

work, a consummation of which there is not much prospect until the standard of Pass Entrance is raised and more time devoted by the Pass Matriculant to Matriculation work.

After this explanation, I think you will reconsider your remarks of February 1st, and that Mr. Fenwick will also reconsider his opinion that the department is intended as a "net to scoop in all the little fish." A college that has just celebrated its semi-centennial, and that has an attendance of nearly two hundred and fifty Arts' students, with a teaching staff of twenty-five professors and lecturers, has no need to create a fictitious *raison d'être*.

Yours, etc.,

J. FLETCHER.

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

The annual Provincial Convention was held this year in the "Telephone" city of Brantford, beginning on Thursday, February 6th.

About one hundred and fifty delegates from the associations of Ontario and Quebec were in attendance, and a good deal of solid work was done during the four days of the convention.

The systematic efforts of the local association and the hospitality of the citizens added greatly to the comfort of the visitors. The delegates were formally welcomed by the Ministerial Association and the Mayor of the city.

A good deal of the work done at a Y. M. C. A. convention, like that done at every convention, is rather dry and uninteresting, as committee business, monotonous reports, etc. The evening sessions were of a more popular nature and the attendance of citizens was very fair. One evening Dr. Wells, of Montreal, gave a splendid address. Another evening Bishop Baldwin spoke on the work of the Holy Spirit.

During the day-sessions a number of good papers were read dealing with different phases of Y.M.C.A. work. The College Associations were well cared for on the programme, and a special conference of students was held in the house of Mr. Cockshutt on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. O. K. Ober, International College Secretary, was chairman. At the conference the advisability of Canadian colleges sending a strong delegation to Northfield next summer was urged.

Some of our own students can testify to the strong spiritual good to be derived from this famous annual conference. An excellent paper on this subject by Dr. Kilborn, M.A., was read at the Brantford convention.

One begins to see something of the width of this Christian movement when he recognizes himself as but one in a great host, all working towards the same end.

The work of the Y. M. C. A. is essentially one with the great mission of the Church—to make men better—and either the one or the other is untrue in so far as the slightest disharmony prevails between them.

It is proving a boon to the colleges of the world that Associations have so largely been incorporated into college life. This force is not the least among the many forces which are giving practical effect to an idea so little understood even yet—the brotherhood of students; the realization of this idea will be the working out of the wider idea of the brotherhood of man.

The farewell meeting of the convention was held Sunday evening in the Zion Presbyterian Church.

Next year the convention will meet in Kingston, on the invitation of the city association. As a College Y.M.C.A. we can do a good deal towards making it a success.

PERSONALS.

Rev. J. J. Wright was inducted in the Presbyterian Church at Lyn, a short time ago.

Dr. Henry Tillman, '89, is in charge of the General Hospital at Kingston, Jamaica. We wish him success.

G. C. Shorey, A.M., who was assayist for Captain Moore's mines, is now in San Francisco holding a very important position.

Rev. Mr. Miller, of Aylmer, has been appointed by the Ottawa Presbytery to the charge of Bryson, Upper Litchfield and Allumette Island.

Hurrah for Queen's! Dr. Campbell, '88, may be seen daily hurrying from one place to another, hardly able to attend to the large number of patients who desire his services.—*Fairport Herald*.

We should have mentioned some of these before, but no cake has been received at the sanctum yet: Rev. Jacob Steele was married lately, and we understand that D. Cameron, '91, assisted in the ceremony. No doubt the knot was securely tied. Congratulations, Jake.... News has also reached us of the marriage of the Rev. D. Munroe, of Deloraine, Man. Finding himself in possession of a beautiful manse, which his indulgent people built for him, he thought, wisely, that it would never do for him to enjoy it alone; so he didn't. The happy event took place last fall. Donald is doing good work at Deloraine and is well liked by his people. His influence no doubt will now be doubled.... Does anybody remember quiet John McNeil, now a Rev.? Well, we do. He actually married Miss Annie Drummond. This was rather unexpected, but then people can't always, most generally, sometimes tell what will happen. John used to do the work of four men, so we cannot exactly tell how much it will be increased now.... On Feb. 17th we had a visit from Rev. Alex. McAuley, of McDonald's Corners. He was in the best of spirits, and really we don't blame him, for he actually got married the next day to Miss Staley. Sensible man, Alex.... And still another. Harry L. Wilson, M. A., was married to Miss Minnie Clarke, of Smith's Falls, on Dec 26th.... After reading these, who will dare to say that Queen's is not growing. We extend to all our very best wishes.

COLLEGE NOTES.

The lock boxes are a success in every way.

Nearly all that were affected with la grippe are at work again.

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the conversatione.

Obituary. Prof. D. H. M. told his class one day that James Prescott Joule, of Manchester, died recently from dissipation of energy.