

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

Saturday evening's meeting for young men at the city Young Men's Christian Association was addressed by Messrs. Burch and McKay of '99 and Wilson and Jolley of '00

At last Thursday's meeting of the Association Mr. Barron gave a concise report of the Provincial Y.M.C.A. Convention at Ottawa. The speaker of the afternoon was Mr. F. M. Pratt, general secretary of the Toronto Young Men's Christian Association. In opening he emphasized the point Mr. Barron had made regarding the responsibility resting on College Association men after graduation for the loyal support of the town and city Associations. All Young Men's Christian Association work, whether in college or not, is a unit. Referring to the 12th Chapter of John, Mr. Pratt spoke of the problems and struggles of Christ's life. That He had such there can be no doubt. That they are the very problems and struggles with which we are confronted, we are equally well assured. In this chapter the veil is lifted and we see the inner struggles of Christ. Perhaps in the Gospel of John this chapter takes the place of the account of Gethsemane. Christ says (v. 23) that His Father is now to be glorified, and then tells how He is to be glorified—even by the death of the Son. And so Christ unfolds the deep truth that a man must die in order to be fruitful. A man's life is like a grain of wheat. He may use it only in one of two ways. He may eat it up or he may sow it—the selfish or the unselfish life. The mother of the Wesleys died to herself, but her life brought forth a great harvest. John R. Mott decided to lose his life for the Master's sake, but he has found it. Only one thing is more important than making a living, and that is making a life. Many college men are faced with the problem of what to do with their lives. If they want to find them, they must first lose them—lose them, perhaps, in the sands of Africa or in the slums of a great city. Christ was faced with the problem, and He decided to lose His life, and so He found it. But it involved a struggle "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say?" And then, in the stress of the struggle, "Father, save me from this hour." But He conquered, "Father, glorify Thy name." And so Christ found His life. Thus the crisis of many struggles is marked. For when the heart says "Father, glorify Thy name," the victory is gained, the life is found.

The regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was held on Wednesday last, with a very fair attendance. The order of business having been promptly disposed of, a thoughtful and clearly expressed paper, on the topic "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," was read by Miss

Menhennick, '98. After the singing of a hymn, Miss Bapty took up the regular topic for the day, the parable of "The Unmerciful Servant." Miss Bapty brought out several ideas in the parable which do not lie quite on the surface, and closed her address with a well-applied quotation from Thomas A. Kempis. Owing to the fact that there have been two missionary meetings in succession, next week's meeting will not be a missionary meeting, but, instead, the topic which should have been taken up on January 20th, will be discussed.

E. M. S., '99.,
Cor. Secy.

A GIRL I KNOW.

(With apologies to Whittier.)

Laughing eyes bright as the day,
Rosy cheeks and tresses gay,
Steal from out behind thy fan,
Girl in white, with cheeks of tan.

With thy roses in thy hand,
My true homage you command.
Give it to thee, yes, I can,
Girl in white, with cheeks of tan!

Figure, slender and erect!
Charms, our wanderings to correct!
Truer love had never man
For a girl in white and tan!

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MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY.

A regular meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society was held in Room 16, Friday, January 22nd, the President, Mr. J. A. Rusk, B.A., in the chair. The origin and development of the Galvanometer was traced by G. W. Keith, '97. Miss M. A. Harvey, '98, carefully reviewed the recent productions of the scientific world. A description of the opening and of the work of the new Davy-Faraday laboratory in London was interesting, as showing the efforts of the British to overcome the lead of the Germans in the field of physics and chemistry. The work of Indian and Russian physicists, the discovery of a new comet by the Lick observatory, and the work of Dr. Hammond on X rays, were dealt with in turn. The paper concluded with a suggestion for fourth year original work. Mr. Bush raised the enthusiasm of the members for mathematics by his paper on Mathematics as Related to the Useful and Beautiful. He clearly showed that everything beautiful can only be fully appreciated by a knowledge of mathematics.



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