of 1892, after an address delivered by Mr. Copeland, Travelling Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., the society decided to send delegates to the Lake Geneva convention of College Associations. It is now a matter of history that Messrs. Endicott and Hetherington attended that convention, and came back fired with zeal for the work at home, and abroad. As one result of that visit Bible classes, such as

had been seen in operation, were formed; one for the study of the Bible by the inductive method, another for the practical training of personal workers.

But there was another, and perhaps greater, result of that convention. While at Geneva, Endicott had offered himself for work in the foreign field, and his burning desire to carry the message of love to the regions beyond was not without its effect upon his fellow-students. At a meeting, in which Endicott told the thought of his heart, he breathed this idea into the listeners, "Let us send him." The suggestion met with general approval, a committee was appointed to make a thorough canvass of the students and graduates of the college regarding the financial backing necessary; the Methodist ministers of the city were consulted, friends in the city promised to aid the boys for a year or two, until such time as their assistance would not be needed, and the Y.M.C.A. adopted a clause in its constitution declaring itself to be a "Collegiate Auxiliary Missionary Society," in accordance with the discipline of the church. The spirit of the boys was evoked by the following resolution: "Resolved. That we communicate with the general secretary of the missionary society, stating that we are prepared to guarantee \$800 per annum for seven years as salary for Mr. James Endicott in China; and ask the society to furnish the travelling expenses from Toronto, and all other necessities, such as furniture, teacher, etc., for the first year, as supplied to the party sent out two years ago." On the 21st of April, 1893, came the reply from Dr. Sutherland, saying that the missionary committee had decided to send Rev. James Endicott to China, in accordance with the request of Wesley college students. Great was the rejoicing among that heroic band. The faith of that mere handful of students was indeed great. Realizing the need of China, and grasping their own golden opportunity, they undertook a task that many a larger body of men would have declared impossible. The results have justified their daring and their hopes. Their faith they have left to us as a sweet savor, their work they have handed down to the present generation of students as a glorious heritage to be cherished, augmented