

The Y.W.C.A. met on Tuesday at 5 o'clock. The delegates to the convention at Peterboro, Miss Fleming, '00, and Miss MacDonald, '01, gave very interesting accounts of the convention.

Miss Lick, '99, sang a solo in her usual pleasing style. The meeting was very well attended, and a number of new students joined the society. The meeting of October 25th is to be addressed by Miss Prentiss, Inter-collegiate Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, and after the meeting, a reception is to be given to the girls of the first year.

#### THE Y.M.C.A.

For years past it has been the custom of the Y.M.C.A. to be the first to throw open the social doors of Varsity by welcoming in their cosy and comfortable rooms the newcomers into Varsity life, the debutantes being the Freshmen and Freshettes.

On Tuesday evening, October 18th, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, quite a number of the members, of the two genera mentioned above, as well as many from the Sophomore, Junior and Senior years, journeyed to accept the well-known hospitality of the Y.M.C.A. The reception was under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations of University College, and under the especial charge of the following committee: Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. MacPhedran, Mrs. Ballantyne, Mrs. Chant, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Fraser. The undergraduates were represented by Miss S. Little, Miss L. Webster, F. W. Anderson and Hugh Munroe.

Shortly before ten o'clock, the assemblage was reduced to order to hear the President's opening address of welcome; this Mr. Anderson gave neatly and earnestly. Then followed some devotional exercises, and Miss Harris played a piano solo. John McKay contributed to the entertainment of the evening by a recitation, and then Professor McCurdy delivered a short address, in which he urged the new comers not to imagine that severe application to one's lectures and books comprised university life, but that the social aspect was most important, averring that it was that part of his own university career which most appealed to him now. A. T. Burch gave several selections, and Prof. Ballantyne, of Knox, ended the programme with a short speech.

There was but one flaw in the management of the proceedings, and this only from a Freshman's standpoint, I imagine. About nine o'clock the large doors at the end of the hall were raised and exposed to view long tables laden with all kinds of delicacies, and yet it was not until about half past ten that the word was given to distribute the abundance of cakes and dainties provided as a solace for the souls or bodies of the already tantalized Freshmen.

About half past eleven, E. G. Robb played God Save the Queen, and a very enjoyable evening ended.

Sir Daniel Wilson once said of the Young Men's Christian Association: "My experience as President of the university, enables me to say that its effect upon the moral and social life of the university and on its order and discipline, has been in every way beneficial. It gives a higher tone to the prevailing spirit of the young men, and is a great help to purity of life, and a stimulus to elevating aims in life."

This work the Christian men of the university have still before them—to give a higher tone to student life in all its varied phases, and by keeping before the

students high ideals of life, to stimulate them to grow in every quality which should characterize a Christian gentleman.

In order that this work might be carried on, the Y.M.C.A. was organized, and members of the faculty and friends of the association, graduates, and others, have in the past supported it liberally. Its work has never been hindered by financial burdens. But in beginning the work for another year, we do feel the need of the real hearty support and sympathy of the Christian men of the university. By becoming a member of the association, every student declares that he is in sympathy with the one organization connected with the university which stands distinctively for all that tends to beautify and ennoble character, and, if we are to be successful in our work this year, we shall need the zealous co-operation of every Christian undergraduate.

The Bible Class, this year, will be held in the Association Building, and will be taught by Dr. Sheraton. The first meeting will be next Sabbath, Oct. 23rd, at three o'clock. On Thursday, at five o'clock, the first afternoon meeting will be held, and will be addressed by Mr. Beamer.

#### HISTORY OF A CRIME.

It is worthy the observing, that hot nature is oft-times full of danger. . . . If its passion or purpose be crossed, on a sudden, or divers times, in quick order, it partaketh rather of the nature of the wild beast, and acteth of impulse. Whereupon let men take heed, for it refraineth not then from what, in other mood, were crime.—Richard Brownlowe.

It had been a day of intense heat; and in no part of the city had this been more completely realized than in the closely-packed Italian quarter. But, as the burning sun sank below the horizon, and evening approached, there had sprung up a cool, refreshing breeze which was quite naturally afforded a very appreciative welcome by the sweltering inhabitants of the quarter. This fact was testified to by the large number of them who clustered about the doorways, and crowded to the windows. As the evening advanced, however, the western sky was covered with dark and reavy clouds, which soon gave place to even darker and heavier ones. Very soon thunder was heard to rumble ominously in the distance, and it was evident to all that a storm was brewing.

With the approach of the storm, the inhabitants began to abandon the different positions they had taken up; and among the first to do this were Tony Luzzati and his mother. They made their way slowly up the old stairs and entered their cheaply-furnished room. Tony threw himself into a chair alongside a wooden table, and wearily rested his head on his hands. He seemed to be worried. His mother seated herself on an old soap-box near a stove and patiently waited for Tony to unburden his mind to her—an act he was accustomed to perform when in doubt or trouble.

Tony and his mother were all that was left of an old family of Corsican peasants, and were, in consequence, uncommonly devoted to each other. Six years before, on the death of Tony's father, and when Tony was but seventeen years of age, they had settled in Pisa. After five years' residence in that town, circumstances had enabled them to migrate to America