

'MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

Prof. Mills was unable to lecture last week.

Several Varsity men went to New York to see the Yale-Princeton Rugby match.

Prof. Proudfoot concluded his lectures on Roman Law last Wednesday afternoon.

The genial Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. captained the football team at Detroit and Chatham.

W. Hardie, '91, led at the Y.M.C.A. meeting on Thursday. Subject: "Our Crucified Lord," John xv. : 13.

We regret to learn that Dr. Barker, House-Surgeon at the General Hospital, has been seriously ill for a few days.

The Freshman meeting on Saturday evening in the Y. M. C. A. Hall was highly successful. A fuller report will appear next week.

One noticeable feature of the Public Debate was the extraordinary number of Freshmen who appeared as escorts to their lady friends.

Harrison, '86, has returned from St. Mary's, where he has of late been studying law. Tommy has concluded to give up nomadic life and has anchored at McCarthy's.

Dr. G. A. Peters, Demonstrator in Anatomy at the Medical School, has had conferred upon him the degree of F. R. C. S., London. This is, we believe, an extraordinary distinction, there being only one other such degree held in Canada.

The Toronto *News*, in describing Hon. Arthur Stanley, who was in town last week, has the following: "He is short, and rather stout and very much resembles 'Watty' Thompson, the well-known centre forward of the Varsity Football Team." Thompson should feel his importance hereafter.

"Resolved, that Political Economy inculcates selfishness," was the subject debated by the Political Science Club of '93 at its meeting held on the 24th ult. The question was ably handled on both sides, the speakers being: Pro, Messrs. Pettinger and Phillips; and Con, Messrs. Parker and Beattie. Taken as a whole, the debate was by far the best yet held by the club. Prof. Ashley, in summing up, accompanied his decision for the affirmative with a few lucid remarks on the subject.

The Natural Science men of '93 were disappointed in not receiving tickets for admission to Professor McKay's lectures in Physics as they were informed by Professor Wright that the course of lectures was intended for the Science men of the second year Arts as well as for the medicals. Who are these lectures for anyway?

One of our professors was heard to remark the other day, after having read *THE VARSITY*, "One would think that the affairs of the University could be best managed by handing their control over to *THE VARSITY*." We would ask: "In whose hands would *THE VARSITY* be best managed?" We are undergraduates in a *Canadian* University, professor.

The lady students who attended Prof. McKay's lectures in Physics wish to say that they were treated most courteously by the gentleman on Thursday (20th), and also that they made no complaint whatever to the faculty. This should put an end to the reports that have been diligently circulated by a few of the more evil-minded to the effect that the ladies were very rudely and insolently treated.

PHILOSOPHY SEMINARY.—The Seminary for fourth-year Philosophy students, which meets weekly at the residence of Professor Baldwin, is attended by all members of the class as it is considered very profitable. At each meeting a paper is contributed on the work in Philosophy and vigorous discussion ensues thereon. At the meeting last week Mr. Mel drum read an essay on Kant's "Deduction of the Categories."

The debate at the Political Science Club's meeting on the 17th instant was particularly good. The subject was: "Resolved that it is important for Canadians to study the History of New France." The debaters were: pro., Messrs. McDougal and Strath, and con., Messrs. Lewis and Clarke. Although the decision naturally went to the affirmative, the negative side was very well handled. Mr. McEvoy presided and proved himself an able chairman. His remarks at the close were principally an amplification of the arguments on the affirmative side.

The Programme Committee of the Literary Society are going to make an experiment. The idea of inter-class debates, long talked of, at length approaches realization. Next Friday the men of '92, led by Perrin, will maintain that the world is getting better; the men of '93, led by Henry, will labor to prove that it is not. This will, no doubt, call out all the debating talent of the two years. It has also been decided to ask the different years to supply the remainder of the programme by turns and thus add to the emulation; '92 will lead off in this also.

Last Tuesday morning a large number of Arts men and Medicals assembled at the University at an early hour in order to secure good positions for the expected *r union*. The authorities, however, being wise in their generation, locked up the building for the forenoon and posted notices

to that effect, and accordingly the expected meeting did not take place. We do not wish to have the appearance of unduly encouraging these outbursts of lawlessness, but we would suggest that a few such occurrences during the spring examinations, with due notice sent to the authorities beforehand, might prove of solace to the student body in general.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.—The Club held an adjourned English meeting on Monday, Nov. 24, at which Carlyle was the subject for discussion. In the absence of Mr. McLay, the Secretary, Mr. Helles took the chair. The evening's proceedings were opened by a charming instrumental solo by Miss Topping. This was followed by a comprehensive essay, by Miss Waterworth, on "Carlyle's Life and Works." Miss Bunnel then gave an essay on Mrs. Carlyle, giving a clear insight into her character and her influence on the life of her husband. The next event was a reading by Mr. Cornyn, who chose Carlyle's "Death of Goethe" for his subject. Mr. Watson concluded the programme with "Heroes and Hero Worship." This was Mr. Watson's first appearance among us as an essayist, and he was well received. The meeting was well attended, especially by the ladies, and the numbers on the programme fully justified our expectation of a pleasant and profitable evening.

CLASS OF '91.—The annual meeting of the class was held in Y. M. C. A. hall on Wednesday, 26th inst., President T. W. Standing in the chair. In the absence of Secretary McLay, Mr. A. J. McKinnon was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. The meeting was very large, and enthusiasm worthy of the "Seniors" marked the proceedings. In answer to invitations Mr. S. B. Leacock was appointed representative to the University of Toronto Medical College dinner, W. Hardie to the dinner of '92, and R. Henderson to the dinner of '93. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with and resulted as follows: President, J. S. Scott; Vice-President, F. R. Lillie; Secretary, H. M. Ferguson; Treasurer, G. W. Robinson; Poet, S. B. Leacock; Orator, J. M. Godfrey; Historian, A. M. Stewart; Musical Director, D. Donald; Athletic Director, W. E. Buckingham. After a motion by Mr. G. H. Ferguson regarding the Graduating Class Picture, the meeting adjourned.

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