

YEAR MEETINGS.

During the last fortnight the various years have been concerning themselves chiefly with A. M. S. nominations and little other business has been done. '95 especially, after several days perpetual motion, at length produced a candidate, and are now doing their best to carry him to victory.

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'98.

The regular meeting of '98 was held on Monday last, at 5 p.m., the president in the chair. The first business was the selection of a critic, and R. F. Reynolds was appointed to discharge the duties of that office. It was decided to have a debate in the year, and the subject chosen was, "Resolved that Canada is destined to become an independent nation." A very entertaining programme was then presented, a special feature of which was the first effort of the class poet. He will be heard from again.

GLEE CLUB.

The meeting in the Divinity classroom last Saturday morning for the organization of a Glee Club was a large and enthusiastic one. The following officers were elected:

Honorary President—Principal Grant.

President—R. J. Hutcheon, M.A.

Vice-President—A. McEwen.

Secretary-Treasurer—W. G. Back.

Committee—C. B. Dyde, J. D. Stewart, C. W. Walker.

The membership fee was fixed at 50 cents. A scheme for the raising of necessary funds will be presented to the A. M. S. on Saturday, Dec. 8th.

BANJO CLUB.

On Saturday morning, the 24th, the Queen's University Banjo Club was organized. It has already about twenty members, and is certain to become an important musical body. It was decided to procure the services of a competent leader and to practice regularly. All those who play mandolins, guitars or banjos are invited to join the club. The officers elected were:

Honorary President—Rev. Daniel Strachan, B.A.

President—S. A. Mitchell, M.A.

Secretary-Treasurer—Carl Porteous.

Pianist—H. F. Mooers.

Y. M. C. A.

On November 16th, Rev. Dr. Smith of Honan, China, addressed a mass meeting of the students in Convocation Hall at 4 P.M. One of the largest gatherings of students ever seen in the Hall greeted our popular missionary. Mr. James Rollins

occupied the chair and welcomed him on behalf of the students. In his address Dr. Smith briefly reviewed his work in Honan for the past six years and a half. He told of the way in which he and his fellow-workers carried on the work and the difficulties they experienced. Open and violent opposition from the unfriendly, bigoted and superstitious natives often destroyed their property and put their lives in imminent peril. As usual they secured a hold on the people by treating their diseases and performing surgical operations. Their first convert was one who underwent a successful operation for the removal of a cataract. He concluded by reminding his hearers that they all had a share in the work, and that often amid difficulties he had been encouraged by remembering the interest that Queen's had shown in his labours.

In the evening Dr. Smith addressed a smaller but no less appreciative audience, presided over by Principal Grant. He gave a continuation of his afternoon's address, laying special emphasis on the almost inconceivable hindrances to mission work in China.

Mr. J. L. Millar was the leader on the evening of the 23rd November. The topic was "Thanksgiving" and the leader pointed out many of the things for which we ought to be thankful. Though material progress and business prosperity are certainly causes for gratitude, we must look deeper than these mere external appearances and value more highly that which tends towards righteousness and freedom, towards the building up of our lives rather than our fortunes.

The attendance was smaller than usual. This should not be.

SCHOOL OF MINING.

It is rather hard to expect accurate analysis from a class where work is done by *Ma(y)bee* and *Guess*.

A room for spectroscopic work is being petitioned off in an unused corner, just outside the door of Laboratory No. 2.

The Quantitative analysis class:—"Who has taken our book of Logarithms and when is it coming back?"

While in the new crusher building, Perry Asseltine, B.A. '92, fell from a scaffolding 15 feet high and was carried home unconscious. We are glad to know that he has rapidly recovered from the effects of his fall.

A wave of election excitement struck the Laboratories last Monday, and the Demonstrator in Chemistry was heard loudly bewailing the probable continuance of such a racket for six days.

Prof. Miller—"This specimen containing ottrelite comes from Newport, R.I., though I cannot say that it adds to the bathing conveniences of the place."