

and with light hearts we enter upon the "New." May it be to each one such a pleasant time that its close will be as auspicious as the advent, a veritable Happy New Year.

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#### **Y. M. C. A. Convention.**

Eight years ago, the first Maritime Intercollegiate Young Men's Christian Association met and was organized for work, at Acadia. Twice since then we have been honored and helped by having it meet with us. This year delegates from Dalhousie, Mt. Allison and the University of New Brunswick, together with our own students, and men intimately connected with Y. M. C. A. work, held one of the most successful conventions in the history of this organization.

Too much praise cannot be given to Mr. D. A. Davy, B. A., (Hamilton), a Secretary of the International Committee, for his share in making the meetings a success. His frank and open manner, his straight-forward, earnest and brief addresses won the hearts of all. We were happy in having him among us and the Committee is to be congratulated upon their representative.

Conventions such as this one are of almost incalculable benefit to all the delegates and through them to the different colleges. Not only is there a quickening of Christian spirit, not of an excitable nature, but calm and thoughtful and fraught with power, but there is established by such meetings an intercollegiate friendship which nothing else will so acceptably stimulate.

The advantage of such a feeling is at once manifest, the selfish idea that one's own institution is the central figure around which all things revolve, an idea which unhappily is only too prevalent, is quickly dissipated by such a connection as may be found in an Intercollegiate Y. M. C. A., and a broader, more liberal and higher conception takes its place. As the acquaintance of men of greater intellectual or physical strength makes our own resources appear feeble, so does acquaintance with men of higher spiritual life tend to make us humble.

The intercollegiate convention has filled a long felt want and its success will grow with increasing years.

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#### **Modern College Education.**

For a number of months the "*Cosmopolitan*" has contained articles on "Modern College Education." The subject, which is one of vital importance to every student and educated man, has been dealt with by men, who are specialists in this work.

There seems to be considerable diversity of opinion among these writers upon the question as to whether the college really educates or not.

Probably the severest arraignment which the college has received in all the articles is in the one written by Grant Allen. This gentleman, although an "Oxford graduate in classical honors," severely