

## The Young Men's Christian Association



THE first Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London by George Williams in 1844. Its primary object was the holding of religious meetings in business houses in the center of London. As all other great movements grow rapidly it was not very long before there were like organizations in America and elsewhere, and it was soon their object to promote not only the spiritual welfare of young men, but their social and physical welfare as well. In 1917 there were reported in North America alone 2087 associations combined with others of the world were great factors in cheering the lives of the many soldiers who served during the recent great war.

Too much cannot be said of the Y. M. C. A. as one of the greatest forces tending to upbuild the spiritual, social and physical life in the Cities and army headquarters, but no less should be said of the value of such an organization in schools and colleges. 'Tis true it can only be imagined as to what is being done by the associations of other schools, but we know what is being done at Carlisle. A regular meeting of religious nature is held each Friday night, at which a heart searching soul thrilling or conscious awakening address is usually given by either a member of the faculty, a student, or a christian citizen of the town of Bamberg. But the regular Friday night meetings are not all. On Tuesday afternoon at the sounding of the chapel bell, a number of volunteers gather in some specified room to pray for the uplift of the school in general, and to discuss and solve if possible some of the many problems which arise on the campus. On Sunday afternoons immediately after dinner that group of volunteers meet in chapel where a refreshing, reviving religious service led by Capt. Paul Carroll is enjoyed, and other prayers for the careless and indifferent students are offered. Could anyone expect to see a dead spiritual life existing here with these forces working? (Of course the many earnest workers of the Y. M. C. A. are not always rewarded with the desired results of their efforts, but they are sometimes more than gratified in hearing someone say that it was through the influence he heard the "still small voice of God."

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