

the coming debates. In bringing forward this motion Mr. Ikehara made a short but neat and able speech. A very noticeable lack of interest in the meetings of this class is displayed by its members.

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

On Friday, Jan. 12th, the Y. M. C. A. opened for the second term of the session with a large attendance. The meeting was led by W. H. Easton, M.A., who, after giving the New Year greetings of the Association, took as his subject, "The true student." He opened the discussion by pointing out that the true student was not the hard-worker simply, but rather the man who worked hard with a high motive, and insisted that every student should strive not only to accumulate facts, but to transform all his knowledge into character and life.

After the leader's address was given several of the older students pointed out the necessity of doing wise as well as hard work, and of looking after the mere prose of student life, taking exercise, etc. When we call to mind the many brilliant men of our own university who, within the last seven or eight years, have either died or been injured for life from the effects of unwise and excessive work, we think that the young and ambitious but inexperienced student cannot have the danger-signal hoisted too soon.

The meeting of the following week was led by W. D. Wilkie, B.A., who gave us a very clear and concrete exposition of the subject, "Resist the devil." He pointed out that temptation should not be looked upon as the whisperings of the devil from without, but rather as some subtle form in which our own selfishness shapes itself. He illustrated this thought by tracing the growth of evil in the characters of Dr. Faustus and Macbeth. These men could not consistently say "the serpent beguiled me and I did eat," and no more can any tempted man to-day. Each one is responsible to the greatest extent for his own temptations, and therefore for their resistance. That resistance can be effected only by making the good of all the positive content of one's life and by making an entire surrender of the heart to whatever is pure and lovely and of good report.

The meeting of last week was led by T. J. Thompson, who discussed the subject of prayer in a philosophical and decidedly definite address, the burden of which was as follows: The text defines prayer as asking, and as asking on one condition, viz., in Christ's name. When, then, do we ask in Christ's name? Not simply when we mention that name, for it is no talisman to make a magical effect upon God, but only when we ask in Christ's character and spirit. This being the case, mere individual whims and notions should be avoided in prayer. It is

foolish to think that by prayer we can warp the judgment of God or that God will allow Himself to be used as a convenient agent for the accomplishment of our little ends. In order to lift our prayers into a higher spirituality we must get truer conceptions of God, and of our relation to Him. If we think of Him as the infinite self-conscious spirit of the universe, working in all things, and of our own relation to Him as spiritual beings, we will not be so anxious for the accomplishment of our little plans but anxious rather to bring our minds and hearts into harmony with the infinite.

Several engaged in the discussion afterwards and we are sure that all found the meeting a very suggestive and helpful one.

We are glad to note, also, the heartiness of the singing and the suitableness of the hymns at our last meeting.

Sometimes it is impossible for a man to feel very devout when he is asked to sing a hymn, which, for him and students in general, lost its meaning long ago. With reference to this, *verbum sap.*

#### MEDICAL NOTES.

The Y.M.C.A. have again secured the hour from five to six on Fridays for their weekly prayer meeting. They feel as though they have accommodated every other society in the College, including the Faculty, during the first part of the session, and hope they may be left in undisputed and undisturbed possession of this hour for the remainder of the term. The increase in attendance on Jan. 19th showed plainly the suitability of the hour. The President addressed the meeting, taking as the basis of his remarks Psalm I.

The regular class for Bible Study met in the City Association Building on Jan. 21st, at 10 a.m. This new departure is proving both interesting and helpful to those who attend.

An urgent meeting of the Æsculapian Society was held on Friday afternoon, Jan'y 19th. Though some of the boys were playing hockey and others enjoying the skating on the lake, the meeting was well attended. The most important business before the Society was the consideration of the treatment the first two years are experiencing in regard to the hour that is being thrust upon them for the holding of Materia Medica. The Society upheld them in their claims that five o'clock was a most undesirable and unnecessary hour. It was decided to take immediate steps to present the matter in its proper light to the Faculty.

Naturally this brings up the question, For whom does the College exist? For the students or for the professors? No one would openly dare to give other than one answer. Yet it is at times difficult for the hard-worked and long-suffering medical to con-