

Y. W. C. A.

The Friday Prayer Meetings only increase in interest towards the end of the College year. Each one seems more and more fitted to inspire us with higher thought and spur us on to nobler action.

Last week Mrs. George Parker kindly addressed the meeting, giving a very interesting talk on the regime of French Evangelization. Since it is necessary for College girls now-a-days to be in touch with all the movements of the day, such additions to our usual addresses are of very great advantage, and the girls left feeling that their views concerning Quebec and its peculiar customs were greatly broadened.

On March 9th, a good attendance welcomed Dr. Marion Oliver to the College from which she graduated eight years ago. One of the pioneers of Queen's, comparatively fresh from her mission field in Central India, her talk could scarcely fail to be interesting to every heart. She spoke of the many open doors in India through which formerly one dared not enter. Peculiar etiquette forbids a call being made before a note of invitation be sent; and should one transgress this social law he will in all probability never be invited again. Dr. Oliver stated that the great temptation was to grow absorbed in scientific research and thus grow colder towards the spiritual needs of the people, for their body requirements are just as pressing as their soul-hunger. Ending, she spoke of her own happy life,—however busy, and through all her occasional failures and homesickness, she could say the last seven years had been the very happiest of her life.

Miss Dupuis proposed a vote of thanks in a few suitable words, after bringing up some pleasant reminiscences of Miss Oliver's former connection with the College and its Y. W. C. A. Miss Fraser, while seconding the motion, spoke of the pleasure and benefit received by all who had the privilege of hearing the interesting account of our sisters in India. The motion was carried with hearty applause.

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MINING SCHOOL NOTES.

"Cram" for examinations is causing the laboratories to become deserted.

F. B. McMullen, Ph. B., who spent the early part of this session here, is now engaged in Chicago.

Some things we should have:—A Scientific Society—College Colors—An Organization of Mining Students—a convenient sidewalk between this School and the Medical College.

The short course of mining lectures, given for assayers, mine foremen and prospectors is now seen to be along the line of present need in the Canadian mining interest.

Mr. Hamilton Merritt, Lecturer on Mining, is at Marmora, giving a two weeks' course on Mining and Prospecting to a class of about twenty.

Mr. Archibald Blue, Director of the Bureau of Mines for this Province, spent several days inspecting the School of Mining on behalf of the Ontario Government. Mr. Blue delivered a very interesting lecture on "Canadian talc serpentine and asbestos."

The first class of mining students received their diplomas at a meeting held in the School of Mining, on the evening of March 6th. The class consisted of men whose experience in mining had been of the greatest variety. They expressed themselves as well pleased with the special eight weeks' course, and believed that next year a class three times as large would be in attendance.

DIVINITY HALL.

We learn with regret that the wife of our esteemed classmate, D. O. McArthur, has been removed to the hospital with an attack of typhoid fever. We assure him of our sincerest sympathy, and wish for his partner a speedy restoration to health.

As a class we have reason to congratulate ourselves on having safely run the gauntlet of sermons and lectures for the session. They are now all preached, and no doubt safely stowed away in various barrels, waiting to be turned out next summer on unsuspecting hearers.

Though we missed, in the last instalment, the keen-sighted criticism and valuable suggestions of the Principal, we were glad to have his place so efficiently filled by Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia. The Dr. is with us again delivering a three weeks' course of lectures on Homiletics. We are very fortunate in having this opportunity of listening to so rich and successful a pastoral experience. May we ever remember the kindly interest he has taken in our work!

Here we might make the following suggestions. Would it not be better, another year, to have the sermons delivered in Convocation Hall as they formerly were, and to have also a larger attendance of students. There are many valuable things for students to learn regarding their own habits as they listen to these addresses. But how thin and inattentive the audience usually is! The reader of the day could thus reap the benefit of criticism from various quarters and those present could see more readily where they themselves failed in style and delivery.

We ask the pardon of the powers that be if we make this additional suggestion: that at the beginning of the session a specific date be assigned to each student on which he is to read. In this way the present tardy preparation, indefiniteness and frequent postponement could be avoided.