

J. A. Taylor, '87, is studying law in the city in the office of F. McBride.

W. C. Gemmill, '91, has transferred his allegiance to Trinity College.

The following graduates and undergraduates of the University of Toronto have successfully passed the Solicitors' examination of the Law Society of Ontario:— Graduates: J. A. V. Preston, W. C. Chisholm, M. S. Mercer, J. Standish, A. Collins, S. A. Henderson, W. E. Thompson. Undergraduates: T. R. Ferguson, F. C. Jarvis.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The regular Thursday meeting was held last week, under the leadership of G. W. Robinson, '90, who spoke on the Vine and the Branches, John 15.

W. H. Harvey, President of the College Y.M.C.A., represented the Association as delegate at the Inter-collegiate Missionary Alliance Convention at Cobourg last week, and read a paper on Protestant Missions in the Papal Countries of Europe.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—The programme for the week of prayer, Nov. 11th to 17th, was as follows:—

Sunday, at 9.30—Prayer meeting, led by John Munro, '88.

Tuesday, at 5.—Address by R. P. Wilder.

Thursday, at 9.30—Addresses by Sir D. Wilson and R. P. Wilder.

R. P. Wilder, who addressed the association on missions on Tuesday and Thursday, is a recent graduate of Princeton, N.J., the son of a well-known missionary, the friend of Mr. John Forman, who visited Toronto some two years ago, and with him the organizer of the College students' missionary movement. He has been one of the principal speakers at Northfield for three years past. His speeches are earnest and eloquent.

The week of prayer for young men was begun on Sunday morning by a meeting at half-past nine, when Jno. Munro, Sciences '89, gave an address on prayer, basing his remarks on Matt. 6, first part—The Lord's Prayer. The main points brought out were that prayer was to be made daily, to be honestly made, to be offered because by example and teaching Christ showed the necessity of prayer, and because, while God knows what we have need of before we ask Him, He wishes us to acknowledge our dependence upon Him.

Mr. R. P. Wilder, B.A. of Princeton and of Union Seminary, after visiting McGill, Queen's, and Cobourg, arrived in Toronto on Monday night. He addressed meetings in the various Theological Colleges, at the University Medical School and in the College Y.M.C.A.

On Thanksgiving-day morning, with Sir Daniel Wilson presiding, Mr. Wilder spoke of the countries in which no missionaries, or very few, are. Among these are Chili, Bolivia, Argentine Republic, various parts of Africa, Arabia, Thibet, Afghanistan, Beluchistan, Anam, Mongolia and Siberia.

The second part of the address was on the crisis in the various fields. In Japan and India the natives are giving up their old religions and are ready to take what is put before them. Christianity competes with a reviving Buddhism, theosophy, and Western freethought. Therefore, if they are to be Christianized there must be a greater activity in missionary work, more men must be sent out. In South America it is a question of giving up Roman Catholicism and of accepting either a purified Christianity or agnosticism. Volunteers, men who will give themselves willingly, not as under compulsion, are needed, else the work cannot be done. Various objections were successfully met. After prayer by Sir Daniel Wilson the meeting closed.

There were in all (not including medicals) thirty-one new names added to the list of volunteers, thus making a total of eighty-four. Of these Messrs. Laflamme, Davis and Garside are in India, Messrs. Goforth and MacGillivray in China, Messrs. Cooper Robinson and W. V. Wright in Japan, and Messrs. Gale and Harkness on their way to Korea.

Mr. Wilder left town yesterday for Worcester, Ohio, and will, by the end of the college year, have visited over fifty colleges besides theological seminaries.

A. H. Y.

Mr. R. C. Wilder addressed a meeting of the Association on Thursday morning last.

Sir Daniel Wilson occupied the chair, and in a brief opening address emphasized the danger that in the enthusiasm for foreign missions the claims of the home field might be forgotten.

Mr. Wilder was warmly received. He spoke from the text, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields," and directed the attention of the audience to the fields yet unoccupied by missionary workers, illustrating his remarks with frequent references to a large map of the world which hung behind him. Referring to South America he said that the opportunities for evangelistic work there, were very great. A crisis seemed approaching when the people would decide in great masses for Christianity or Agnosticism. In India, the people had to decide between Christianity on the one hand and Hinduism, Theosophy or Agnosticism on the other. An attempt was being made by the opponents of Christianity to revive the old Vedic faith. Again, the country was being flooded with sceptical literature, and the works of the "greatest living American," Col. R. G. Ingersoll, were to be found in remote sections of the country. The speaker referred to the spread of Buddhism, from India over the greater part of Asia, and prophesied a like result for Christianity when it should once have laid hold of the country. Speaking of the crisis in Japan, he said that by the year 1900, Japan would be either infidel or Christian. The old religions were losing their hold on the people. Mr. Wilder's address was listened to throughout with deep interest. He speaks quietly and absolutely without affectation, displaying, however, great enthusiasm and wide and accurate knowledge of the facts of missionary enterprise. His appeal for volunteers (not conscripts) was strong and touching.

A short after-service was held at the close of the meeting.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY.

The following are a few of the more important books added to the library during the last four months:—

Schiller.—Maria Stuart, ed. by Sheldon.
Goethe.—Gotz v. Berlichingen, ed. by Ball.
Goethe.—Faust, Pt. 1, ed. Jane Lee.
Stewart & Gee.—Practical Physics, Pt. 1.
McLelland & Preston.—Spherical Trigonometry.
Xenophon.—Hellenica, Bks. 1 and 2, ed. Hailstone.
Homer.—The Story of Achilles, ed. Pratt & Leaf.
Euripides.—Hippolytus, ed. Mahaffy & Bury.
Horace.—Odes, ed. Page.
Horace.—Satires, ed. Palmer.
Horace.—Epistles, ed. Wilkins.
Cicero.—Second Philippic, ed. Mayor.
Sallust.—Cataline, ed. Merivale.

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