



Y. M. C. A.



THE opening meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association was held in the Assembly Hall, September 24. The object of this meeting was to impress, as much as possible, upon the minds of the student body the advantages, objects, influence and relation of this association to college life. The programme consisted of addresses by the president, commandant and several professors, with impromptu talks by some of the members.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. Bittle, after which followed the address of welcome by Capt. Walden, president of the association. In this address he also took occasion to dwell on the relation of the association to college life, the object of the association and the importance of assisting it in its work,

Pres. L. L. Foster then gave an entertaining and instructive address in which he showed that he was in perfect sympathy with the association. He also encouraged our work, and said that he would address us at intervals throughout the year.

Mr. A. Winkler then gave a short talk on "Our Field of Work," in which he contrasted the training and influence of a young man at home with that of his first year here at school.

Col. J. E. Edmonds favored us with an enjoyable talk. He was

listened to with interest. He pictured a college training as imperfect until the spirit was developed as well as the mind and body. Col. Edmonds always holds the attention of his audience, and we hope to hear from him again.

Mr. P. G. Kildow was then introduced, and requested to show the audience that to be an active member in the association one need not disdain college games. He is one of the first men on our football eleven. He chose as his subject "Our Influence." He showed that any kindness rendered—whether in the class room or on the gridiron—is not without its reward.

Professors Connell and Whitlock each delivered a short address, consisting principally of words of encouragement and advice. They are men of practical experience in Y. M. C. A. work, and their timely suggestions were thankfully received.

Lieut. C. C. Todd, an ex-cadet and former president of the association being present, was requested to address the young men. He urged all to make the best use of their time and opportunity. He said that when a young man leaves this college and travels through other states his knowledge and morals will be put to a test. In this Lieut. Todd has had experience, since he is one of the