

Arts College.

Y. M. C. A.

THE first meeting of the year was held on Friday, 7th inst. The leader, Mr. J. A. McConnell, spoke on the new year topic, Paul's Watchword, basing his remarks on Phil. 3; 13-14.

Paul's Watchword was, he said, pressing forward; not resting content with the heights to which he had already attained, he left these things behind and strove to reach higher levels of Christian life and Christian usefulness. By leaving the things which were behind he did not mean an obliterating of the past, but rather a sifting. Everything that would hinder the race was thrown aside; everything that could assist in the future was preserved. We must press forward by crushing sin in its very beginning. As practical examples of how we may press forward were instanced cheerfulness in our relations with our every day environments, and enthusiasm in our Christian duties. Other speakers following dwelt on this last point emphasizing the necessity of our throwing ourselves into our religious duties with the same enthusiasm as we do into our studies; that our zeal for spiritual development ought to equal our desire for mental development.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONVENTION AT CLEVELAND.

The third International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement will be held February 23-27, 1898, at Cleveland, Ohio. The Volunteer Movement has been more sparing in the number of its conventions than most of the great religious movements of modern times. It has not held them oftener than once in three or four years. The first was held in Cleveland in 1891, and was attended by 680 delegates. The second was held in Detroit in 1894, and was attended by over 1300 delegates, among whom were three from Queen's. After a period of four years since the last convention another is to be held in the last week of February.

Cleveland has been chosen as the place of meeting on account of its accessibility for the students of Canada and the United States. Moreover in a city of 400,000 inhabitants it is easy to obtain free entertainment for the number of delegates expected to be present. The invitation to meet there comes from the Y. M. C. A. of Cleveland, and the Student Volunteers are thus assured of the support of the greatest inter-denominational organization of the city as well as of the churches.

The number of delegates has been limited to 1500, and accommodation will be secured for that number if their names are received at the office of the Volunteer Movement (283 Fourth Avenue, New York),

prior to Feb. 15th. The usual reduced railway rate—a fare and a third for the round trip—has been secured. The sessions of the Convention will be taken up entirely with the discussion of the missionary problems by the ablest men in the various departments.

We believe that the Y. W. C. A. of Queen's has decided to send representatives to the Convention, and to those who are so fortunate as to be able to go it will undoubtedly prove an inspiration.

YEAR MEETINGS.

'98.

1898 has at last arrived, and the class which bears that name will soon be of the past. Before the session ends, however, '98 may add to its record, now surely a good one, by taking up the suggestions mentioned in the JOURNAL of Dec. 11th last, and thereby revive, to some extent, the old College spirit, which it is to be regretted, is somewhat on the decline. The matter will likely receive the serious consideration of the year.

The first meeting of the New Year was held on Monday, January 10th. G. A. Edmison reported having an excellent time at McMaster University dinner on Dec. 22. Queen's men have always received most cordial treatment at this sister University. H. B. Munro reported as to the class photograph, and asked all members to sit for their pictures by Feb. 1st. W. C. McIntyre reported for the At Home Committee, and recommended that an At Home be held in the College building on Friday evening, January 28th, and that it take the form of a concert and promenade. The report was adopted and Committees were appointed to arrange for the affair.

'99.

The class of '99 met in junior philosophy room on Tuesday, Jan. 11th. Mr. W. J. Saunders reported on behalf of the Programme and Mr. Poole on behalf of the Decoration Committee. Mr. Dargavel moved that the Athletic Committee be empowered to take action regarding the cup to be granted to '99 for winning the football contest. Messrs. Snyder, Faulkner and Bell were appointed as a committee to enquire into the absence of the ladies. To the Athletic Committee was referred the matter of the organization of a hockey club.

'00.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the year 1900 was held in the junior philosophy room on Thursday evening, January 13th, at which four new members were admitted to the year.

An invitation from year '99 to join in a friendly inter-year debate was accepted, and the matter was