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## Y. M. C. A.



I thought we had nothing to say worth publishing for the two last issues of the Review, and, therefore, we did not report. It may be we are not alive to our responsibilities in this matter, which I am afraid is too true. However, we have a little to say this month by way of report of what we have done the past two months.

Our meetings have been fairly well attended, but we feel there is need of more spiritual fire to warm the hearts of our members, or it may be, more steam in the radiator that is needed; no doubt the latter would help much some times. If the outer man is not properly provided for, he soon lets us know. But that still small voice within, is hard to hear sometimes, especially so when the studies are pressing. It is then, often not heard, and in a short time for want of proper care, it gets so weak we do not hear it at all; and then when we come to our right senses, we are surprised to find our souls so lean and hungry. We desire to have, and have not because we ask not, or if we ask, we ask amiss.

We realize the fact that in order to have a healthy body, it is necessary that we hunger and thirst, in order that we may eat. But there is one more requisite even more important, and that is exercise. Exercise is necessary for a healthy body, in order that every organ may be active, that oxidation may be thorough, that the appetite may be good. So we say the Christian must exercise if he would be a healthy Christian; he must work off the impurities that tend to poison the Christian character; he must work that he may become hungry. The Master has said, "Blessed are they that hunger, for they shall be fed." We must exercise ourselves in the atmosphere of Heaven, in order that we may breathe the pure oxidizing power of the Spirit of God. Our work we say has not been so energetic as to

give us a good healthy appetite; and, therefore, we are not so healthy as we ought to be.

We have, however, done a little work at home and abroad. During last term we formed classes, adopted systems of work, and have since endeavored to carry them out as best we can.

We sent \$10 to the International Committee to help the work in North America. We like to feel that we have an interest in the noble work this committee is doing in organizing societies in Colleges and institutions of learning, where as yet they have no Christian societies. Of such places there are not a few. This we feel to be a very important work, and one we dare not turn our back upon, lest we ourselves should be left out in the cold, when we should be in with the Master.

We have also endeavored to hold our place as members of the "Canadian College Mission." We sent \$15 to Dr. Harley Smith for the foreign work in Corea, where our missionary is faithfully laboring for the salvation of those lost souls. Our missionary, Dr. Hardy, has remained at his post all through the trouble that has been in that land during the past year. Although the part of country where he is was almost deserted, and food and other things became very dear, he felt it his duty to remain at his post, which he did, and he reports very favorably. We feel it our duty, to ask our friends to feel it their duty to help us make it comfortable for our faithful missionary, who a few years ago graduated from Toronto University.

We have an interest also at home, which is not felt so keenly, perhaps, as it should be. When we consider the thousands of young men in Ontario and Quebec who never attend places of worship, and those without a home, we are again brought face to face with our duty to our brother; and we feel that the small sum of \$7.00 is too little for us to give in that line.

We have a work that is still closer to us, and one which we are endeavoring to do a little at, and that is, to help our own school mates into the light of Christ. During the last month our work has been somewhat disturbed, and yet we hope stimulated. We held our meetings during quarantine as usual, endeavoring to make the best of our inconveniences. The first Sunday in quarantine we held two services in the Y. M. C. A. hall at 11 a. m., led by the President, and assisted by J. F. Clark and others. The hall was nearly filled. Again at 7 p. m., Messrs. Reynolds and Harcourt addressed the meeting. Miss Maggie Mills presided at the organ.

The following Thursday night service we held on the stage in the gymnasium. All the fellows took part cheerfully and we had a pleasant hour together. We held two services the next Sabbath in the same place, and we felt it good to meet there and worship our God under the adverse circumstances. Two services were held in the Y. M. C. A. hall the same day, by those quarantined in the College. We hear their meetings were good. The Dairy Students quarantined at the Dairy building held three services among themselves. Mr. Day, of Guelph, supplied them with testaments and song books free of charge, for which we very heartily thank Mr. Day.

We were very much disappointed in not being able to send a delegate to the Provincial Convention held in Belleville January 24-27, on account of the smallpox. Mr. J. F. Clark was appointed as our delegate.

Our meeting, Thursday night, Feb. 14, was addressed by F. J. Sleightholm. Subject, "Chosen of God." We were pleased to have our old friend address us again in his usual zealous manner. May his life be a blessing to many more as it has been to ours. We hope our friends will not forget we need their help, your reward is in Christ.

A. H. C.