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On the top floor is situated the president's office, the board room, and a reading-room set aside for the medical students. And in the basement there is an assembly-room which seats over two hundred persons.

The effect of the library has been instantly felt, and the favorable advantages which it offers have infused a new literary spirit into the entire student body; and there is no doubt but that this gift of Mr. Carnegie shall well fulfil its mission, and ever remain both as a remembrance of a great library builder, and as a monument of the successful effort of our president.

THE NECESSITY OF A GYMNASIUM.

In all high schools, and in most of the colleges of this country physical culture is a part of the prescribed course of studies. Just as great stress is laid upon regularity in attending these classes as is laid upon attendance in the class rooms where other branches of education are taught.

It is true that college men have no time to take up this sort of work as a new subject, but if the subject is taught him during the high school or preparatory course, it is likely to become so much a part of him that he will, when he reaches college, indulge in athletic sports for mere love of them. By doing this he will develop and strengthen his whole body.

If we had at Howard a good gymnasium with a swimming pool, bowling alleys, and all that goes to make a building designed for this sort of work attractive and beneficial, it is certain that the number of students would increase, and the health and moral conditions of all would be improved.

Along with the gymnasium should come compulsory physical education for all students in the Academy and Commercial Department. This would naturally compel the students to live healthy, active lives. It would also solve one equation of the great problem which is before us, by presenting for admit-

tance to our colleges and professional schools young men and women physically able to carry the burdens which students must necessarily carry while completing the courses of such schools and colleges.

THE Y. M. C. A.

Of the many organizations of the University whose constant struggle has been barely to maintain existence, the Y. M. C. A. may now be rightly looked upon as the one holding the palm. Some of the organizations have been sleeping and others awake, though inactive; many have retrograded, and a few have seemingly progressed; new ones have come to light and old ones have vanished; but the Y. M. C. A., having stood the inclemency of a stormy period, is now setting the pace for them to follow.

The Association has opened up two handsome rooms in Clark Hall, where the young men spend their leisure moments in games, music, conversation and reading. These rooms constitute a much needed and profitable adjunct toward making of the hall a more pleasant, congenial, and attractive home for young men. By this move the Association has advanced considerably towards the king's row.

The Association is one of the few college Y. M. C. A.'s which enjoy the rare privilege of having a secretary, provided for by the University, whose official duty embraces the general management of the Association. This is another pillar which adds both to the stability and completeness of the Association. The work of Mr. Marchant is so fruitful that Fortuna herself seems to be ever smiling upon the Association.

For the first time the Association has begun to fulfil its mission in the University. It has a triangular mission, but this mission has never been carried out. The development of the body is as important as that of the spirit or of the mind, and