

bers of the respective Faculties:—Drs. W. T. Aikins, Geikie Richardson, McFarlane, Ferguson, Peters, H. W. Aikins. Addresses were delivered by Dr. O. R. Avison, President of the joint Medical Association, Dr. Wilson, Drs. Geikie and Richardson, and the Rev. A. Gandier. Miss Russell contributed two vocal solos, and Miss Geikie an instrumental solo with a piano accompaniment by Dr. A. Geikie. Refreshments were provided at the instance of the ladies whose husbands are members of the Faculty.

The Cos Ingeniorum in McMaster Hall was re-organized last week. The object is to be a Literary Society for the University students who reside in the Baptist College. The membership is over twenty-five. The following officers were elected: President, J. H. Hunter; Vice-President, H. Robertson; Secy.-Treas., F. C. Cook; Critic, O. McMichael.

A Glee Club in connection with the University Medical College was organized last week with a membership of about thirty. The following officers were elected: President, W. Egbert; Secy.-Treas., C. McLachlan; Musical Director, A. H. Holliday, and a committee of management consisting of three members.

W. P. Thompson and A. N. Garrett are the only representatives from Toronto on the International Association F. B. Team.

The Song Book will be published on the 9th of December. Intending subscribers should at once send in their names to Mr. J. D. Spence, the Secretary.

R. L. Johnston, '87 has returned from his visit to the old land, and is studying law in this city.

#### GENERAL COLLEGE NOTES.

Rev. Dr. William C. Winslow, of Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y., describes the picturesque method of conferring the degree of D. C. L. at the University of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia:

"If one desires to witness the pomp and circumstance of an Oxford encenia, on a smaller scale but not less complete in details, let him repair another year to the lovely Acadia of the fair Evangeline and note the King's College encenials on one of the most charming bucolic sites ever deeded to the halls of learning. The long main building faces down a sylvan eminence, with the chapel to its left and the convocation hall to its right. The procession is not only academical, it is picturesque as it moves, either to the parish church in the morning or the convocation hall in the afternoon. For scarlet gowns, as well as black gowns, doctoral and other hoods, enliven what with us at such times are customary suits of solitary black. The platform of the hall is, of course, equally enlivening. The president formally opens the convocation in Latin, followed by words on what the year has brought forth, in plain English. Special honorary degrees are then conferred. The 'D.C.L.' candidate, e.g., is seated just in front of the platform. The presenter of the board of governors addresses the president upon the subject, who assents and asks the governors for their consent, which is given; then the presenter conducts the candidate to the entrance hall, where he places over his gown the D.C.S. hood (scarlet without and pink within), escorts him to the platform, presents him to the president, who confers the degrees—touching the candidate's head with his (the president's) cap—and then seating him by his side, the governor of Nova Scotia being on his right and the newly created doctor on his left. The above locution and interlocution is entirely in Latin, save that the president also declares in plain English why such or such an honorary degree ought to be conferred on the presented one. After law or divinity the M.A.'s have their turn, and so on."—*Hamilton Literary Monthly*.

Some statistics of interest to college men: One-half of one per cent. of the young men of the country are college graduates; 65 per cent. of the presidents of the United States have been college graduates, vice-presidents, 50 per cent.; speakers of House of Representatives, 50 per cent.; members of Senate, 46 per cent.; associate justices Supreme Court, 73 per cent.; chief justices, 83 per cent.; cabinet officers, 54 per cent. Draw your own conclusions as to the value of a college education.—*Ex.*

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